

**Frederick County Consumer Cooperative
Board of Directors Meeting
September 27, 2018
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Board members present: Lisa Williams, Annie Marshall, Megan Schneebaum, Kate Moss, John Beutler, Sasha Crum, Sibylle Mangum, Evan Rosenberg, Stephanie Walker

Staff members present: Bob Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Lisa Williams, Board President. A quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved with two alterations: the August 2018 meeting minutes should reflect a start time of 6:05pm and owner 7656 was added to the accepted refunds.

John motioned to the Consent Agenda as amended. Sasha seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Owner Comment Period

Karen Snyder, the Common Market's HR consultant, was present.

Advocacy Committee Report

The Advocacy Committee held a meeting at which it was discussed hosting a candidate forum for the general election this November. The committee chose not to pursue this. The committee is currently researching plastic pollution issues to present a proposal for action that may be taken on the matter.

Electronic Monitoring – D1: Governing Style

The Board reported compliance on D1: Governing Style.

GM Monitoring – Ends Policy

The GM reported compliance for the Ends Policy. The policy will be revisited for vote at the October 2018 board meeting.

Expansion Update

The board will tour the proposed site in the coming month. Bob presented updates to the financing options. A pro forma is being prepared.

Retreat Planning

The board retreat this year will be held at Fox Haven on Sat., Nov. 17th 9am – 4pm and Sun., Nov. 18th 9am – 12pm. The board will discuss expansion plans, the cost of ownership, the Diversity Committee, the 3-year strategic plan, and staff and ownership reflecting the community.

Kate Moss Resignation / Interim Secretary

Kate Moss, Board Secretary, is stepping down from the board. The board thanked her for her service.

John Beutler was named interim Secretary.

David Cloutier was available for a one-year appointment to fill Kate's empty board seat. John moved that we offer David an appointment to the board. Evan seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Odds & Ends

- The vote to accept the final draft of the audit report will occur October 2018.
- Ownerfest went well. Proposed improvements were offered.
- Food for Change screening to occur Oct. 26th.
- The next MAFCA meeting to be held Oct. 27th at the Bushwick Coop in Brooklyn.
- Bob reported that he spoke before the Frederick County Liquor Board regarding a proposed amendment to county law to allow small, independent grocers to sell beer and wine on their premises. The amendment was unanimously approved and submitted to the Maryland Senate.

Good of the Order –

- A co-op was recently devastated by flooding. NCG is donating \$10k to their rebuilding efforts.
- Official welcome of new members Evan Rosenberg and Stephanie Walker!
- NCG asked Bob to visit a coop in October to advise them.

At 8:57pm, Lisa motioned to adjourn.

Minutes were taken by Sasha Crum.