

Meeting Minutes, Sierra Vista Natural Foods Cooperative Board, May 04, 2010 at AAI.

Present: Amanda Baillie, Patricia Peterson, Janet Brady, Joe Allison, Judi Marshall, Jeffery Crandall, and Donna Boe. Absent: Ken Bowles, Kevin Peterson, Jim Hust. Guests: Dan Abrams and Mike Mc Nab.

Meeting was called to Order by Jeffrey Crandall at 6:05.

Consent agenda Items: Consent Agenda items approved, on a motion by Donna Boe, seconded by Patricia Peterson. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Mike and Dan visited with the board in regards to the possibility of Mike leasing a portion of the building at 96 S. Carmichael. Mike shared with the board as to his conception of the brewery and how it would support the cooperative store. He would like to be able to sell some food items.

- A. Member loan drive will begin again after the lease is signed. There is a total of \$104,000 loans deposited in the bank. The financial meeting will have a meeting May 14th at 4:00 pm at AAI.
- B. The forum scheduled for May 9th, will begin at 2:00 pm in the Mona Bishop room at the library. The movie Dirt will be shown, followed by comments from Kevin, Recla Ranch and Valerie McCaffrey. Volunteers to set up room should arrive at 1:00 pm.
- C. Amanda updated the board on the progress of the lease. May 5th the lease will be reviewed by attorney Nathan Williams. If there are no problems, the lease will be signed by the cooperative and owners at 1:00 PM, May 10, 2010. Donna Boe made a motion to accept the lease following legal approval. Judi Marshall seconded the motion, motion carried. Donna made a motion to send the \$2000.00 retainer to Albert Hopper after signing the lease, seconded by Joe Allison. Motion carried. Amanda is going to have monthly column in the Sierra Vista Herald. After the lease is signed a campaign will be made to have volunteers for store layout and design committee, the financial committee will plan the budget for the store. There will be a sign up sheet at the forum for persons to volunteer for building rehabilitation. Amanda will be on vacation June 6th- 18th.

New Business:

- A. A teleconference with Dill Pickle Cooperative in Chicago was held with board members Peyton and Kathleen. The conference gave encouragement for our planned opening. Their Point of sale program is a used system from CoPos. Their share cost is \$100.00; Illinois limits the number of shares a member can own so the cooperative offers five half shares for \$250.00. Since their December opening the membership has grown from 500 to 700. The NCBA and CNBI were used for help in getting cooperative up and around.
- B. Working meetings will be scheduled on a need basis. Amanda will make the decision as to when a full board is needed.

Share value \$73.00

Next meeting: June 1, 2010, 1800 hours at Oberon.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm made by Judi Marshall, seconded by Patricia Peterson. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Janet Brady, secretary

Prior to board meeting, the board met with Michael Rohrbach, a member of the Bisbee Cooperative, to discuss how the two cooperatives could support each other. Ideas thrown out for consideration:

Share their POS server, by having two terminals at SV store. SV store manager shadow Bisbee store manager, placing product orders together for a better wholesale price, share knowledge learned in setting up a cooperative.