

## **Minutes: Yahara River Grocery Cooperative Board Meeting**

**EMS Training Room, 514 Fourth St., Stoughton, Wisconsin  
6:15 p.m. – 9:10 p.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2008**

Board Members and Committee Chairs Present:

Myra Hajny (President); Norma Sampson (Vice President); Warren Kmiec (Treasurer);  
Deb Piper (Secretary); Marlene Widra (Member-at-Large); Laura Anderson (Membership);  
Homer Howard (Senior Liaison); Jon Hajny (Research); Glen Timmcke (Product Buyers);

Other Committee Members Present:

Mary Condon (Research); Kristine Vaughn (Membership)

Also Present:

Mike Markin (YRGC General Manager), Ann Hoyt, Caroline Werner, Stephanie Rearick

Myra Hajny called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

### **TIMEBANK PRESENTATION – STEPHANIE REARICK AND CAROLINE WERNER**

Caroline and Stephanie introduced the Timebank concept to the board, describing the benefits of pooling peoples' skills and sharing those skills. They gave examples of how the Timebank would benefit the Co-op in operations and marketing, as well as how the Co-op could contribute to the Timebank skill set.

### **CAPITALIZATION STRATEGIES – ANN HOYT**

Ann reviewed her discussions with Mel Braverman and explored options for the Co-op to raise capital. She suggested that the Co-op pursue a marketing/feasibility study to determine the best way to proceed. She also suggested that the board examine all of the options available to the board, determine the advantages and disadvantages to each of the options and determine the best plan of action. The board then divided up the duties to various board members to research and report at a board meeting on September 2.

### **BOARD MINUTES – DEB PIPER**

Deb reviewed the minutes from the August 12 board meeting. On **MOTION** (J. Hajny/Sampson) and unanimous vote, the minutes were approved as amended.

### **CHILI COOK-OFF – MARLENE WIDRA AND NORMA SAMPSON**

Marlene reported that since the last meeting, it was discovered that Mandt Park was holding a festival on the same date as the YRGC Chili Cook-off. The festival committee invited YRGC to join its festival and move the cook-off to Mandt. Discussion ensued about current commitments and the benefits of moving the cook-off to Mandt Park (fewer costs and less setup). On **MOTION** (Kmiec/Widra) and unanimous vote, the Chili Cook-off will be moved to the Mandt Park festival on September 27. More decisions need to be made regarding rain cancellation policy, tent rental and advertising costs that the cook-off committee will determine.

On **MOTION** (Anderson/Piper), the board meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Board meeting to be held on September 2, 2008. Location and time to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Piper

Secretary

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