

DURANGO FARMERS MARKET

General Membership Meeting – October 18, 2016, 7:00 PM

La Plata County Extension Office

The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Banga at 7:05 PM. The 16 members present and officers introduced themselves (Board member, Miles Gallagher was not present).

The minutes of the last membership meeting, April 2016, were read by Secretary, Kay James, and approved as read.

President, Dave Banga thanked everyone for a successful and harmonious season. He reported the minor changes made to the Rules and Regulations at the last meeting, have been posted on the web site. There are also some grammatical and organizational changes to the By-Laws that will be highlighted and sent out to the membership 15 days before the Spring Meeting 2017 for approval at that meeting.

Max Fields, Treasurer, asked if there were questions about the financial report that had been handed out to the attendees. He reported that there were approximately 55 vendors this season, since we had three additional booth spaces, and with the small increase in booth fees income was above budget. It was pointed out there remains \$700.00 for advertising the two Holiday Markets in that line item. The sale of Market Bucks was huge on August 20 for the Anniversary Celebration—Cody reported that customers were very appreciative.

Market Manager, Cody Reinheimer, reiterated the details of how his time was spent for DFM since the Spring Meeting. He reminded everyone that the Holiday Markets are November 10, and December 17.

New Business:

Restroom Facilities: Members of the Board have had customers and vendors complaining about the inconvenience of the offsite facilities. Tim Wheeler reported the City of Durango's closing of the Transit building because of budget cuts is firm. However, if we want to pay \$175-200.00 per Saturday to cover the cost of having it open--that is an option. Option # 2 is to get a portable john brought in each Saturday and placed in a parking space by the Transit building (placement approved) and that would cost \$128.00 per week. Most members were not in favor of the portable john as it would be awkward for children, and washing facilities are inadequate. Option #3 is to leave like it was this season—using City Market, or the Visitor's Center on Main (not open until 9:00 AM). Tim volunteered to talk to the Business Improvement District to see if they might give us a grant to help off-set the cost of using the Transit building. The Board was asked to take the lead this winter to contact the City to get them to understand the value of our Market to the City and the need for customers and vendors for a close restroom facility.

Election of three Board Members: Dave opened nominations for the three available Board positions (Dave Banga, Miles Gallagher, and Max Fields's terms are up). The following were nominated for the open, two year positions: Emily Johnson, Tyler Hoyt, and Max Fields. There being no further

nominations, Michael Schwebach moved to close the nominations and to elect the nominees by acclamation. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. Emily Johnson, Tyler Hoyt, and Max Fields were elected by acclamation and will assume their positions on the Board immediately, joining Tim Wheeler, and Kay James. The Board will meet following this meeting to elect officers and any other business needing their immediate attention. The members present wholeheartedly thanked Dave Banga for his service to DFM on the Board and as President.

Items of interest:

Jennifer and Joe Wheeling announced that they are looking for experienced farmers who would like to lease and grow on part of their farm. There will be a tour of the farm on November 5 at 10:00 AM for those interested. They asked those present to spread the word.

A question was raised about changing DFM hours to go beyond the noon hour, coming from food vendors. The members responded that this has been thoroughly discussed in the past and change was rejected.

There being no further business, Dave thanked everyone for coming and adjourning the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay James, Secretary