

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
MUSKOKA NORTH GOOD FOOD CO-OPERATIVE INC.
HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016
AT #1 CRESCENT RD., HUNTSVILLE, ONTARIO, AT 5:30PM

The following directors were present: Kelly Picken, Craig Nakamoto, Sam Allard, Dexter
The following directors send their regrets: Derek Tutt
The following management was present: Kelli Ebbs
Note taker: Sam Allard

Welcome to all of our member-owners to the 2016 Annual General Meeting.
I will begin with the official business of the AGM.

Quorum under the co-op's by-laws states that 50 member-owners or 10% of all member-owners be present, in person, at the opening of a meeting.

We have 65-70 eligible voting member-owners present today, which exceeds our minimum requirement for quorum.

I call this 2016 Muskoka North Good Food Co-operative annual General Meeting to order on December 7th, 2016 at 5:35PM.

Next we would like to pass a motion to approve this meeting's Agenda. Would anyone like to move this motion?

Moved by: Kelly Haywood

Seconded by: Sharon Patterson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be and is hereby approved.

Those in favour? ALL

Those opposed? None

Those in abstention? None

Carried.

Next we would like to pass a motion to approve the Minutes from the 2015 AGM. Would anyone like to move this motion?

Moved by: Alison Dumont #57

Seconded by: Anne Haws #400

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be and is hereby approved.

Those in favour? ALL

Those opposed? NONE

Those in abstention? NONE

Carried.

Would anyone on the floor like to add new business to the end of this meeting?
NONE.

The Board of Director's Report is attached to your AGM package.
(Kelly Picken presents report.)

Board meets 2-3 times a month. All members are volunteers.

1. We got our first community bond that paid for the work of Stones Throw Designs
2. Human Resources Committee and a Human Resources manual
3. Procurement Policy has been updated
4. The General Manager Kelli Ebbs went to the Rising Stars Grocery Market Course
5. Kelli became the co-chair of the Local Organic Food Co-op Network
6. We had a youth intern and are hiring another this winter
7. We have been selling food at 7 pop up co-ops, 250 Christmas bags,
8. Opened In Season Market in October.

Thank you's:

Morgan - youth intern

Sheri Renaud - Volunteer Ambassador

Mike Harrower - owner of 1 Crescent Road

Mikes thoughts: It's snowing outside, be careful when you leave. Working towards making the vision a reality. Exciting news is there will be a physical location soon. Trying to hold space for the Food co-op, business is growing at The Hub. There is synergy between The Hub business co-op and MNGFC.

Kelly Haywood - Chamber of Commerce.

Kelly's thoughts: So impressed there are so many people here in this weather. Kelly is very excited about the co-op, personally and professionally. Important to support producers and build economy locally. As owners we need to work together to open the co-op and purchase local produce.

Introducing the board: Derek Tutt - director, Dexter - Treasurer, Sam Allard - secretary, Craig Nakamoto - Vice Chair,

Thank you to pass board members: Colette Lalonde, Kate Solecki, Julia Sutton, Laura Gilmore, Tim Doyle, Steve Lavigne, Louise Parkinson, and Andrew Bridle

We would like to pass a motion to accept the Board report. Would anyone like to move this motion?

Moved by: Jim Patterson

Seconded by: Trevor Paige

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Report, as reported by Kelly Picken, be accepted.

Those in favour? ALL

Those opposed? NONE

Those in abstention? NONE

Carried.

I now call our vice-chair, Craig Nakamoto, to the floor to present the 2015 fiscal year end statements which are in the AGM package.

(Craig presents report.)

2015 - we brought in \$4000 in membership fees

\$18,000 in grants

\$31,000 events and fundraising

\$11,000 in donations

Question: Why is the insurance only \$500? It is more, it will be evident in the 2016 report.

We would like to pass a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Would anyone like to move this motion?

Moved by: John Baker

Seconded by: Kelly Haywood

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer's Report, as reported by Craig Nakamoto, for the fiscal year which ended in 2015, be accepted.

Those in favour? ALL

Those opposed? NONE

Those in abstention? NONE

Carried.

Craig: We now have a motion and resolution which we would like to present to you.

The Muskoka North Good Food Co-op wishes to have a vote to waive having a review or audit engagement done for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. Due to the financial burden this would impose on the organization, the Board suggests BDO Huntsville prepare Notice To Reader financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016. They have offered to prepare this free of charge to the organization for the time being.

The motion is tabled as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that that MNGFC will waive having a review or audit engagement done for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 and instead have a Notice to Reader Financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2016.

Moved by: Kim Scott

Seconded by: Julia Sutton

Are there any questions or concerns?

(Discussion)

Could you explain a notice to reader? The most basic review of the books without doing an audit. Dexter: It's a statement with no review or audit.

Bring it to a vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that that MNGF will waive having a review or audit engagement done for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 and instead have a Notice to Reader Financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2016.

Those in favour? ALL

Those opposed? NONE

Those in abstention? NONE

Carried.

