



# BC ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS' MARKETS

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**March 7, 2009**  
**BCAFM Annual General Meeting**  
**4:30 PM – 5:30 PM**  
**Westbank, BC**  
**Minutes**

**BCAFM Board Members in Attendance:** Mary Forstbauer (president), Bruce Fatkin (vice president) and (treasurer), Tara McDonald (secretary), Tabitha McLouglin, Richard Lewin, William Hayward

Regrets: Jordan Sturdy

**BCAFM members in attendance:** 37 delegates from 23 markets attending (including BCAFME Board members)

Call to order: 4:30 pm

Welcome - Mary gave out gifts to volunteers, Del Myers and others.

**AGENDA:** – Mary, reports on projects, presidents and treasurers reports and election of board. All in favour of agenda as presented.

Approval of minutes of 2008 AGM in Abbotsford. – Motion to accept: Naramata. Seconded – Bill McKnight, Ladner. Approved.

## **REPORTS:**

### 1. BCAFME Presidents Report – Mary

Mary read her report thanking many individuals involved in moving the BCAFME forward.

Project:

Highlights about the BC 150, Market Manager Training, and Marketsafe programs and partnership with Foodsafe Secretariat where described.

Motion to accept report. Moved by Del Myers. With changes to dates from Feb. 22 to March 7, 2009. All in favour. Motion carried.

### 2. BCAFME Financial Report –

Suggestion: Opening balance and closing balance would be helpful.

Move to accept the 2008 financial report: Seconded. Seheldt. All in favour. Motion carried.

### 3. Reports:

- Discussed role of new office manager Elizabeth Quinn.
- Nutrition and Coupon Program – Hiring an assistant in the spring to help build infrastructure. In 2009 offering program to 15 communities.
- BCAFME goal to reach out to new farmers to sell at farmers market.

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:**

The BCAFM may have anywhere between 5-9 board members.

Two people are stepping down: Bruce Fatkin and Delores, who stepped down in the summer.

Six members remain: Mary Forstbauer, Tara McDonald, Tabitha McIouglin, Jordan Sturdy, William Hayward, Richard Lewin.

Three positions are open for election to the BCAFM board.

Mary called for nominations from the membership. Three markets nominated a member each to the BCAFM Board:

1. Bob Callioux (nominated by Kelowna Farmers Market)
2. Werner Hupfauer (nominated by Sorrento Farmers Market)
3. Pat Demers is being appointed.

Motion to accept the two new members as nominated to the BCAFM Board of Directors:  
Bruce. Seconded. Quesnel. Motion Carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. In 2003 a new definition for farmers was voted on and passed. This was not registered with the societies act. This will be registered.
2. Reviewed definition of farmers market. Add change: “to strive to become”.
3. Directors: If Directors miss more than 4 meetings the board can ask them to step down and assign a new person.  
Board moving forward and making changes.

Opposition: Kamloops and Penticton – In favour – 23 markets.

**Action:** New budget to be mailed out to members when it is ratified.  
Moved by Prince George. Seconded Whistler.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Opportunity for market to apply for funds.
2. Bags – Question about plastic bags.
3. Directors: Mary welcomed the new members to the board. First meeting of new board in April.

Motion to adjourn: Ladner Seconded. Kelowna. Motion carried

Adjournment: 5:30pm