

UPPER COLUMBIA COOPERATIVE COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting

November 25, 2009

Present: Zoe, Andrew, Corky, Deirdrie, Bradley

Regrets: Cynthia

REVIEW OF ACTIONS

1. **ACTION: Zoe** will extend an invitation to our membership to see if anyone is interested in attending a branding meeting.
2. **ACTION: Zoe** will distribute the list of regional co-ops to the group.
3. **ACTIONS: Zoe** will create a quarterly newsletter; first edition to come out in February; **Bradley** will contribute a column featuring a co-op profile.
4. **ACTIONS: Each director** will follow up with their own co-ops; **Bradley** will follow-up with the other members by phone; **Zoe** will have BCCA follow-up with Slocan Co-op.
5. **ACTION: Andrew** and **Zoe** will include a mail ballot with the letters
6. **ACTIONS: Bradley** will invite Woodland Park Housing Co-op. **Zoe** will send out email invites to our entire list.
7. **ACTION: Zoe** will proceed with the ICP grant application; if it does not come together as she hopes, she may abandon.
8. **ACTION: Andrew** will follow up with KSCU.
9. **ACTION: All directors** will go over the co-op list to see who we may know.
10. **ACTION: Zoe** will invite John to be our guest speaker at our AGM.

Called to order: 9:09 am

Agenda – approved as amended.

Minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2009 accepted as circulated.

ACTION REVIEW from the October 27 meeting:

1. Done
2. Ongoing
3. Forthcoming
4. Done – they are not available
5. On agenda
6. Breakfast has been rescheduled until December 8.
7. In process
8. Done
9. Done – Debbie Zeeben will be asking the Community First Health Co-op Board to invite us to attend a meeting to tell them about UCCC membership.
10. In process
11. Panel was full

COORDINATOR REPORT

- Zoe presented her Coordinator's Report.
- Corky suggested that we hire a designer to put together a few brand/logo options to bring to the breakfast meetings for member input. **ACTION:** Zoe will extend an invitation to our membership to see if anyone is interested in attending a branding meeting.
- Dues share amendment – discussion as to how follow-up vote should proceed. Andrew suggests that we ask if there is interest from the membership to discuss the issue further or if we can proceed with an email vote. If there is interest for a special member meeting, we may

invite John Restakis and Rick Marcuse to attend (as they have a keen interest to visit the Kootenays).

- **ACTION:** Zoe will distribute the list of regional co-ops to the group.
- **ACTION:** Zoe will create a quarterly newsletter; first edition to come out in February. Bradley will contribute a column featuring a co-op profile.

Coordinator report accepted as circulated.

CURRENT PRIORITIES

- a. BCCA / UCCC dues issue – Andrew circulated drafts of the initial letter and the companion letter to be sent to each member co-op outlining the dues issue. **ACTIONS:** Each director will follow up with their own co-ops; Bradley will follow-up with the other members by phone; Zoe will have BCCA follow-up with Slocan Co-op. **ACTION:** Andrew and Zoe will include a mail ballot with the letters

M/Corky S/Bradley

That Andrew be empowered to create and distribute a ballot to members of UCCC asking them to rescind last year's AGM motion and to accept harmonization with BCCA to change our membership structure, and if that ballot is returned by the required number of our members that a special meeting be unnecessary and the vote stand.

CARRIED.

- b. Castlegar member breakfast – December 8, 8:00 am. Bagels and Brew – 1502 Unit 9 – Columbia Avenue. Andrew will host the breakfast. **ACTIONS:** Bradley will invite Woodland Park Housing Co-op. Zoe will send out email invites to our entire list. Next breakfast club will be on January 12, 8:00 in Nelson at the Kootenay Bakery.
- c. Space update – Andrew still does not know; work is in progress.
- d. Financial systems – moving along, Zoe and Colleen have spoken.
- e. Public profile project – discussed earlier.
- f. PR Plan – Bradley and Cynthia will meet again; work to be coordinated with the PPP.
- g. ICP application – announcement of successful projects has been delayed. **ACTION:** Zoe will proceed with the ICP grant application; if it does not come together as she hopes, she may abandon.
- h. Member recruitment – **ACTION:** Andrew will follow up with KSCU; Debbie Zeabin will be bringing our info to the CFHC meeting on Monday. **ACTION:** All directors will all go over the co-op list to see who we may know.
- i. BCCA visit – **ACTION:** Zoe will invite John to be our guest speaker at our AGM.
- j. Community Futures update – Cynthia contacted CF; they are interested in having us participate in their next succession planning workshop.
- k. New money – Zoe is now able to invoice up to October 15, 2009.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 15 or Wednesday, December 16, 9:00 am (Zoe will check Cynthia's availability). Lunch to follow.

January meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 9:00 am

Future agenda items:

- Branding exercise
- Dues issue
- PR Plan
- Recruitment

Adjourned: 11:00 am