

**HARVEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
5 MAY 2014**

Attending: Matt Auerbach, R. Wayne Clark, Lila Givens (via telephone), Arash Kani, Dave Madigan, Leah Madsen, Diane Simpson (Board Administrator), Stephanie Golas, Andrea Steele, Mike St. Clair (General Manager, via telephone).

Absent, Excused: Stephanie Souza  
Guest: Baleria (from Harvest Cambridge)  
Meeting minutes taken by Diane Simpson  
The meeting commenced at 6:40 p.m.

**Vote Key**

Votes are recorded in this order: For, Against, Abstaining

**Personal Space and Confirm Agenda**

**Member Comment**

- Board section of the Web site does not seem to be getting updated.
- Comment received from someone at Wake Up the Earth: City Soil does community composting. The person there is a member. They want to save the lease and compost on the land and they would like Harvest's community support for this.
- A Board member liked the "cinco de mayo" section at Harvest Arboretum.

Mike came in at 6:54 p.m.

**Minutes Approval**

The Board reviewed the April public minutes. There were no changes. Two directors who were here tonight were not present at the last meeting. They abstained from the vote.

**Motion: Approve April public minutes.** The motion was moved and seconded.  
Approved 6-0-2.

**Tabling and Outreach**

Stephanie was tabling with Chris at Wake Up the Earth and found herself clearing up the misconception that Cambridge is a completely separate store.

Comments:

- Tabling is a good venue for garnering comments; for membership it's very much hit-or-miss. Farmer's Markets are better for getting into deeper discussions.
- Perhaps we could have some "Come meet the Board" sessions.
- I have a hard time doing mid-day events because I am working in the store.

- Need something in the newsletter this month about the focused outreach events.
- Might be a good idea to table in September and October.

**ACTION ITEM** Stephanie will contact Chris about tabling events he's doing this summer.

**ACTION ITEM** Matt will write a few sentences about how we're going to focus on teaming up with Chris at Outreach events.

### MSCC Update

No update--Stephanee and Chloe absent.

**ACTION ITEM** Stephanie to ask via email if Stephanee and Chloe have any updates.

### Board Monitoring

The Board had three months of monitoring to attend to: C2-The Board's Job, C3-Agenda Planning, and C4-Board Meetings.

**ACTION ITEM** (Diane) "Consent agenda"--add this topic to the Board orientation in the fall with a definition.

Board members were advised to speak up if they thought something could fit into a committee—that allows the Board to use less full group time.

Comments:

- What does "more training for Board directors" look like? Suggested more direct training with other co-ops. The outside meeting with Mike and Mark was very useful also.
- All directors: please put things on the dashboard if new proposals re: training and education come to mind.

**Motion: Approve all the Board monitoring reports.** The motion was moved and seconded.  
Approved 7-1-0.

### Election Packet

Andrea brainstormed with Rose Marie (the Board advisor) on working more like an outreach committee: always seeking new Board members throughout the entire year. They also discussed whether or not it is mandatory to attend a Board meeting (yes). The cover letter makes it sound like the candidate Q & A sessions are optional. There will be Q & A sessions before the July Board meeting if necessary.

**ACTION ITEM** Leah and Andrea to fit the required orientation into the calendar.

What makes a good candidate? Rose Marie says to go away from specific skills and look for people who are really committed.

Comments:

Committed--open-minded--energetic--community-minded.

Target particular groups that haven't participated much.

Board members were asked to email Leah and Andrea if they had additional ideas on candidate selection.

**Motion: Close public session.** Motion moved and seconded. Approved 8-0-0.

Public session closed at 7:41 p.m.

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