

**22 Feb 2008 BCAFM Annual General Meeting**  
**1:00PM – 3:00PM**  
**Peardonville Hall, Abbotsford, BC**

**Minutes**

**BCAFM Board Members in Attendance:** Mary Forstbauer (president), Bruce Fatkin (vice president), Del Myers (treasurer), Tara McDonald (secretary), Dolores Gottenberg.

Regrets: Jordan Sturdy, George Benson

**BCAFM members in attendance: 19 delegates from 12 markets attending (including BCAFM Board members)**

Call to order: 1:20pm

**Welcome - Mary introduced Michael de Jong who welcomed the group.**

**Agenda – Mary verbally outlined agenda to include review of 2007 AGM minutes, reports on projects, presidents and treasurers reports and election of board. All in favour of agenda as presented.**

**Approval of minutes of 2007 AGM held in Calgary, AB. Del read minutes. – Motion to accept: Bruce. Seconded – Bill McKnight. Approved.**

**REPORTS:**

**1. Special Projects Report – Jaclyn Laic**

Jaclyn presented various projects she has worked on since the spring of 2007 including the BCAFM website, promotional materials, EatBC!, and the BCAFM long term sustainability plan.

**2. BC 150 Program – Dolores**

Dolores introduced a new program in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture to celebrate BC's 150 years. Program coordinator is Sher Hackwell. Markets with full BCAFM membership will be able to apply for funding to hold celebrations at their markets in light of BC's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**3. Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program – Del**

Del gave a general overview of the 2007 pilot program. The Ministry of Employment Assistance funded the program at \$130, 000 in 2007. Very good success, 88% redemption rate. Coordinator's report will be posted on new website. MEA is seeking approval to fund the next 2 years of the program for \$750, 000.

**4. BCAFM Presidents Report – Mary**

Mary read her report (previously emailed), thanking many individuals involved in moving the BCAFM out of debtor status and into a positive financial situation with good program partnerships.

**5. BCAFM Financial Report – Del**

Del posted beginning and ending financial account balances for 2007. Report will be posted on new website. BCAFM finished the year with a positive balance of \$ 4, 156.45 at December 31, 2007. Books were audited and a balance sheet has been provided by the auditor. Question (Dolores); When does the BCAFM receive the funds allocated for the Strategic Plan?

Answer (Mary): The funds are released based on proposals submitted to the Investment Agriculture Foundation; some money is released in advance for each proposal and the rest comes as the projects are completed.

Question (Dolores) : Do we have adequate funds to bridge that time in between?

Answer (Mary): Yes

Move to accept the 2007 financial report: Del. Seconded. Dolores. All in favour. Motion carried.

### **Election of Directors**

The BCAFM may have anywhere between 5-9 board members.

2 are stepping down: George and Del

5 members remain: Mary, Bruce, Tara, Dolores, Jordan

2-4 positions are open for election to the BCAFM board.

Mary called for nominations from the membership. Three markets nominated a member each to the BCAFM Board:

1. Tabitha McLachlan (nominated by Coquitlam Farmers Market)
2. Richard Lewin (nominated by Ladner Farmers Market)
3. William Hayward (nominated by Whistler Farmers Market)

Motion to accept the three new members as nominated to the BCAFM Board of Directors: Dolores. Seconded. Deb Taschuk. Motion Carried.

Mary welcomed the new members to the board. First meeting of new board is Sunday, February 17, 2008 at 9am at Peardonville Hall.

Motion to adjourn: Bill McKnight. Seconded. William Hayward. Motion carried

Adjournment: 3:30pm