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Minutes of Annual Meeting of Member Owners
Held at 4 PM on April 30, 2017
at the Cummington Community House

Peter Feitner, President, opened the 2017 Annual Meeting by welcoming the approximately 45 Member-Owners present and participating. Peter announced that The Cooperative is now comprised of 743 members. Peter expressed thanks to the Old Creamery staff, Michael Kalagher, General Manager and Seth Isman for their continued dedication to the interests of the Cooperative.

Peter introduced the current new candidates for Board membership, Fletcher Schneeflok and Kyle Thayer, whose biographies and photographs had been posted on the Old Creamery website. He indicated the location of the ballot box, and noted that voting would close at the end of the meeting, with results to be announced on the website.

Peter then introduced Michael Kalagher, asking that questions be reserved until all Director reports had been completed. Michael Kalagher delivered his General Manager report, Will Hastings the Treasurers report and Jonathan Rehmus, the Outreach report. The written versions of the four reports are available upon request.

Upon the conclusion of the Outreach Report, there was a breakout session introduced by Peg Cowen, during which members were asked to form small groups. These groups were to come up with suggestions for ways by which members could contribute to the financial health of the Old Creamery. Many suggestions were given during this brisk, but meaningful exercise. Follow-up will include review and implementation by the Board and Management, as appropriate.

Following the breakout session, Peter Feitner made a motion to vote to approve the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes, which minutes were unanimously approved. Peter then introduced the Question and Answer session in which Michael Kalagher responded to various questions.

Election results were tabulated after the conclusion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Holmes, Clerk