

**BC Association of Farmers' Market
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
1:00 PM, March 11, 2006
Conference 2006, South Thompson Inn, Kamloops, BC.**

Present 28 Delegates of 65 member markets

BCAFM Board of Directors: Mary Forstbauer, Nina Gribble, Dean Rohrer, Del Myers,
Martin Miller, Jordan Sturdy, Dieter Dudy

Executive Director: Bertie Wells

Regrets: Ken Stefanson, Don Parmenter

V- President Mary Forstbauer called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Introduction of BCAFME Board of Directors

Mary turned the meeting over to John Noonan (Registered Parliamentarian). He conducted the meeting to show how an AGM should be conducted.

MSA: Accept the rules and regulations for running a meeting as set out by John Noonan.

Discussion: If someone is misunderstood will they get a second chance to clarify?
Yes.

Does everyone have a voice in the motion?

Yes.

MSA: Approval of the Agenda

Remove Website from Old Business and New Business. Executive Director will include the website in her report.

MSA: Approval of 2005 AGM Minutes

V-President Mary Forstbauer read the President's Report for Don Parmenter.

Executive Directors Bertie Wells presented her report.

Treasurer Dieter Dudy presented the financial statement.

Discussions: concerns re proper bookkeeping. Bertie reported that a bookkeeper has been hired to prepare proper financial statements. Updated financial will be mailed out to membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Chefs to the Market: Bertie Wells spoke about Chefs to the Market bringing awareness to the public. It affirms the belief that Chefs like using fresh vegetables and products, especially if they are local. This helps Markets advertise and approach chefs.

Bertie recommended that we continue to support the program. Membership will receive a copy of the research, when it is finished.

NEW BUSINESS

Economic Impact - Bertie asked Brent Warner if he would talk about the project and explain what is required of the markets. The markets were asked if they were interested and if they were, to attend Dr David Connell workshops to get more information. Markets were asked to sign up for the project.

IAF Fund – Mary Forstbauer and Jordan Sturdy presented a power point presentation regarding the BCAFM Strategic Plan for the BC farmers’ markets.

MSA: Special Resolution to amend the bylaws –

26 (1) To qualify for election as a director, a person must be a member of a farmers’ market that is a member of the society and, before accepting nomination, provide to the president and or the executive director of the society verification in writing, signed by the member market’s president or secretary, that the membership of the member market have supported the nomination by way of an ordinary resolution.

Discussion – Tara McDonald asked if these amendments were sent out 30 days before the AGM. Yes

Dieter moved to accept the amendment to the bylaws. Seconded. **Passed.**

26 (2) Meeting attendance requirements of BCAFM board of directors

- It is the policy of BCAFM that board members must attend conference calls and meetings to maintain governance continuity, to be fully informed about the issues on which they will vote, and to meet their responsibility to contribute to the decisions the Board is required to make.
- If a board member will be absent from all or part of any meeting, the board member is expected to contact the president or the executive director as soon as the need to be absent is known
- When a board member is absent from any conference call or board meeting, the president or executive director will contact the board member and remind him/her of this meeting attendance policy.
- If a board member has three consecutive unexcused absences from the conference calls and face to face meetings, the board will asked to remove the board member.
- The board members of BCAFM may declare the position vacant by a majority vote. The absent member will be notified by mail.

Discussion – change typo error to and/or

Nina Gribble moved to accept the amendment to the bylaws. Seconded. **Passed.**

Ordinary Resolution

MSA: Membership Fee - Increase the membership dues of the BCAFM by \$50.00 to \$200.00 per year.

Discussion: Mary Forstbauer stated that the membership recommended last year to increase the fees, but the board felt that because they had hired an Executive Director, the fee should stay at \$150.00 for a year.

Mary Forstbauer moves to increase membership fee from \$150 to \$200 per member. Seconded. **Passed** - 24 markets in favor and 4 markets against.

Conference 2007 - will be held at Sidney, BC. Will be March 9,10,11, 2007

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Five 2-year positions: Del Myers, Martin Miller, George Benson, Gene Bailey, and Dean Turner

OTHER

Farmers' Market Week is the second week in August

Thank yous to Mary Forstbauer and Dean Rohrer for their dedication to BCAFM. Mary completed two and one half terms (5 ½ years). Dean Rohrer completed one term (2 years)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Recorded by Bertie Wells, Executive Director