

Coteau Community Market Board of Directors
Minutes of the March 21-April 9, 2020
Regular Meeting
Virtual Meeting via email

Board Chair Annie Mullin started the meeting on March 21st with the list of suggested actions below. Members participating: Annie Mullin, Michelle Grant, Mike Mullin, Jan Mullin, Jen Moos, and Bruce Stauffer. Members not responding: Chuck Baechler.

Items suggested for action:

1. approve minutes from January 15, 2020, meeting
2. approve treasurer's report of March 21, 2020
3. all board meetings to be held via email for the near future.
4. annual meeting to be held virtually, including board membership voting
5. approve the purchase of four plugins to help with our website for \$195.60
6. make a \$25 a month for four consecutive months individual membership option available
7. zero tolerance policy banning anybody from participating in bulk ordering if they don't comply with social distancing requirements
8. approve reimbursement in the amount of \$57.45 to Annie Mullin for copies
9. Discussion on local/regional producers.

Members participating voted yes to approve all items 1 through 8. Note that Bruce Stauffer abstained from voting on item number one (1) because he was not at that meeting.

A series of emails discussing local and regional producers occurred. During the discussion Bruce Stauffer wrote "In summary, I suggest that we set the definitions of local and regional based first on a radius distance from Watertown (to be defined) and then the surrounding five-state area. Furthermore, I move that the policy be clarified, stipulating that local producers (as defined by the afore mentioned radius) must be members and that local producer membership will receive the 'local' label as well as 'certain benefits' to be listed in the policy which will apply to all member-producers. Regional and national producers need not be members to sell their products but if they are not members they forfeit these 'certain benefits' afforded only to member producers." His motion died for the lack of a second.

Mike Mullin made the following motion: that the definition of local in the Products and Producers Policy be changed to be "grown, raised, or made within one hundred and fifty (150) miles of Watertown, SD, USA" and that the definition of Regional be changed to be "grown, raised, or made within South Dakota or the five surrounding states (North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wyoming)." After Bruce Stauffer pointed out that Montana is also a border state, Mike Mullin amended his previous motion so that the definition of local in the Products and Producers Policy be changed to be "grown, raised, or made within one hundred and fifty (150) miles of Watertown, SD, USA" and that the definition of Regional be changed to be "grown, raised, or made within South Dakota but outside the Local radius, or the six surrounding states North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana." Motion seconded by Bruce Stauffer. Motion passed with Michelle Grant abstaining and all others voting yes.

Meeting ended April 9, 2020 at 4:41pm



Mike Mullin, Secretary



Annie Mullin, Chair

May 2020

Approved Date