

UCCC Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes Feb 28, 2012

Meeting called to order at 12:35 pm by Jocelyn Carver

In Attendance: Corky Evans , Andrew Jarrett, Cynthia Olivas, Jocelyn Carver, Laureen Barker, Terry Brennan and Zoë Creighton.

Recorder: Terry Brennan

Laureen introduced herself. She sits on the NDCU Board and is the owner of Gaia Rising.

Action: Laureen will procure a letter from the NDCU Board indicating their support of her being on the UCCC Board.

M/S/C To accept Laureen Barker as the NDCU representative to the UCCC Board.

1. Adoption of Agenda

M/S/C To adopt the circulated agenda with the addition of a discussion to appoint a Board President – add to other Business.

2. Adoption of Minutes

M/S/C That the minutes of Jan. 24, 2012 be adopted.

3. Actions arising from Meeting

- Zoë will contact Rona park at CBT by mid-March
- Reply to Regional Food System Request. Corky will draft and send to Zoë
- Slocan Valley Co-op - Zoë will contact the Board chair.
- Kootenay Savings – Corky spoke with Am, who said he would bring up the issue of UCCC membership up at the next Kootenay Savings Board mtg. Zoë will contact Aaron Burke to find out what happened.
- Zoë send Cultivating Co-ops Guide to Board.
- Zoë will send out CED materials to Board.
- Andrew will send draft policies to Board.
- Terry and Jocelyn, with Zoë's support, will develop a catchy elevator pitch regarding benefits of co-ops and the UCCC.
- Zoë will ask the DevCo co-op developers if they are willing to make themselves available for consultations with local co-operators while here for the Sounds Co-op radio conference on April 14th.

4. Review of Actions from previous meetings

- Zoë to ask NDCU if they would like to have a representative on the UCCC BoD. Done. Jocelyn will ask Tom Atkins. Done
- Cynthia will apply to have the banner hung in Nelson and Castlegar for Co-op Week 2012. In Process.
- Zoë send new email list to Cynthia. Done
- Facebook page to get UCCC updates and events. Done.

- Corky will talk to Am re: Sitting on UCCC Board or Credit Unions? Done.
- Zoë will investigate the possibility of subsidised tuition if the enrolment numbers surpass a threshold. Done, to be discussed later.
- The Policy Committee will have a first draft of the following for the Feb Board meeting: Board roles and responsibilities, structure of the organisation, decision making, conflict of interest, and representation. In the works.
- Zoë will send Strategic Plan to members. Done. Feedback and comments due back by Feb 20. Andrew will collate and integrate feedback.
- Zoë will follow up with finding a speaker for the Credit Unions' Peer Meeting. Done.
- Reply to Regional Food System Request. Corky will draft and send to Zoë
- Zoë will circulate possible AGM dates. Done.

5. Coordinator's Report.

Zoë discussed her report, and invited questions from the Board. See report and Actions arising from meeting.

- UCCC Regional Co-op Development proposal to CBT still up for another revision. Zoë will resubmit prior to March 31.
 - Suggestion to look at reaching out to Native Groups
 - Perhaps just apply for Phase 1 funding now.
 - Suggestion to commit to being responsible spenders and regionally based.
 - Comment to mention this at the Credit Union Peer Group Meeting.

Action: Zoë will contact Rona at CBT by mid-March

Action: Slocan Valley Co-op. Zoë will contact the Board chair.

Action: Kootenay Savings – Corky spoke with Am, he said he would bring it up at the next Kootenay Savings Board mtg. Zoë will contact Aaron Burke to find out what happened.

- Kootenay Integrated Forest Co-op. Corky invited one of their members to the UCCC AGM.

Action: Terry and Jocelyn, with Zoë's support, will develop a catchy elevator pitch regarding benefits of co-ops and the UCCC. .

Action: Zoë send Cultivating Co-ops Guide to Board.

- Herb Growers' Co-op AGM and workshop with Terry Ackerman-March 31. Zoë has been assisting. Food Co-op will pay for some buyers to attend.

Action: Zoë will ask the DevCo co-op developers if they are willing to make themselves available for consultations with local co-operators while here for the Sounds Co-op radio conference on April 14th.

- AGM – May 8 2012 at the Health First Co-op 6:30 – 8:30, meeting begins at 7pm. Program to be discussed at March meeting.
- IYC Promotions. NDCU, Heritage, and Kootenay Savings are in discussion to see who will contribute to IYC print promotions.
- Tim Beachy, the past Executive Director of the United Community Services Co-op will be the guest speaker on IYC2012 at the CU Peer group meeting. UCCC is happy to have facilitated this connection.
- Community Economic Development program: the group discussed the best approach to the program's request for a CU bursary fund.

Action: Zoë will send out CED materials to Board.

M/S/C That the coordinator's report be accepted as presented.

6. Priorities

a. Member Recruitment – Updates and next steps

Kootenay Savings – Aaron Burke, their Marketing Manager, attended the IYC launch and seemed quite receptive to the UCCC

b. Policy Committee report.

Andrew sent drafts of Conflict of Interest, Financial, and Executive Limitations policies to Jocelyn, who has not had the opportunity to look at them.

Goal to present to membership at AGM.

Action: Andrew will send these draft policies to the Board for comment in a week.

c. Breakfast Report

2nd Tuesday of the month – Next one is March 13, 8-8:45 am.

Discussion of the need for other kinds of social events in locations other than Nelson.

d. IYC2012 Planning Committee report – minutes circulated with meeting package

Jocelyn presented the minutes from the past mtg.

Next IYC Planning Mtg – March 6 at 11 am

7. Other Business

a. Board President

Cynthia Olivas stepped forward to be President until the AGM

b. Coordinator Evaluation

Andrew and Cynthia will work on Zoë's evaluation.

c. Questions from new Board Member

None at this time

8. Forward Planning

- AGM Agenda and Coordinator Performance Review
- Upcoming Meetings / Events
 - AGM – May 8 2012 at the Health First Co-op 6:30 – 8:30
 - IYC Planning – March 6, 11am
 - Breakfast Social - March 13 (8-8:45am)
 - Board Meetings - March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24 at 12:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm