Grain Train (GT) Natural Food Cooperative
Board of Directors Meeting – May 19, 2026
Zoom (https://zoom.us/j/91283382662) l Time: 5:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Katie Hartlieb, Erik Hagstrom, Paula Welmers, Greg Fuller, Kendall Hornsby, Jason LaPointe, Margaret McBride, Michael Walter (CEO), Sean Miller (staff), Mindy Taylor (staff, virtual), Paula Gilbertson (NCG, virtual)

Absent: Lindsey Hall

Ends Statement

Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative exists so that our community is inspired to make well-informed, healthy choices that support both people and planet.

Meeting Called to order
- Called to order at 5:32 p.m. — Quorum determined.

Preliminaries:

Agenda Review/Modification - The agenda was modified to reflect that the C2 report was done this month and C1 will be done by Katie for June.

Open Member Forum - Katie thanked both the new directors and those who recently helped with onboarding.

Consent Agenda

April Meeting Minutes - Approved unanimously as Cathy moved to accept the consent agenda and monitoring reports as discussed. Greg seconded. Motion passed.

Board Decisions:

CEO Report May - Paula made a motion to accept the CEO Report and the B1 Financial Conditions Report. Cathy seconded. Motion passed.

Note: Michaels report reflected strong growth trends in April and that Boyne is still growing. It was also shared that there will be some major projects coming to the Petoskey store to upgrade the kitchen and prepared food offerings.

General Business:

Committee Work Plans

- Owner Engagement (Paula) - The Owner Engagement Committee will work with marketing to get a Coffee with the Board date on the calendar. The idea for endorsing future board members during board elections was also mentioned.
- Education (Greg) - The Education Committee has a proposed and modernized charter to present. Cathy, Michael and Greg will also be attending the CCMA Conference and will report back what they all learned at a future board meeting.
- GOM (Cathy) - Cathy stated the GOM was great but that she will give an in-depth report in June.

- Finance (Erik) - Erik shared with the board why the committee was started and its various responsibilities.
- Executive (Katie) - The Executive Committee is by nomination of board members (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary). This committee meets monthly with Michael and shares the workload and decision making between the four members.
- Bylaws (Greg) - The Bylaws Committee operates and works on the bylaws that describe what the board can do and how it should operate.

Code of Conduct - Board members signed the code of conduct.

Nomination of Officers -
Katie nominated as President
Eric nominated as VP
Maggie nominated as treasurer
Lindsey nominated at secretary

Debrief discussion – Jeanie Wells - There was much discussion about Jeanie Wells and her board education piece from last month's meeting. However, the general consensus was the board enjoyed having material to review before the meeting and looks forward to next month's consultation and education piece.

<u>**Board Education**</u>
Paula Gilbertson - National Co-op Grocers - Paula gave a presentation educating the board about NCG and everything it does for and offers to co-ops.

<u>**Closings**</u>
Review Decisions and Tasks/Next Meeting Topics - Jeanie Wells will have an education piece and presentation for the board at next month's meeting. Next month's meeting will also have committee selections and the election of officers, Katie will do the C1 Self Monitoring Report, Cathy will review the GOM, Michael will have an Ends Report to share and there will be a discussion on patronage.

Adjourned - Greg made a motion to adjourn. Paula seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.