

Approved 5/16/2017

**Grain Train Natural Food Cooperative**  
**General Membership Meeting (GMM) April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
**North Central Michigan College Cafeteria, 5:30 pm**

**Ends Statement:** Grain Train Natural Food Cooperative exists so that our community is inspired to make well-informed healthy choices that support both people and planet.

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**Board Members in Attendance:** Meagan Krzywosinski – President, Lynn Wolf – Vice President, David Heidtke – Treasurer, Mark Blaauw-Hara – Secretary, Hal Willens, Paula Welmers, Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Jim Tisdell, John Paul Westbrook (J.P.)

**Doors Opened at 5:20 pm.** Dining began and voting via paper ballot moved from the store to the General Membership Meeting (GMM). Music was provided by the North Carolines and a slide show of notable numbers for the Grain Train in 2016 was projected at the front of the room. The Meeting Agenda, 2016 Report of Condition, Board Report, and Financial Condition Report were provided to attendees as handouts available on each table. All reports are attached to these minutes.

**Voting Closed at 6:00 pm.** Mark Blaauw-Hara announced a five-minute warning for the close of voting at 5:55 pm. The Election Committee, composed of Board Secretary Mark Blaauw-Hara, owner Michael Wolf and staff member Dylan Taylor, left the room to conduct the vote count. The Election Committee downloaded certified results of the online election from Simply Voting and added to that the paper ballot results.

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.** Board President Meagan Krzywosinski called the meeting to order, determined quorum, and introduced the Board of Directors. She thanked the band, staff, and members, and highlighted a few of the projected slides before introducing General Manager Robert (Bob) Struthers.

Bob spoke about the changes Co-ops including the Grain Train have experienced over the last five years.

Board Treasurer David Heidtke summarized the Financial Condition Report.

**Open Member Forum:** Staff members and Directors answered questions and addressed comments from Members in attendance.

**Survey** – Mark introduced a survey to members in attendance, which is attached to these minutes.

**Election Results** – 2017 Election Committee Chair Mark Blaauw-Hara presented the results of the election. A total of 264 verified ballots were cast, 227 of which were cast electronically. The remaining 37 ballots were cast on paper in the stores and at the GMM.

- Board President Meagan Krzywosinski was reelected to a three-year term with 227 votes.
- Board Treasurer David Heidtke was reelected to a three-year term with 222 votes.
- Board Member Allie Maldonado was reelected to a three-year term with 213 votes.

The Board would like to thank candidate George Robson for his interest in serving the Grain Train on its Board of Directors.

Staff conducted a raffle and presented gift baskets to winning attendees.

**7:19 pm, meeting adjourned.**