



North Coast Co-op  
Member Action Committee (MAC) Minutes  
January 11, 2017 – Ten Pin Building, Arcata

**Members present:**

Mary Ella Anderson (Board), Nicole Chase (Employee), Colin Fiske (Board), Kristie Rikki (Member), Robert Donovan (Board), Christine Brockway (Employee), Cheri Strong (Board and Employee), and Kala Eichamer (Employee)

At 6:15pm Nicole Chase welcomed everyone, introductions were made and consensus process reviewed.

**Member Comments:** none.

**Review:** Consensus to approve December 14, 2016 meeting minutes.

**Chemical Sensitivity:** Discussion included: Kristie reports that she and Brenda Harper surveyed the Eureka store. They found that the product Citrus Magic, a solid form air freshener contains some synthetic ingredients. 'Method' brand products 'Anti Bac' and 'Ginger Yuzu' do not list ingredients on label or website. Nicole found out that bubbles dish soap is fragrance free. The sign on the bins in our stores indicate 'may contain fragrance', which could be a disclaimer for potential fragrance contamination. What will be done with the survey information? Share in the newsletter in the form of an article. Consult merchandising and department heads to gauge possibility of signage in the isles. Cheri points out that the information could decrease sales of these items and potentially create space for more natural ingredient based products. Kelsie Parks is the Grocery department head in the Eureka store. Someone (staff) would have to be in charge of maintaining any shelf labels and or tags. Next step, Kristie will ask Brenda to collaborate with her and write an article for the coop news. Kristie will email her and share the fragrance survey information. Try for publication in the March edition of Co-op News.

**Movie Night hosted by MAC:** Discussion included: Nicole reports that she has done a little research and has found a documentary called 'Just Eat it'. The movie is about food waste, she feels like this topic would be relevant to the coop. From her researching it online the film looks very interesting and has won many awards. It would cost \$150 to show to 50 people or less and we would be allowed to charge admission. Nicole has contacted Richard's Goat Mini-plex and is waiting to hear back, they could be a good-sized venue for the event. Thinking that the Co-op could provide popcorn and other food and drinks would be 'available for purchase'. Cheri comments that having this event at Richard's Goat would widen the advertisement circle greatly. The cost would need to go on the board's budget, Colin thinks there might be a little extra available in the account. Possibly advertise the event as free for members and charge for non-members. Nicole will miss Feb-March MAC meetings due to a class she is taking. She will give her notes to Kala for reporting at the next meeting. Discussion of what date would be best to schedule this event. Probably a few months out. Consensus to move forward with planning. Nicole will keep researching the venue possibly the Minor or Eureka theatre could be options as well. Nicole will also write something up to include in the packets for next month's meeting.

**Durable Goods Bank:** Discussion included: Nicole tried to implement this as discussed at the December meeting but it looks like this initiative will not be possible in its current form due to health and safety issues. A member could possibly take this on and distribute bags outside the coop. Discussion of the lack of a recycling center and the idea of talking with Scrap Humboldt. If they were cleaned by them the coop could purchase them and have available for those in need of a bag. The group takes a look at the condition of the "funky" bags that are being stored at the Ten Pin for potential use. The ink is not set, Christine is going to experiment with washing them and see if she can get the ink out. Maybe the Co-op could give them to scrap

Humboldt. Is there a possibility to accept bags from other organizations and have them available for customers who need a bag? Would staff want to donate the bags to Scrap Humboldt? Robert will contact Scrap Humboldt and report back. Nicole will talk with Cassie about the “funky” bags. Discussion of possibility of having a bin for donated bags for a non-profit to maintain. The idea of an outside entity managing the bag bin could make the durable goods bank possible. Christine comments that Food for People might need bags for distribution of goods. There may be a collection point for organizations such as Zero Waste Humboldt. Looking into these options could lead to a liability free way to support bag sharing. Colin and Mary Ella will talk with Maggie about this at the PPC meeting next week.

**Agenda Items for next meeting:** Reviewed potential agenda items and prioritized as follows:

1. Kristie will contact Brenda and they will write an article for March Co-op news.
2. Nicole will report her research into the movie night event.
3. Nicole will seek approval for movie night funds at the February board meeting.
4. Nicole will ask Marketing if the “funky” bags are available.
5. Robert will contact Scrap Humboldt and see if they would be interested in taking our bags.

**Review Roles & Responsibilities:** Consensus reached that Colin Fiske will be facilitator for October meeting and Nicole Chase will be reporter for the February board meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm at the Ten Pin Building Mezzanine in Arcata.

**Committee Recommendations:** The MAC would like to host a movie night to encourage member participation in committee meeting. Requesting approval of this event and funds (potentially \$150.00) to purchase the rights to screen ‘Just Eat It’, a documentary about food waste.

**Consensus reached to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm**

Minutes by Kala Eichamer