

AFMC
Annual Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2013
1:00 P.M. Saranac Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Dick Crawford called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm at the Saranac Town Hall.

ATTENDING:

Yvonne Jock, Linda Therriault, Kate Zogby, Janet Burl and John Eick, Karen Clamsen, Tom Gerner, Tony Corwin, Richard Lamoy, Kirby Selkirk and Jo Ellen Saumier, Jim and Theresa Dugan, Michael and Christine McCauliffe, Asa Thomas-Train and Courtney Grimes-Sutton, Lise Arsenault, Patrick Arsenault, Daniel Rivera, Jackie Viestenz, Lindsey Pashow, Pat and Beth Downing, Lorna Hohn, Richard Crawford, Marisa and Ed Pers, Bryan Briscoe, Ashlee Kleinhammer, Andrea Connor, Michelle Asselin, Fledging Crow Vegetables, MCF, JHF, Donnie Jackson, Laurie Davis, Matt Cauthorn, Paula D'Ambrisi and David Caron, Paul and Teresa Breuer, Kim and Kimberly Richey, Heidi Moore, Rod Moore, Adam Hainer, Lou Lesniak, and Sandy Mayville.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Andrea to approve the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes. All were in favor and the minutes were accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jo Ellen Saumier

Jo Ellen presented the Treasurer's Report. She reviewed the December Balance Sheet. Her report was accepted with thanks and Dick Crawford extended appreciation for Jo Ellen and Gina's hard work.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jane Desotelle gave the Executive Director's Report. The Executive Director's Report is attached to the Secretary's copy of the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dick Crawford. Dick talked about the 2013 Market Season.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on AFMC Rules and Regulations: Jo Ellen went over food safety and what is required by the NY State Department of Agriculture over what products can be sold at all Farmers' Markets. She discussed some of the violations that actually occurred at AFMC markets over the past couple of years. AFMC will be including a list with the vendor packets that vendors will need to complete by filling in appropriate license and permit numbers. A copy of Jo Ellen's presentation is attached to the Secretary's copy of the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 Budget: Jo Ellen proposed the 2013 budget. Jo Ellen moved and Kimberly seconded to accept the 2013 budget as presented. The motion was accepted unanimously.

CSA: There was concern among AFMC members and customers regarding a motion that was voted on at an AFMC Board Meeting on February 10, 2013. The motion as recorded in the February 10, 2013 meeting minutes, reads as follows:

CSA pickups at Farmers' Market: After some discussion, a motion was made by Kim and seconded by Chris that AFMC not allow CSA distribution at AFMC Farmers' Markets. A vote was taken and there were 5 for the motion and 1 opposed, Jo Ellen Saumier. The motion was carried.

Dick Crawford allotted 3 minute time slots for all those present at the Annual Meeting to speak. He told the membership that if the membership present at the meeting advises the Board of Directors to reverse the decision regarding CSA products, then the Board of Directors would vote on this issue at their next board meeting. The majority vote would rule. Dick also stated that if the board does reverse their decision, then the CSA member would be required by AFMC's Insurance Carrier to supply AFMC with an additional \$2,000,000 policy naming AFMC on the policy.

After considerable discussion, members were asked to hold up a white card if they wished the decision to be changed or reversed by the Board of Directors. Dick advised the membership that the Board would take this matter under consideration at the next Board Meeting.

Audit Committee: Michele Asselin, Adam Hainer and Ken Gadway volunteered to be on the AFMC Audit Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2013 Market Report: Market Managers recapped the 2013 Market Season.

NY Farmer's Market Federation: Jo Ellen informed the membership that the Definition of a Farmers' Market was being considered for approval at the Farmers' Market Federation Annual Meeting. She also said that liability insurance is available at the NYFMF Website www.nyfarmersmarket.com.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

There were 2 positions open in Franklin County and 2 in Essex County for the AFMC Board of Directors. The original slate on the ballot for Franklin County was Vicky Lesniak and Kim Richey. The original slate on the ballot for Essex County was Tony Corwin and Jackie Viestenz. From the floor, Janet Burl nominated John Eick for the Franklin County and Tony Corwin nominated Adam Hainer for Essex County. A written ballot was filled out by the membership and John Eick and Vicky Lesniak were elected

for Franklin County and Adam Hainer and Tony Corwin were elected to the Board for Essex County.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be the scheduled around the same time of year in 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Victoria Lesniak