

**Bluff Country Co-op Board Meeting Minutes**  
Monday April 11, 2022  
6pm – 8pm  
Community Room

Attendees: Krissy Rowland, General Manager; Alexa Shapiro, Administrative Assistant, and three prospective board members (Tina, Lisa and George)

Board Members Present: Kay Pedretti, Ann Lichliter, Brenna Curry, Jennifer Sanborn, Josh Datta, Jenn Baechle, Marie Perry (virtually),

Absent Board Members: Aurea Osgood, Laura Johnson

TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	ACTION/OUTCOME		
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Owner Member Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No discussion was had.</li> </ul>			
March Task Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No tasks were carried over.</li> </ul>			
Review March Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Jennifer</b> motioned to approve the minutes. <b>Jenn</b> seconded.</li> </ul>	7	0	0
Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Finance:</b> The committee decided not to proceed with a capital campaign proposal until a larger need exists. They are working through the reimbursement of C-shares and are discussing options to pay off larger installments in installments. They also discussed, with future campaigns, to have shares set at certain amounts that make it easier to reimburse.</li> <li><b>Owner Outreach:</b> The mural voting is available on the website and in store. The Lanesboro Co-op asked if they could purchase the old mural and provide a new signboard. The committee is continuing to work on planning the 50th anniversary and put the budget in the board packet folder. The Winona Farmers Market has agreed to partner with the co-op on liquor sales, which will be through ICBC. They're negotiating having portions of the revenue go towards the DUFB program. There will not be food available.</li> <li><b>Food Equity:</b> We cannot do the DUFB program unless the waiver is approved, and it's still pending. Donations to DUFB are not tax deductible. Customers will have to do two separate transactions, but the process to set this up in CoPos is easy. We didn't receive the community foundation grant, but will apply again in the fall. The committee is discussing other potential fundraising options to raise the remaining funds needed for DUFB.</li> <li><b>Board Development Committee:</b> Updated the board budget and charter. They also updated the board application process. The board will review the board policy register next month.</li> </ul>			

Review B4: Owners Rights and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Updated B4 Owners Rights and Responsibilities:</b> Attendance wasn't taken at the last owner meeting so we weren't in compliance with this regulation. The board discussed that the 2022 AOM will be virtual again and they need to strategize to ensure they have a quorum to approve decisions. An idea was presented to combine the Co-op Wars movie screening with the AOM at the Historical Society. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Josh</b> motioned to approve the updated B4 report. <b>Jennifer</b> seconded.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	7	0	0
GM Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GM Update:</b> The direct mail campaign will start in May. During the owner drive, 14 new owners signed up. NCG is giving more resources on budgeting and diversity and inclusion. \$280 in dividends checks have been donated back to the co-op. Sales were down last month. Price updating is completed and Krissy hopes to see an increase in sales numbers next quarter as a result. There is lots of staff turnover right now due to graduation, but the co-op is working to fill these positions. NCG is trying to sort through the basics program, which is experiencing programs due to inflation and not being able to keep up with price increases on basics items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jennifer</b> motioned to approve the GM update. <b>Josh</b> seconded.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	7	0	0

Tasks	Responsible Party
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find the printing costs for last year's AOM and provide it to the Finance Committee for the AOM budget</li> </ul>	Krissy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look through the Board Policy Register before next board meeting (C-C4)</li> </ul>	Everyone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up with the previous mural artist to see if she's okay with us donating her mural to the Lanesboro co-op</li> </ul>	Jenn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect with the Lanesboro co-op about the mural donation</li> </ul>	Alexa