

Approved 8/15/2011

**Grain Train (GT) Natural Food Cooperative
Board of Directors June 21st, 2011 Meeting
Grain Train Business Office, 6:00 PM**

Attending: John Paul Westbrook (J.P.) - President, Amy Mauls - Vice President, , Trisha Shattuck - Secretary, Dave Heidtke – Treasurer, Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Carolyn Belknap, Renee Allen, Maggie Daniels, Hal Willens
Robert Struthers (Bob) - General Manager (GM)
Tina Van Denburg - Support Services, Secretary to the Board

Absent: none

Time Keeper: Amy

Secretary: Trisha

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.

Meeting called to order: (6:04) Quorum determined

Preliminary Agenda Review - The Board will not be meeting in July of 2011, next meeting will be August 2011.

Open Member Forum – No one present.

Consent Agenda - Approval of the May 17, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. JP motions the minutes to be Tabled until next meeting; Board is unprepared to approve at this time.

General Manager's June 2011 Report - Report provided in advance for Board review electronically. Discussion. Approved without reservations.

Board Education - Review of CBLD training. The five attendees were Allie Greenleaf-Maldonado, Amy Maus, JP, Carolyn Belknap and Trish Shattuck. Amy spoke on the importance of the meeting and how it should be recommended for all Board members. Mention was made of the CBLD library and what a valuable tool this is for Board members. Hal Willens suggested that each Board Member learn a topic on the library and present it to the Board during the monthly meeting. When the budget is being discussed for 2012, the Board will look at potential attendance to the CCMA conference in 2012. (CCMA – Consumer Cooperative Management Association)

Board Decisions

Bob sent his B1- Financial Conditions Monitoring Report electronically for review prior to this meeting. Each section of the B1 Report were presented and discussed for acceptance with the Monitoring Reports Decision Tree.

B1.1 – Accepted

B1.2 – discussion; Accepted with Acknowledgement of Non-compliance

B1.3 – Accepted

B1.4 – discussion; Accepted Suggestion from Hal to the GM to add a trend line to the graphs, showing what we want to happen.

B1.5 – Accepted

B1.6 – Accepted

B1.7 – discussion; Accepted with Acknowledgement of Non-compliance

B1.8 – Accepted

B1.9 – Accepted

B1.10 – discussion; Accepted

Self Monitoring

C-1 Self Monitoring Report - J.P. motions to table this until the August 2011 meeting. The Monitoring Report has not been electronically received and reviewed by the Board Members. Unanimous Approval.

Review Tasks

Membership Payment Structure Committee - Hal Willens - Committee Chair, was absent during this part of the meeting. This topic rescheduled for the August meeting.

"Parking Lot" Committee - (Parking Lot is a term the board uses to describe the document containing unresolved policy governance items and topics.) Committee has not met yet; Amy Maus to schedule a meeting. This topic rescheduled for the August meeting.

Parking Lot items: Self Monitoring Board Process - Length of meeting and what is essential and what aspects may be considered extraneous

Topics for the next meeting:

Forming a committee to do strategic planning for the Grain Train

Bob to discuss the appointment of a non-voting staff seat on the Board

Monitoring Reports

Parking Lot & Member Buy-In Payment committee reports

Note: No Board Meeting during the month of July.

Motion to Adjourn: Maggie motions to close the meeting. Carolyn seconds the motion. Unanimous approval. 7:55 PM