

Minutes of the Tuesday, Aug 28, 2018 Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop was held on Tuesday, Aug 28, 2018 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at Francis Xavier School, with Josef Szende in the Chair, Charlie Rogers as Secretary, Maribeth Batcha on the Table, David Moss attending, and Imani Q'ryn attending

Open Forum

Nancy Romer – On Climate March
Jesse Rosenfeld – On BDS call to support violence
Catherine Fenly – on Immigrant Rights

Coordinator Reports

Stephanie Lee. General Coordinator – Financial Statement for the 28th week ending August 13, 2018, plus Q&A
Ann Herpel. General Coordinator – On staff changes, plus Q&A

Committee Reports

Lisa Moore. General Coordinator – On Pension plan; on Pension Advisory Committee
Gregg Todd and Karen Mason. GMO Labeling Squad – Updatng GM on committee activies; on GMO labeling at PSFC, plus Q&A
Bart DeCoursey. ITES – On NAFTA

Item 1: Proposal to Boycott Camelbak Products (45 minutes)

Proposal: Now that we know Camelbak water bottles are made by a company with most of its business in guns and ammunition, we stop selling Camelbak.

—submitted by *Matthew Wills*

Matthew Wills presenting

Q&A

Proposal read with amendments

Seconded

Discussion period

Proposal reread with additional amendment: “Proposal: To boycott Vista Outdoor and subsidiary brands including Camelbak for 14 months to correspond with existing coop rules and send a letter to Vista Outdoor informing them of the coop's position.”

Chair calls for vote by hand.

Vote by show of hands passes overwhelmingly

Item 2: A Request to Have Limited Retroactivity for Those Wanting to Receive a Hearing Based on the Newly Voted Disciplinary Procedures (45 minutes)

Discussion: Any Coop member disciplined under Section III (A)(5) within the year prior to the recent amendment to Section III (A)(5) (work slot adjustments), should have the ability to request a hearing under the new rule. They will have only one year to do this. This limited-retroactivity will provide an opportunity for members to benefit from the new provision while also limiting its retroactivity to ease the burden on the Dispute Resolution Committee.

—submitted by *Clara Goetz, Joe Hennessy, Malcolm Armstrong, Beth Kapocias, Milos Raickovich, James Harter, Nashay Morris, Deborah Murphy, Andrea Bowen, David Howell, Ami Pak, Beth Eastman, Jacob Cohen, Scott Connor, Jean Heyman, Brady Ovson, Sarah Murray, Robert Alfonso, Sarah Flanagan*

As Reginald Ferguson begins to speak, announcement made by Chair. Paraphrase: Referring to Reginald, Chair states that members not in good-standing are not allowed to speak at GM's as the GM is an extension of the PSFC, and so are not recognized by the General Meeting

Chair instructs tech to cut microphone

Point of information raised by Joe Holtz, General Coordinator, citing PSFC rules and that this dispute is still in arbitration, therefore Reginald not officially recognized by GM

Chair suggests that other members submitting agenda item can present instead

Reginald reads proposal without microphone

Chair warns Reginald of further disciplinary action, continually requests Reginald to cede microphone

Motion made to table item for another evening

Seconded

Vote by show of hands called by Chair to table the agenda item

Show of hand passes by majority

Minutes

No Minutes from July 31, 2018 due to dispute over contents

Board of Directors' Meeting:

Board members Joe Holtz (ex-officio), Sukey Tamarkin, Allen Zimmerman, Bill Penner and Imani Q'ryn, were present for the vote

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The Board voted 5 – 0 in favor of accepting the advice of the members with regard to agenda item #1

Comments

Sukey Tamarkin – On presentation of Minutes and behavior at GM's
Allen Zimmerman on procedure of Agenda item #2

Join the Home Delivery Committee

Meeting adjourned at 9PM

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Rosenfeld (psfc)". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jesse Rosenfeld, Secretary
Park Slope Food Coop
Brooklyn, New York,
Tuesday, Aug 28, 2018