

OVFC Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday June 11 7:00 pm

Via Zoom

In attendance: Joanne, Perri-Rae, Chris, Neil, Cheryl, Mike, Amanda

Regrets: Lynne

1. New Board

- Joanne gave a presentation on the responsibilities of the board. We are a co-op and have members, not share-holders. We are not a charitable organization.
- Officer positions were filled as follows:
 - President: Amanda Hudson
 - Vice President: Perri-Rae Boell
 - Treasurer: Joanne McManus
 - Secretary: Chris Tanner

2. Administration

- The agenda was approved.
- The minutes of the May 21 meeting were approved as circulated.

3. Pick-up Policy

There was some discussion regarding people who were late picking up their order. Since this does not appear to be a problem, the board decided to leave things as they are.

4. Financial

Joanne stated that our financial situation is tight. Orders are not large enough to pay our monthly bills. We need some fund-raising.

5. Events

- **Farmer's Markets** – After some discussion, the board decide to attend the Arnprior Market on a trial basis in conjunction with Janice.
- **Beachburg Fair** – Cheryl will contact Janice and send an e-mail to members looking for volunteers to help with this event.

6. Fundraising Ideas

- Producers Showcase – Perri-Rae suggested that we rent a hall for a day and allow our producers to rent tables to show off their wares. Time frame for this is December.
- Grant in the Hand – Perri-Rae stated this is kind of a lottery. 500 tickets are printed and sold for a \$10.00 donation. The winner gets \$1,000 with the remaining money going to the Co-op. Since people donate rather than purchase the ticket, a license is not needed.

Action: Perri-Rae and Joanne to follow up on this idea.

- Dinner – Perri-Rae suggested that we hold another dinner. Hire a good chef and aim for an attendance of 40-50 people.

7. Other Business

- **OVFC Clothing** – to be discussed at the next board meeting.
- **Cook Book** – almost ready. Sale could start at a concert that Lynne is organizing to be held in August.
- **Green Burial Book** (from Morning Glory Farms) – The board agreed to sell this book.

Action: Joanne and Cheryl to work on pricing in conjunction with Morning Glory Farms.

- **Slack** – Mike suggested that we set up a Slack room for inter-board communications. He will establish something on a trial basis.
- **Knj Festival, Raven's Knoll (Sept 11 – 15)** – Cameron stated that this is a music festival with about 5,000 in attendance – mostly young people. We can sell local food at this event, since we will get a vendor's booth for free. Volunteers are needed. All food vendors need a food truck, but we do have a trailer which probably can be used for this.

Action: Cameron to investigate the feasibility of this for the next board meeting.

8. Next Meetings

- Thursday, July 24, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
- Thursday, August 21, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.