



Date: September 21, 2018
Group: Full council – in person
Salmo Youth & Community Centre

Present:

Council Members: Melinda Foot, Nicole Schreiber, Shauna Fidler, Patrick Steiner, Claire Arrowsmith (for Valley Kitchen / Rob Hay & Sally Titasey), Chelsey Jones, Sangita Sudan, Kim Charlesworth, Tara Stark, Elizabeth Quinn, Ari Derfel, Lana Braun.

Guests: Hailey Troock, Andre Piver, Kerri Wall, Katrina Lehenbrauer, Diane Schultz.

Staff: Abra Brynne

Regrets: Aimee Watson, Ramona Faust, Rachael Roussin, Paris Marshall Smith, Mickey Wojnarowski, Mick Wilson

Notes: Melinda Foot

1. Meeting called to order by: Ari

2. Minutes of last meeting circulated for review by everyone:

Motion to adopt minutes of 10 July 2018 meeting by: Kim, second Ari

Vote: Unanimous

3. Executive Committee update provided by Ari – Important Notes/Action Items:

- Administration – google G-suite should be up and running, exec to try it first and then share it with the full Council membership as our information sharing platform.
- Every month the executive receives monthly staff report with updates.
- CKFPC is in the process of becoming autonomous from RDCK, start managing staff ourselves
- Review policies in the Policy Manual in each executive meeting to make sure they are current
- Patrick is working on a staff review process timed with AGM
- 6 – 8 months of funding in the bank, more funding applications going out
- Elizabeth is our new treasurer
- Working groups getting up and running, esp. policy and the directory

4. Staff update – Abra

- Meeting with Elizabeth and Sangita, to review 3 years of finances and prepare for shift of funds to the Council.
- We stand at around \$35,000 in our accounts
- Monthly costs are managed sparingly and come in around \$2500 – \$3000 on average currently. Bookkeeper position we hope to have filled in November
- Project concept (evidence based food policy development), lots of support from lots of groups. Applications submitted to 3 different entities, not a whole lot will come to CKFPC but huge benefits and policy focus.

- Domestic navigator project in limbo, despite strong encouragement from ministry of ag staff and Columbia Basin Trust. If there is a clear path forward and the necessary partnerships, we will pursue it again.
- Directory 20,000 copies out there, excellent reception,. There will be a debrief meeting what worked, what didn't and to plan for the next issue. Next one out in april 2019.
- Pennywise was a little low on the advertising end for the directory, next year should cover printing cost completely
- Next council meeting November, either Castlegar or Ainsworth?
- National Food Law & Policy Conference will be attended by Abra in Quebec city next Tuesday where she will lead a workshop on bridging community-based work on food systems with the legal professions (practitioners and scholars).
- CBT will be hosting a Food & Buyers Expo on November 29th in Nelson, on which Shauna has been working.
- Knowledge sharing continues with other food policy and community based organizations across the province through monthly meetings of a Community of Practice; also exchange information with the London Middlesex Food Policy Council, whose resources helped with our start up phase, so it is nice to return the favour as they want to create a Directory like ours.
- Kwantlen Polytech University (KPU) Basin proposed bioregional assessment project continues to move slowly forward. The Council is supportive and is seen by KPU as a partner in the project should it be funded and launch (likely some time in 2019).

5. Katrina Lehenbrauer, a consultant with Interior Health led the group through a review of how the Food Policy Council is working for them, to provide insight into a Food Security Network Feasibility Study that is currently underway. This regional example doesn't exist anywhere else in Interior Health

- Focus groups around the region, looking for feedback as to how the food policy council is working
- Further extensive notes taken by Abra and Kerri

Lunch break

6. Policy exercise – learning from lived experience of Jon Meyer with Oso Negro Coffee

Jon shared stories from the evolution of his business. He commented that you never really know what your values mean until you start to live them – in this instance as a business. They have 30 staff between the café and the roasting site. They work with many local suppliers for the food served at the café. Jon has found that the liability issues are getting more intense and that legalese is getting more complex to navigate.

7. Policy exercise: what next for the Council. Ari provided a recap of brainstorming from last executive meeting and then led a discussion of what policy needs Council members are interested in pursuing as a Council. The discussion covered challenges that



people have experienced as famers, processors and retailers working with local food as well as a wish list of information to help navigate the actual requirements and opportunities related to local food. One suggestion was a website forum where people can enter their policy challenges. Meeting participants were invited to sit on the Policy Working Group: Ari, Patrick, Melinda, Elizabeth, Kim, Tara and Lana all agreed to participate. Abra to send out an invitation to the full Council so that those not present can participate if they wish. **Abra will set a meeting date for the Policy Working Group via doodle poll for early November.**

8. Lana gave a quick update:

Kootenay Organic Growers Society (KOGS) is collaborating with the farm advisors to have farm driven workshops. KOGS AGM coming up in February and they are seeking a non-farmer board member.

Motion to adjourn Ari / Second: Kim

Vote: Unanimous

Note: We had 2 very interesting area tours.

Some of us got to start our morning in the warm and sweet smelling West Arm Apiaries with Dave Johnson. We learned a whole bunch about the process of flowers to bees to our honey jar at home.

And some of us got to end our day just around the corner at Mill Creek Farms with Fred, Pam and Paige Mansveld. We learned all about the process of starting and running an egg farm. A little chilly, but the chickens sure seemed happy pecking away in the dirt outside as well as in the warmth of the barn.

Another very inspiring meeting completed, Thank you everyone.

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**Minutes circulated to November 21st, 2018 meeting of the Council.
Minutes adopted by consensus.**