I now call our General Manager, Kelli Ebbs, to the floor to present the General Manager's Report which is in the AGM package.

(Kelli presents report.)

We have 600 members, it's amazing. Thank you to our volunteers. Welcome Jonathan Wiebe a town councillor, and Nancy Alcock who had to leave. Thank you Peggy Daly from Sudbury for coming from Local Food Co-op and raising the chicken in the chicken soup. Windmill bakery provided the bread for the soup. Thank you to all our food vendors, please stand up. We are happy to see local food getting on the tables around Huntsville. Thank you all for being here. Thank you to our guests, Rebekah Dunsmore our lawyer. Sheri Renaud our co-op ambassador director. Check out the Business Hub upstairs, the founders Graham and Erin innovating and supporting local business.

Kelli describes the food system and the importance of a local cooperative food movement to be an owner of our lives and well-being. It's important to shop at your co-op first. Kelli shared some hypothetical reflection: if 600 members spend \$50/week we would make \$30,000/ week, ultimately \$192,000 back into the community.

Guest Speaker: Local Organic Food Co-op Director - Peggy Daly

Bringing all the co-op network to Huntsville for the Grand Opening of MNGFC. We are making huge progress and faster than most communities. If you want to go somewhere fast go alone, but if you want to go somewhere far go together.

Good Food as an agent of change - what we've been up to:

- IN SEASON Mobile market
- Pop-Up Co-ops
- Holiday Gift bags x 2 years
- Feast the Harvest Festival x 2 years made profit on the first and broke even on the second
- Highlander Brew Co. partnership
- Maple Syrup Festival, Love Fest, Muskoka Brewery, Hullabaloo, business grand openings, HUB talks, Holiday Food Fairs
- Backyard Farming Workshop Series
- Distric of Muskoka "Cooking with Seniors" - 20 classes
- Farmers in the Playground - VK Greer
- Catering Opportunities

Guest Speaker: Alison Dumont

Highest nutrient value comes from local farmer.

Guest Speaker: Melinda Fourth Pig Natural construction

Development of the co-op physical building. We are working hard with Mike and designers to have the vision realized. Getting construction and renovation on the way. Looking for a wide variety of skills and services to participate in the process of building. Any interested volunteers can see her after the meeting to collect names. Email her at

Melinda@fourthpig.com

Guest Speaker: Jamie Board - Honey Producer and other value added products on a medium scale processing

2nd generation bee keeper at Board's Honey Farm. Customers inspire new products. Provides education, on site events (Honey Festival), bee keeping courses, and honey. Co-ops create economic development to keep citizens strong and communities growing. Processes 30,000 lbs of honey at her facility. Encourages farmers to open an education piece of their farm.

Community Bonds - People Powering Needs

An unsecured, interest bearing loan that is accessible to community investors and can only be issued by a non-profit or charitable organization. A Community Bond must be repaid to investors. It is not a donation.

They are also:

- Accessibly priced for our community of supporters
- Helping grow our social impact
- About innovation in the marketplace
- Leveraging our greatest assets - our community
- Linking market with mission

If you want to invest less than appliances that are needed, pre-paid gift certificates to the co-op can be purchased and used in 1-3 years.

Questions on community investment:

What is the minimum amount? No minimum amount.

We would like to pass a motion to accept the general manager's report. Would anyone like to move this motion?

Moved by:

Seconded by:

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Manager's Report, as reported by Kelli Ebbs, be accepted.

Those in favour?

Those opposed?

Those in abstention?

Carried.

Next is our Nominations for Board Members

Article 6.1 of our bylaws states that the board shall consist of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 12 member-owners, as elected by the member-owners. Each board Member shall be at least 18 years of age and must meet the requirements necessary to obtain and maintain all licenses and permits for providing the services of the Co-op and co-operate fully in any application process for obtaining and maintain such licenses and permits. A person with an over-riding conflict of interest as stated in Article 6.8 with the Co-op shall not be qualified to serve as a director. Ideally the board will reflect the diversity of member stakeholders including, workers, consumers and producers.

We currently have 5 board members who you have met previously.

We have one nomination for this year's board.

Talk about Bob....

BE IT RESOLVED that Bob Gibb _____ be elected as a director and officer for the ensuing term.

Moved by: Craig Nakamoto

Seconded by: Collette Lalonde

Those in favour? ALL

Those opposed? NONE

Those in abstention? NONE

Carried.

We still have room for more people to join the Board. We invite anyone who may be interested to come to our December Board Meeting - December 19th at 6pm here at the HUB. At this time, we will be able to inform you as to the time and work commitments that our Board Members take on. You will be able to make an informed decision as to whether or not this is for you!

New Business: If any

I hereby adjourn the 2nd Muskoka North Good Food Co-operative Annual General Meeting at 7:11pm. We would like to thank all for attending and participating.

Moved by: Craig Nakamoto

Seconded by: Sam Allard

This meeting is adjourned.