

Minutes of the Tuesday, April 25, 2023 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, beginning at 7:10 p.m., and was conducted using the internet communications platform Zoom. Several weeks beforehand, an announcement about the scheduled meeting and the agenda were posted on the PSFC website, foodcoop.com, inviting members to sign up to attend and participate. A Zoom link to the meeting and the meeting materials were sent out prior to the meeting. Chair Committee members Dan Hegwood and Charlie Rogers acted as chair and chair secretary. At 7:57 p.m., when discussion of agenda item #1 began, 85 members were in attendance.

Open Forum

Topics of discussion during open forum included the plastic recycling that used to occur at the Coop, complaints about carrying products which use plastic packaging, the status of an agenda item on reinstating a mask requirement in the store, the bad condition of the floor in the entrance / exit area and when childcare would begin again.

Financial Report and General Coordinators Reports

General Coordinator Joe Szladek presented a financial report, referring to notes and preliminary statements for the 8-week period ending 3/26/23, which had been distributed before the meeting. General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky made a report which included information on part time staff who currently supervise food processing in the basement, and new items in the produce, cheese, bread, and personal care areas. The meeting discussed the reports.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Agenda item 1 – Discussion – New system of work credit for attending General Meetings

Speaking on behalf of all five General Coordinators, Joe Szladek introduced the item and the meeting raised questions and engaged in discussion. The item description published in the distributed meeting announcement reads:

The General Meetings (GMs) will be held in person at the Prospect Park Picnic House starting with the Sept. 26, 2023, General Meeting. Work Credit for attending the General Meeting will be restricted to in-person attendance as set forth below. All members are welcome to attend regardless of work slot credit.

The following General Meeting work credit policy will replace all prior decisions on this topic beginning with the September 2023 GM:

- 1. Up to 75 members can earn work slot credit per each General Meeting.*
- 2. Members will be limited to earning work slot credit at one General Meeting per calendar year.*
- 3. Sign-up for GM work slot credit will be available in Member Services on the Wednesday after the General Meeting.*
- 4. Check-in at the General Meeting is required to earn work slot credit.*

5. *Members will be allowed to cancel according to the cancellation policies in effect for all work shifts up to the Coop-wide cancellation deadline of the day before the meeting.*
6. *The General Coordinators (GCs) will monitor the work system at the Coop to determine if it is operationally feasible to allow for this number to increase and inform the GM of the increased limit.*

Presentation of Minutes

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the minutes of the March 28, 2023 General Meeting, which had been distributed to members before the meeting. The meeting approved the minutes by general consent.

Board of Directors' Meeting

The Board of Directors' meeting was chaired by Brandon West. Five board members were present: Elinoar Astrinsky, Viren Mehta, Shayna Moliver, Bill Penner and Brandon West. Imani Q'ryn was not in attendance. All members of the board present voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of the March 28, 2023 General Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, NY
April 27, 2023
(Approved by the May 30, 2023 PSFC GM)