

**Upper Columbia Co-op Council
Board of Directors' Meeting
October 27, 2010
Minutes**

Meeting Called to order at 9:17 AM

In Attendance: Andrew Jarrett, Terry Brennan, Corky Evans, Zoë Creighton, Ben Morris, Bradley Roulston (arrived at 9:50)

Regrets: Cynthia Olivas

ACTIONS ASSIGNED AT THIS MEETING:

1. Adoption of Agenda

M/S/C To adopt the agenda with as circulated.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Sept 14, 2010

M/S/C That the minutes of Sept 14, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

3. Review of Actions from Previous Meeting

Zoe will poll a few Co-ops to determine best time of day for training events. **Done**

Zoe will contact Jack at CU. **Ongoing**

4. Coordinator's Report.

Zoe reported on ongoing negotiations with the BCCA.

Discussion of the current situation with the Slocan Valley Co-op.

CDI Proposal. Sunday deadline. Zoe has met some obstacles in this application. After our last meeting we decided to create a co-op outreach service. However, the BCCA has suggested proposing a bigger /slightly different project than what we are considering.

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

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

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

5. Current Priorities

a) Co-op Week recap. Successful week. **Action:** Zoe will send a Co-op Week follow-up Press Release. Touchstones was a great venue, good to work with them. We should do an event there next year. Suggestion from Corky that co-ops offer member benefits during Co-op Week. The draw was simpler this year, keep it so.

b) Training event and series progress

Nov 7. Food Co-op is presenting a Co-ops 101 at Nelson Chamber

Nov 20. All day in Castlegar.

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

Feb (week of the 21st). Carolee Colter will deliver an HR workshop.

Action: Zoe will ask for board email addresses from member coops.

Would Heritage be willing to provide bursaries to UCCC members for the Nov 20 training event?

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

c) Board presentation update

Board Presentations – Still to do: Slocan Valley, Kettle Valley, Grandview Homes and KBCSC

- (possibly Nov 25 - daytime). Next Step – Presentations to non-member Co-ops.
- d) CDI grant progress. Discussed above.
 - e) Intern update. Carshare and Links are interested in having an intern. **Action:** Zoe will pursue.
 - f) Recruitment of new members. **Tabled to next Meeting.**
 - g) co-op before business schedule. Co-operation before Breakfast. Do we continue with them? Yes. Next one Nov 9 at the Bakery.
 - h) MOU with BCCA. **Tabled to next Meeting.**

6. Other Business

a. Confirm Meeting Schedule & Location

We will continue to meet the fourth week of the month.
Tuesday or Wednesday at 12:30
Next Meeting Nov 23 or 24.
Action. Zoe will confirm with Cynthia re next meeting

b. Questions from new directors

None

c. Corky's Idea and Report

Corky proposed to convene an informal meeting of some of his local contacts to begin discussions on the potential transfer of capital into education and co-op sector development. The Board supported this idea.

d. Carshare Letter of Support

Need a policy developed here.
Need to see the proposal before a letter of support can be signed.

7. Forward Planning

- a) next meeting date. Tentative Nov 23 or 24.
- b) **Future Agenda Items.** Cynthia Report on her travels, Memorandum of Understanding with BCCA, Recruitment of new members, Partnering with other organisations – need to develop a policy. In the future define acronyms in Coordinator's report and minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 am