

**Minutes of the Spencer Creek Growers Market Board Meeting,
December 3, 2017 at New Day Bakery, Eugene OR, Working Session**

Present:

Genie Harden, Chair and President
Glenn Harden, Board Member and Co-founder
Rachel Marcotte, Treasurer
Maureen Hudson, Secretary
Alex Miller, member (who now Board Member)
Zoe Shaheen, member (who now Board Member)
Michael Neukirchen, member (dropping in on break)

A quorum is present.

Agenda: Election of New Officers, New Financial Committee, 2018 Budget and Recruiting New Board Members is on this working session's agenda.

There was discussion of the 2017 season, the General Membership meeting and potluck in October, 2017. We also need to elect new officers of the Board according to by-laws.

And there was agreement to deal immediately with a "by-law" problem of lack of on-going terms for board members. Genie explained the by-laws were crafted in the early days with one-year terms of service to not overwhelm prospective members of endless work and commitment. There was a lack of volunteers then. Now our needs for continuity are different. We need some seasoned members as well as new members of the board to remain vital and sustainable in governance.

Also the question of having the membership re-affirm the current board fell by the wayside of the season's report and financial viability presented by Genie at the Oct. 22 general membership meeting. So there are two (2) questions. One: Are we still a legal board? Yes. Discussion gave consensus that we are "legal" since no action has been taken otherwise. As such, we have the right and responsibility to (Two) alter the current bylaws to expand terms of service to a generally accepted standard in the non-profit world to four (4) years. Glenn, seconded by Genie, made the motion to **amend our bylaws to four years terms of service, renewal of terms allowable. These changes will be incorporated as of today. All terms of SCGM Board Members will be calendared as starting of December 3, 2017. "After the change in by-laws, we can be constituted as the current board again."** The vote was unanimous.

Now the slate for this next (4 year terms) cycle of officers engendered much discussion, relating to tasks, talents, and experiences, etc. Defining the offices needing to be filled or rotated, we have the President who functions as Chair of meetings, Treasurer who will now keep the books, Secretary who will keep records, membership lists, send notices of meetings and keep minutes. Genie wanted to step down as President. So the slate was eventually submitted as:

Glenn Harden as President
Rachel Marcotte as Treasurer
Maureen Hudson as Secretary

There was unanimous agreement confirming new and continuing Officers. The baton was passed to Glenn as President.

Rachel and Maureen will continue and grow in their current office.

Genie wants to concentrate on the Le Cafe Grange and lessen her volunteer work as Director of the Spencer Creek Growers Market.

More discussion later followed about finances. (See group e-mails of November and December, 2017.) Since there is a passing of the baton, **there is a newly constituted Finance Committee of Rachel Marcotte and Maureen Hudson.** The committee will be responsible for payments necessary and management of the Oregon Community Credit Union account. Any amount over one-hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) will require the signatures of Rachel Marcotte, Treasurer and Maureen Hudson, Secretary.

More discussion followed regarding jobs needing new board members and committed volunteers:

Maureen asked **Alex Miller and Zoe Shaheen to consider (please!) joining the Board** as their generation (Millennial) begins to take its rightful place in the world. Graciously they accepted the nomination. A heart round of enthusiastic voting **unanimously endorsed their nomination.** Zoe will be specializing in online social media presence of the SCGM. Alex, a professional environmental compliance expert will help us to be aware of regulations and environmental impacts the Market may have.

Stephanie, a member, wants to function as a liaison to the Grange our main hosts, according to Genie. Michael Neukirchen volunteered as Set-up guy for each Saturday market at the Grange. Sean and Marisol are considering ways to help at the new extension of Wednesday Market at Bailey Hill.

The full Board including our new members approved the 2018 Budget as presented by Genie and reviewed by the Board. Other items were discussed, including scheduling meetings:

Next Board Meeting, Feb. 11, 2 p.m., New Day Bakery.
Spring Thing, March 25th, 2018 at the Grange, time, tba
2018 Year's run will be from May 26th to Oct. 6.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Hudson, January 5th, 2018
enclosures: E-mails, 2018 Budget



