

Brighton Food Coöp Newsletter

March 2017

Hello Members!

Forgive me that it is not as exciting as Marilyn's marvelous minutes, but here is my humble submission for the March 1st distribution. Don't presidents usually have under-secretaries to do this? ☺

Marilyn, looking forward to seeing you on March 29!

UNFI

A **BIG thank you** to everyone for their patience with today's missed delivery! Due to an error on UNFI's part, our order did not get loaded on the truck coming to our area. They are going to place our order on a truck for delivery March 8 in the morning. Gina, Christie and Amy will meet the truck and prepare items for pickup. Seven members had orders from UNFI. Please plan to pick up your order on March 8 or make arrangements with Amy or another member for pick up. Orders not picked up will be stored in the storeroom.

Treasurer

After the next distribution, Marilyn, Gina and Amy will go to the bank with a copy of the January Meeting Minutes to change the names on the account.

Gina has been working hard to take over the Treasurer position – A **BIG thank you** to her for her patience and perseverance! She proposed that the Co-op needs a laptop for the use of the Treasurer's duties. This will allow us to have many documents and invoicing materials on hand at the hall for easy access, as well as avoid future issues with Treasurer transitions in the future. She also proposed a case to carry the laptop and paperwork that the Treasurer needs, e.g. a mobile office. Members who attended the March 1st distribution unanimously agreed this should be done, to the degree of what the co-op can afford. These members included: Amy Ray, Gina Barnowsky, Sherry Smith, Christie Winch, Dolores Johnson, Carrie Oakwood and Kathy McKay. Any other members who wish to express an opinion regarding this purchase, please contact Amy Ray as soon as possible.

To note: Gina used a borrowed laptop at the March 1st distribution and had our invoices drawn up by the time the circle meeting was over! **Thank you again Gina!**

Creswick

We are now on the 3rd Monday delivery cycle. Terra will let us know when ordering closes.

Note: Egg cartons are returnable to Creswick, so please bring them back to the hall.

Thank you, Terra, for a great job!

Membership

Weston A. Price is holding a local event in Wixom on May 21. We hope to acquire a table to advertise our presence. Kathy and Sherry are looking into information to send to Amy. The following members are interested in taking a shift:

Amy – only in the morning

Kathy, Sherry, Carrie, Dolores – times to be determined

Gina – only in the afternoon

Bylaws

Copies of Bylaws from 2007 with old member lists will be dismantled and the paper recycled. A copy of the old member list will be maintained for co-op records. Amy will place one copy of bylaws, and a copy of the member list in the white BFC Working Binder to be locked in the cabinet.

Maple Syrup

It comes from Harold Anderson's business, Cedar River Sugar Bush. Gina is working with Terra to acquire cost information, and gather numbers from members on how many gallon jugs they want for the next year. Members would like Grade B, as we have 6 gallons of Grade A still in stock. Beyond what members want we will keep 5 to 6 more on hand in the storeroom.

Wilderness Naturals - Thank you Sherry for coordinating an order for members!

Fish Vendor

Sherry asked that we may consider a fish vendor in the future. There was discussion and the idea has some support, but tabled for the moment.

Taxes

Gina pointed out that Co-op taxes need to be filed. She will assist Dolores in acquiring the appropriate information and taking them to the accountant Dolores uses. This accountant does them for the co-op for no charge. The co-op will provide a gift or gift certificate in appreciation of this service.

Honey

Amy reported information on Turtlebee Farms honey. A 2 pound jar is \$13.50, and a 3 pound (one quart) jar is \$17.50. There will be a 15% discount if we bring our own jars. Mason jars are acceptable for this purpose. Gina has mason jars that she is willing to donate to the co-op for this purpose. The co-op would need to purchase lids.

The co-op may also want to purchase a 5 gallon pail of honey with a spout, 20 quarts, at a cost of \$14.88 a quart. This is the same price of the quart jar with the 15% discount for bringing your own jar. The co-op may consider this.

Gina is willing to pick up the honey when we wish to order, as it is a regular route for her.

Turtlebee would like us to call ahead to ensure that they have enough honey harvested for our order. They harvest at intervals throughout the year.

Turtlebee has other products listed on their website, but the prices may not be up to date. To note: their honey sticks are not their honey. Turtlebee purchases them from an outside source. All other honey products are by Turtlebee farms and they do not purchase anyone else's honey.

Terra & Gina to bring samples of honey for next distribution

Amy is working on information from the Buell Farms.

Frontier

We were able to place 2 orders over \$300 to meet membership demands! Thank you to Kathy for coordinating this!

Again, a big THANK YOU to all the members for your patience at distribution!

The next distribution is March 29.

Submitted by: Amy Ray, BFC President