

Bluff Country Co-op Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 13, 2021

6pm – 8pm

Aurea Osgood's home

Attendees: Krissy Rowland, General Manager; Alexa Shapiro, Administrative Assistant

Board Members Present: Jenn Baechle, Aurea Osgood, Kay Pedretti, Josh Datta, Ann Lichliter, Jennifer Sanborn, Marie Perry, Laura Johnson, Brenna Curry, Rose Dikel (board alternate)

TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	ACTION/OUTCOME		
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Owner Member Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion was had. 			
November Task Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some tasks were carried over (see below) 			
Review November Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer motioned to approve the minutes. Josh seconded. 	8	0	1
Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance: The committee didn't meet because they were awaiting the financial review from the consultants. The Finance Committee will either send information regarding the financial review to the board via email or wait until the January board meeting, depending on the depth of conversation they believe is needed. Owner Outreach: The communication board was updated. There's a folder in the committee's folder that tracks communication that comes in. The committee is continuing to gear up for the 50th anniversary. Food Equity: Round up at the Register has raised \$830.96 to date for Double Up Food Bucks. The contract from Fair Foods Network has arrived and is being reviewed by the lawyers. The SHIP grant is pending dependent on a waiver that needs to be submitted to the USDA. The Winona Farmers Market is considering being the co-op's fiscal partner for another grant available in the spring. Board Development Committee: The committee discussed the spring retreat dates and decided on March 13 from 9 am - 2 pm. 			
Review Financials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dividends to C Shares and Shareholder dividends to owners: Discussion is pending the Finance Committee's recommendation from the financial review. 			

GM Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GM Update: Paper bags were added to the bulk section to be more sustainable. There was a store demo by an owner who is a CBD vendor that went well. November sales were approximately 11% higher than 2019 sale numbers. The co-op donated a number of leftover turkeys to the food shelf and individuals in need through Neighbors Helping Neighbors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer motioned to approve the GM update. Jenn seconded. 	9	0	0
Communication going forward to owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion: The owner outreach committee has moved communications from owners into a folder in their committee folder. The spreadsheet will continue to be used in addition to tracking communication in this folder. 			

Tasks	Responsible Party
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Go to Home Federal to get the account updated (carried over) 	Jenn and Krissy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send a calendar invite to the board for the spring retreat 	Alexa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have a discussion about the financial review and determine the recommendations for c share redemption and shareholder dividends 	Finance Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you're available on Thursday December 16, there's a consulting call with Leslie 	Everyone