

**DURANGO FARMERS MARKET
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2012**

Present were Roger Cole, Michael Schwebach, Mike Jenson, Chuck Barry, Carolyn Blehm

Agenda Item 1: Fall Board Elections

There was a discussion of possibly holding a vote to change the Bylaws such that voting for Board positions could take place at the Fall general meeting, rather than the Spring meeting. The thinking was that having the new members elected in the Fall would give the new members time to get up to speed before the season was immediately upon them. Mike made the point that the fall meetings are generally poorly attended and this could limit potential candidates, as well as participation by non-attending members. It was agreed that this would indeed be the case, and that the status quo should remain.

Agenda Item 2: Board Eligibility

There was a discussion as to whether there should be a vote to change the Bylaws to change the Board eligibility requirements to allow for 1 non-Ag member. There was agreement that this would be a good way to include non-Ag members, and to broaden the talent pool of potential Board members. It was decided that a general membership vote would be held to decide the question.

Agenda Item 3: Street Banners

Michael S. discussed his progress in exploring the possibilities in regards to banners on 550 promoting the Farmers Market. There was some discussion of costs associated, and it was agreed that Michael S. would look into the production of the banners, and talk to the appropriate city officials in regards to the hanging of said banners. All present thought the idea was a good one and that we should move forward with the idea.

Agenda Item 4: Holiday Market Vendor Eligibility

There was discussion in regards to the Holiday/Winter markets. Carolyn explained that she had received numerous inquiries by non-members concerning participation in the Holiday market, specifically the Thanksgiving and Christmas markets. It was decided that the membership would have to make such a decision because of the potential for member vendors to be affected by the increase in competition from non-members. There was some discussion about enhancing the Holiday markets to, if the members agreed, allow for non-member participation, perhaps at an increased fee. It was decided that this would be an agenda item at the Fall general meeting.

Meeting Adjourned