

**Upper Columbia Co-op Council
Board of Directors' Meeting
December 14, 2010
Minutes**

Meeting Called to order at 12:40 pm

In Attendance: Andrew Jarrett, Terry Brennan, Cynthia Olivas, Bradley Roulston, Ben Morris, Zoë Creighton

Regrets: Corky Evans

1. Adoption of Agenda

M/S/C To adopt the agenda with the addition of Cynthia's Report on The Worker Co-op Conference under Other Business

2. Adoption of Minutes of October 27, 2010

M/S/C That the minutes of October 27, 2010 be adopted with agreed upon changes.

3. Review of Actions from Previous Meeting

Action: Zoe will contact Jack at Central One. **Ongoing**

Action: Zoe and Andrew will submit a CDI proposal by Sunday. **Done**

Action: Board Members keep an eye out for other grants. **Ongoing**

Action: Zoe will order "I Choose Co-ops" t-shirts. Number to be determined. Suggestion that we order a lot of them. **Done.**

Action: Zoe will send a Co-op Week follow-up Press Release. **Not Done.**

Action: Zoe will ask for board email addresses from member coops. **Not Done. Will be done before email goes out about January 28 training.**

Action: Zoe will write a request to Corky by Wednesday for his Thursday Board Meeting. **Done.**

Action: Zoe will enquire if Carshare and LINKS are interested in having an intern. **Deadline has passed.**

Action. Zoe will confirm with Cynthia re next meeting. **Done.**

3.a. Actions arising from this Meeting

Cynthia and Zoe will have a finance meeting, and pass on questions to Bradley.

Zoe will send an email out reminding members about the Jan 28 training session.

Zoe will send CDI application to Board.

Zoe and Bradley will meet to discuss coop blog.

Zoe will invite Kootenay Savings to Jan 28 training. Bradley will check to see who is getting those emails at Kootenay Savings.

4. Coordinator's Report.

-Discussion of Zoe's payment by BCCA for her work on Co-op Week.

-Action: Cynthia and Zoe will have a finance meeting, and pass on questions to Bradley.

-Discussion of Jan 28 training advertising. Action: Zoe will send an email out reminding members about the training.

-Andrew and Zoe described their grant application for Innovative Co-op Project funding from the federal Co-op Development Initiative. Board members would like to see the grant app. Action: Zoe will send CDI application to Board.

M/S/C To ratify the motion passed via email on November 23, 2010 which read:
"That the UCCC sponsor and hold the development funds for the creation of the Tiny House Co-operative if the applicants are successful in securing CDI funding for their proposal, and to support that intention with conveyance of the documents required by CDI no later than Friday, November 26, 2010."

- Zoe has a grant application into the Columbia Basin Trust for support funding for our Winter

Training Series

Recruitment of New Members:

Health First Co-op. Not interested at this time.

Kootenay Savings. Not interested at this time.

As we are short a member, need to keep an eye on finances.

Suggestion that we make a Regional Co-op Initiatives Presentation to Kootenay Savings

Zoe will invite Kootenay Savings to Jan 28 training. Bradley will check to see who is getting those emails at Kootenay Savings.

Cynthia will try to set up a meeting with (*?, I missed this person's name*)

March 3, 12:30 – 3:30. Bradley will give a ten minute UCCC presentation.

Promotions

Bradley wonders about creating a coop blog.

Action: Zoe and Bradley will meet to discuss.

Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BCCA

Flag the issue of how to navigate with national coop organisations

M/S/C Approve Memorandum of understanding between BCCA and UCCC as circulated

Zoe agreed to spearhead a conversation around our relationship with the BC Co-op Association and how it impacts our membership, perhaps at our 2011 AGM.

M/S/C Approve Coordinator's Report

Bring need for Sponsorship Policy to AGM.

5.Current Priorities

a) Tiny House sponsorship motion. Motion ratified.

b) Training series progress.

Jan 28. Strategic Planning in AM, Grant Writing in PM. At Nelson Chamber

Carolee Coulter will deliver an HR workshop on February 25th

Action: Zoe will get invites out ASAP.

c) Board presentation update.

d) CDI grant progress

Andrew and Zoe provided a recap of the proposed Co-op development project; Zoe will circulate the proposal.

e) I Choose Co-op Tshirts

12 were distributed among those present. Zoe will send out invoices.

f) MOU with BCCA

Discussed above.

g) recruitment of new members

Discussed above.

h) co-op before business schedule. Second Tuesday of the month at 8 am at Co-op Bakery.

6. Other Business

a. Confirm Meeting Schedule & Location

We will continue to meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:30, at KBCSC unless otherwise noted.

Next Meetings:

Jan 25

Feb 22

March 22

April 26

May 24

June 28

b. Look at Strategic Plan

Tabled to January meeting – Zoe will circulate with meeting package.

c. Report from Vancouver Worker Coop Conference – Cynthia

Worker Coops were represented from across the country

There was a subsequent meeting / presentation at the Bakery

Cynthia reported that “It was very exciting”

7. Forward Planning

a) next meeting date. January 25th, 12:30 PM

b) Future Agenda Items. Strategic Plan, CDI grant application, training session update.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm