**OVFC Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday January 10, 2023**

**7:00 pm**

**Via Zoom**

In attendance: Chris, Perri-Rae, Connie, Marshall, Dianne, Joanne, Ashleigh, Cheryl, Sarah

Regrets: Cara, Emily,

Guest: Janice (White Pine Bison), Michelle (Local Food and Farm Coops)

**1. Meeting Administration**

* Marshall introduced Michelle from the Local Food and Farm Coops to the board.
* The agenda was approved.
* The minutes of the Oct 10 meeting were approved.

**2. Order Review**

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| **Month** | **Sales** | **Last Year** | **Customers** | **Producers** |
| November | $12,481.06 | $15,536 | 93 | 37 |
| December | $15,927.89 | $17,860 | 96 | 40 |

* 27 people signed up, 8 ordered in Nov and 4 in Dec. They found out about us:
  + 4 – Facebook
  + 2 - other
  + 1 - newspaper
  + 3 – word of mouth
  + 1 – silent auction at the Bonnechere Library
* Cheryl stated that some producers list a number of products as specials and some do not post specials at all. Should we have a limit on the number of products that a producer can list as specials?

**Note:** This is a topic for a future meeting.

**3. Financial**

Joanne is working on the year-end statements. We are using up our reserve so we need to increase our sales of find new sources of revenue soon. The Financial Subcommittee will meet soon.

**4a. Annual General Meeting**

After some discussion it was decided that:

* The AGM will be an in-person meeting with participation via Zoom provided.
* It will be held on the afternoon of Saturday May 6 or Sunday May 7
* Possible places are the Barr Line Community Center and Marshall’s Barn.

**4b. Seeds of Vandana Shiva**

A trailer for the film can be found at [https://vandanashivamovie.com](https://vandanashivamovie.com/). The food co-op could show this film as a fund-raiser both in Eganville and Deep River. The film runs about 1 hour and 20 minutes.

**Action: Marshall** to contact the Eganville Legion to book a date to show the film in early March.

**4c. Seedy Sunday – Rankin Centre, March 5**

Should we participate in this event? Ashleigh is willing to look after the booth.

Do we want to provide a speaker such as Emily? To be decided.

**4d. Membership Social**

* After some discussion it was decided to hold this in conjunction with the AGM. Producers will provide a food service.
* Local Food and Farm Co-ops are willing to provide a speaker for the AGM.

**4e. Career Fair Video**

This will be shown at Fellowes High School as part of their Career Fair.

**4f. Culinary Workshops**

Is somebody willing to organize one?

**4g. Farms Open**

Suggested date: Sunday September 18.

**4h. Canada Summer Jobs**

There was some discussion about hiring a summer student to help with the Farms Open event. Marshall stated that hiring the student last year was a lot of work, but the student did do a lot of work to make the Farms Open a success.

**Action: Joanne** to send in the grant application for a student under the Canada Summer Jobs Program.

**5. Local Farm and Food Co-ops**

Michelle gave a presentation about the Local Farm and Food Co-ops. More details about it can be found at: <https://www.localfoodandfarm.coop/>. There was some discussion as to whether the co-op should join, but the decision was put of to a later date.

**6. Other Business**

Marshall thanked Connie for a wonderful newsletter.

**7. Next Meeting -**  Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 pm.