

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
MUSKOKA NORTH GOOD FOOD CO-OPERATIVE INC.
MAY 15TH, 2019
ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE, HUNTSVILLE, ONTARIO, AT 5:30PM

1. Kelli began the meeting with a welcome and greeting at 6:12pm. Expressed gratitude to all members for their participation in The Co-op. We have over 950 members, which includes families, producers, and businesses.

2. Call to order - Kelly Picken

Welcome to all of our member-owners to the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

We would like to also welcome and acknowledge some people that have been integral to the success of our project so far:

Melinda Zytaruk our project manager to our site renovations.

Kristen Szykoluk our graphic designer.

Rebekka Dunsmore our lawyer.

Town Council for their support of us.

The members who have purchased community bonds.

Introduced our 3 managers, Kelli Ebbs of Kitchen manager, Craig Nakamoto our operations manager, and Keri-Lyn Freeboard our grocery manager.

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 50 eligible voting member-owners present today, which exceeds our minimum requirement for quorum.

I call this 2019 Muskoka North Good Food Co-operative annual General Meeting to order on MAY 15th, 2019 at 6:21PM.

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

Moved by: Karen Henkelman

Seconded by: Melinda Zytaruk

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

Those in favour? All

Those opposed? None

Those in abstention? None

Carried.

4. Next we would like to pass a motion to approve the Minutes from the 2017 AGM. Would anyone like to move this motion?

Moved by: Cathy Smith

Seconded by: Carol MacDonald

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

Those in favour? All

Those opposed? None

Those in abstention? None

Carried.

5. Would anyone on the floor like to add new business to the end of this meeting?

NONE.

6. Board Report - in 3 parts (Board Directors Report, Treasurer's Report, Managers Report)

The Board Director's Report - Kelly Picken presents the board report. The board meets one or two times a month. We have moved the grocery market a couple of times and it's now in our permanent space. Thank you to our volunteers, our staff, and the trades people who have made opening the store and cafe possible. Since the official opening we have moved from being a "working board" to a governance board. Discussed our various committees.

Introducing the board: Sam Allard - secretary, Jim Pattison - Vice Chair, Gary Fisher - treasurer, Robert Gibb - director, Joe Tortulo - director, Dianna Abbott - director - who is not here today

We would like to thank two board members who are leaving the board after this meeting. Thank you to Jim Pattison who is a long-term volunteer of the the co-op and who, he has assured us, will continue to help out as much as he can. Also thank you to Dianna Abbott - as stated earlier she is not here tonight but we thank her for her support over this year.

Craig Nakamoto, to the floor to present the 2018 fiscal year end statements which are in the AGM package.

Craig presents report. We do not have a complete report for 2018 yet, we are going through an audit currently and will finish it later. Presented some sales numbers, we did \$450,000 of sales in 2018. We did not make money of even break even last year. The store is making money now. We started renovations last year in April and opened our permanent store in October. Our payroll now is \$10,000 every two weeks. Explained our monthly comparison sales over 2017, 2018, and 2019. Explained our grant status, RED OMAFRA grant claimed \$183,000 out of \$200,000 (received \$91,000), Fednor claimed \$433,000 out of \$543,000 (received \$318,000)

Grocery Market Manager - Keri-Lyn

Thanked everyone for shopping at the Co-op. Is really proud of how the co-op has grown with producers, staff, and shoppers. Sourcing local foods is our first priority and sourcing Canadian products is our second priority. Shared some data from the member survey and asked everyone who hasn't yet to fill in a survey online. Discussed the procurement committee and if anyone is interested in giving input on the sourcing of our products.

Kitchen Manager - Kelli Ebbs, to the floor to present the Manager's Report which is in the AGM package.

Kelli presents report. Thanked the present staff and valued volunteers. Encouraged anyone who wants to volunteer to talk to Heather. We were only able to build the Food Co-op in 2018 because of grants and loans. The cafe rescues food from being wasted. The kitchen is ready to be launched as a rented space for agro-food producers for developing products. Discussed the pay it forward board, shoppers pay \$4 for a soup lunch for anyone who wants it, the tag goes on the board to use for anyone.

7. 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 and have 1 nomination for this year's board. We will now take nominations from the floor. Anyone who is interested in joining our board please stand. I will call on each of you to tell us a little bit about yourself.

BE IT RESOLVED that Janet Wright be elected as a director and officer for the ensuing term.

Moved by: Marta Bonelli

Seconded by: Keri-Lyn Freebird

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 May Board Meeting - May 27 at 5:30pm at the co-op. 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!

Julie Shaw 705-787-8104, of Taylor Strawberry Farm, nominates herself to join the board of directors.

8. Kelly Picken hereby adjourns the 4th Muskoka North Good Food Co-operative Annual General Meeting at 6:57pm. We would like to thank all for attending and participating.

This meeting is adjourned.