

DRAFT MINUTES
OWNER'S MEETING 11-12-07

Meeting started at 7:05 pm and ended at 9:55 pm.

A quorum of owners was present for the meeting.

Bold, italicized, underlined words indicate decisions made by owners present at the meeting.

Rules and agenda were approved as written. A two-page summary (from "Robert's Rules of Order") of rules regarding motions was distributed; the agenda was posted on the wall for everyone to see during the meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD:

- Aja Wright, Board president, gave a general report on work of the Board for the past year.
- Anne Craig, Board member, gave a report from the Owner Linkage committee.
- Aja gave a brief explanation of Policy Governance (PG).

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Watts, general manager (GM), distributed a printed report which included general information and a brief financial statement, gave a few explanatory remarks, and opened the floor for questions.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Board nominee, Katherine Caldwell, was accepted by acclamation.

BREAK:

At this point in the meeting, there was a break with an activity for owners. There were several large sheets of paper posted on the walls with questions for owners to answer. Questions addressed the future of the French Broad Food Coop and why we want to be owners. Participation in this activity was very good.

DISCUSSION OF BYLAWS AMENDMENTS:

There are 9 amendments. Amendments will be included on the ballot which will be made available to owners after this meeting. The purpose of this discussion is to approve the wording for these amendments.

Amendment A:

- Patrick Battle made a motion to suspend rule #5 in order for the Board to create a document to explain PG and how the proposed changes will bring our bylaws into alignment with PG. Further, the Board will set up a review process to make sure that the document is clear to owners. ***The motion was passed.***

Amendments A, B, C, G, and H were not discussed further at this meeting. These 5 amendments deal with bringing bylaws into alignment with PG. They will be considered when the aforementioned document has been created and approved to accompany the amendments.

Amendment D: *Accepted as written.*

Amendment E: *Accepted as written.*

Amendment F: *Accepted as written.*

Amendment I: *Accepted as written.* Patrick Battle asked that as much clarifying information as possible be included with the ballot.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS: There are 3 resolutions brought before the meeting via petition of owners.

Resolution 1: There was a motion for 2 changes: a) strike item #4 since it asks for lifting of the freeze on worker owners and that has already happened; and b) Strike the following sentence from the board statement: “The Board is not aware of any staff, board, or worker-owners who are interested in forming a worker-owner committee.” *The motion passed* and Resolution #1 will appear on the ballot as amended.

There was a second motion to withdraw this resolution. That motion failed.

Motion to Adjourn: At 9:55, there was a motion to adjourn. *The motion passed* and the meeting was adjourned.

Resolutions 2 and 3: These were not discussed and will appear on the ballot as presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Karpen