

**Kootenay Country Store Cooperative
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Adventure Hotel, 616 Vernon Street, Nelson, BC, 6:30 pm**

Members Present: Liz Babcock, Elaine Moore, Sarah Bedo, Nora Jukes, Paula Sobie, Marilyn Pollard, Jody Eaton, Jane Hannah Lee, Stephan Martineau, Marilyn McCombe, Alexa Greatrex, Colin Legg, Shannon Hammond, Paul Kelly, Jon Steinman, Maureen Kelsey, Anne Mowat, Abra Brynne, Jude Morton, Michael Freund, Tory Berger, Deirdre Lang, Susan Smith, Vicki Huva, Lloyd Katelnikoff, Nancy Liknes, Amanda Patt, Gisela Lehmann, Judith McDonnell, Marcus Tse, Andrew Creighton, Kathleen Nichol, Gwendolyn Tugwell, Pat Glackin, Nadine BenRabha, Michael Chapman, Russell Precious, Shannon Hames, Michelle Beneteau, Dave Sutherland, Julia Cedar, Valerie Sanderson, Freya Shaw, Ben Morris, Ruth Fraser, Tabitha Archer, Noreen Clayton, Christine Sutherland, Laura Lundie, David Beringer, John Alton, David Healey, Maryann Spears, Mary Lou Anctil, Karen Dulisse, Lee Reid, Linda Moore, Andrew Jarrett, Jamie Frederick, J Marshall, Randine Arnesen, Laura Katelnikoff, Steve Corrie, Rivkah Moore, Leannah Fidler, Linda Devries, Bonnie D Baker, Julie Glynn, Cindy King, Clare Kelly, David Blakely, Jennifer Voykin, Ilumina Gorbet, M Stacey, Brenda Jacobs

Recording Secretary: Nancy Liknes

Called to order: 6:34 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Jon Steinman introduced himself, welcomed members and guests in attendance and then introduced the other Directors on the board: Abra Brynne, Alex Berland, Liz Babcock, Cathy-Ann Glockner, Andrew Jarrett and Stephan Martineau. He also introduced the senior management team: Allan Broom (General Manager), Paul Kelly (Assistant General Manager), Tory Berger (Human Resources Manager), Jaime Frederick (Marketing and Outreach Manager), Sean Silversen (Finance Manager), Michelle Beneteau (Wellness Manager), Ben Morris (Produce Manager), Kristina Hus (Front End Manager), Matt Knowles (Grocery Manager), Christoph Martens (Deli Manager) and Jodi Eaton (Kitchen Manager) along with Nelson Commons' Project Managers Russell Precious & Deirdrie Lang.

Kootenay Coop General Manager Allan Broom came forward, introduced himself and said a few words.

Meeting Rules of Order

Jon Steinman explained that there would be two parts to the meeting. The first would be the regularly scheduled AGM followed by a redevelopment update and a Q&A session. The AGM will rely on an adaptation of Robert's Rules of Order.

Adoption of Agenda

M/Cindy King S/Jay Marshall

That the meeting agenda be adopted as circulated

Carried

Acceptance of the Minutes

M/ Elaine Moore S/Marilyn Pollard

Amendments Bonnie Baker's name appears 3 times on the 2015 AGM's list of attendees.

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held September 23rd, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

President's Report

Jon presented the President's Report, appended in the 2016 Annual Report.

Election of Directors

Andrew Jarrett introduced and explained that the election process is guided by Kootenay Co-op legislation (in that members elect Directors from among the members), by Co-op Rules (which state that we must have 7 Directors, one of which is elected by the staff) and by our policy (which details the timing and process, the eligibility criteria, and the way we vote). The three candidates were given a couple of minutes each to introduce themselves and a final few minutes were given for member/owners to make their choice. Andrew Jarrett read a prepared statement written by John Kingsmill followed by a brief presentation by Anne Mowat to introduce herself and why she is interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors. Maureen Kelsey then stepped up and shared a few words about why she is interested becoming a Board member.

Andrew Jarrett drew names from a box and Andrew Creighton and Karen Dulieese agreed to be appointed as 2016 election scrutineers.

2016 Financial Report

Board Treasurer Alex Berland presented the 2016 financial report along with an update on the finances of the Nelson Commons project. Sean Silverson was available to respond to any questions from the members that Alex was not able to answer.

Appointment of the Auditor

M/Alex Berland S/Jay Marshall

To appoint Berg Lehmann Chartered Accountants as the auditors for the 2016-17 financial year.

Carried

Member Patronage Return

Alex Berland communicated that based upon the results of a member survey regarding the Member Patronage Return (which indicated that 60% of members were not in favour of awarding a Patronage return) the Board has decided to make a modest member patronage return of \$25,000 (noting that Kootenay Co-op rules state that Directors have the option of using any surplus to pay a patronage return or to reduce debt).

Break

Election

Andrew Jarrett presented the election results and introduced Maureen Kelsey and John Kingsmill as the two elected Directors for the Kootenay Country Store Cooperative.

Director Recognition

Abra Brynne thanked the outgoing Directors Liz Babcock and Jon Steinman.

Member's Scholarship Award

M/Jon Steinman S/Jay Marshall

To move the Member's Scholarship Award to the member information portion of the meeting.

Carried

Annual General Meeting Adjourned: 7:59 pm