

Approved: June 14, 2010

Minutes of the Grain Train Board of Director's Meeting
Annual Board Retreat
Little Traverse Bay Golf Club
Saturday, April 17, 2010 - 10:00 AM

Present: John Paul Westbrook (J.P.) - president, Amy Maus - vice president, Hal Willens - treasurer, Trisha Shattuck - secretary, Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Maggie Daniels, Gary Hammons, Jaime Jankowski, Renee Allen

Interim general manager: Chelsea Jarvis

Attorney Matthew W. Lesky arrives: 11:20 AM

Our Mission: The Grain Train is committed to empowered individuals, vital communities and a healthy Planet. As a Natural Foods Cooperative, we are the trusted source in Northern Michigan for high quality, local, organic and natural products at a fair value to our membership and community.

Call to order: 10:10 AM

Quorum achieved.

Next meeting: May 18, 2010 Library classroom or Casino meeting room to be decided.

CBL 101: May 8th 8:00 - 5:00 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan Contact Jaime for details.

Community gardens: May 16th, 10 - 11:00 AM Board involvement encouraged.

MOTION

J.P. Motions to allow Matthew Lesky the use of a Letter of Retention from the Board to gain access to both insurance companies associated with the Grain Train: Citizen's Insurance Company of America & Cincinnati Insurance Co.. Maggie seconds the motion. Unanimous approval.

MOTION

J.P. Motions to allow Jaime to prepare news releases for usage with the newsletter and website. Renee seconds the motion. 8 support the motion, 1 missing. Motion approved.

MOTION

Trisha Motions for the Board establish a Communication Committee for news releases to the Member / Owners, and the press. Allie seconds the motion. Unanimous approval.

Ad Hoc Communications Committee formed:

Jaime, Chair. Also: J.P., Allie, Trisha, Maggie

MOTION

Allie Motions for the Board to revoke Carrie Livingston's Grain Train Membership based upon the Bylaws. Amy seconds the motion. Unanimous approval.

Bylaw excerpt justifying membership cancelation follows:

- 3.4 **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.** A member may resign by delivering a written resignation to the Co-op's office. The resignation terminates membership upon delivery or at such later date stated in the resignation. The board may terminate a membership for cause if the member violates an agreement with the Co-op, fails to timely pay the cost of membership or works against the Co-op's interests. A Director who ceases to be a member of the Co-op simultaneously ceases to be a Director.

MOTION

Hal Motions for the Interim General Manager to prepare a Delinquent Member Policy. Gary seconds the motion. Unanimous approval.

TABLED:

The issue of Bridgette and Dale Houston's membership was discussed with the decision to provide them a Lifetime Membership tabled.

J.P. Motions to Adjourn the meeting. Amy seconds. Unanimous approval. 1:08 PM