

Minutes of the Tuesday, July 27, 2021 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, beginning at 7:10 p.m., using the internet communications platform Zoom. All votes were taken using Simply Voting software. Several weeks beforehand, an announcement about the scheduled meeting and the agenda was posted on the PSFC website, foodcoop.com, inviting members to sign up to attend and participate. A Zoom link to the meeting, along with the agenda, financial statements, the previous month's Annual and General Meetings' minutes and a document addressing agenda item 2 were sent by email to attendees about an hour before the meeting. A separate email with the Simply Voting login information was sent to the attendees around the same time. The meeting materials were also sent out to members in an email a few days before the meeting. At 8:05 p.m. the chair committee secretary used the Zoom chat to report that attendance at that point in the meeting was 187 people.

Chair Committee Introduction to the Meeting

The meeting chair Charlie Rogers introduced the meeting format and explained the protocol for asking questions, making comments and voting. Chair Committee member David Moss assisted as chair secretary.

Open Forum

The chair opened the floor for open forum. Several members raised questions and shared information.

Treasurer's Report

General Manager/General Coordinator/Treasurer Joe Holtz presented a 21-page financial report, which had been made available to attendees via email before the meeting, as well as shown on Zoom during the meeting. The chair opened the floor for questions on the financial report.

Reports from the General Coordinators

Joe Holtz addressed the meeting with information on the vote count errors that occurred during Board of Directors' election at the June 2021 Annual Meeting. General Coordinator Joe Szladek gave a report on the Coop's recent return to member labor. General Coordinator Ann Herpel made a report on the new workslot signup system, changes to new member orientations, and the status of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*.

Agenda item 1 – Proposal: Hudson Valley Farm Coop Committee report on its committee structure and procedures

Hudson Valley Farm Coop committee member Jonathan Farber presented the item, referring to documents shared on Zoom. The chair opened the floor for questions on the item. Jonathan moved that members vote on his "presentation on structure and reporting to the GM by the Hudson Valley Farm Coop committee, required by the provisional approval granted at the April 2021 GM. Our answers are provided in blue font," which was seconded and voted on by the meeting. The meeting did not accept the Hudson Valley Farm Coop committee report, with 86 no votes and 35 yes votes.

Agenda item 2 – Discussion: Formation of Temporary Squad Leader Organizing Team

Coop member Susan Metz introduced the item, referring to a “shared screen” presentation, which had also been distributed prior to the meeting. The chair opened the floor for discussion on the item.

Presentation of Minutes

Coop secretary Elizabeth Tobier presented the June 29, 2021 Annual Meeting minutes and the June 29, 2021 General Meeting minutes.

Board of Directors’ Meeting

The chair opened the floor for the Board of Directors’ meeting, chaired by Bill Penner. All board members were present: Joe Holtz, Viren Mehta, Shayna Moliver, Bill Penner, Imani Q’ryn and Allen Zimmerman. All members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on the minutes of both the June 29, 2021 Annual Meeting and the June 29, 2021 General Meeting. All members of the board voted in favor of accepting the advice of the members on agenda item 1, Hudson Valley Farm Coop Committee Report.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.



Elizabeth Tobier, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, NY
July 28, 2021
(Approved by the August 31, 2021 PSFC GM)