

Standards Committee Meeting minutes

February 15th2023

Attending: Teresa Pitzer, Gary Becker, Michael Baldree, Jessie Gustafson, Candice Westberg

Zoom: Willy Gibboney, Sue Theoless,

Staff: Shannon Lee-Hutson, Sonia Ostendorf, Renee Thompson, Mallory Dahl and Silver Lee-Hutson

Sue Theoless is interested in joining the committee, this is Willy's 3rd meeting, and he is now able to vote.

(Gary/Candace) Motion to Approve Agenda.

(Willy/Jessie) Motion to approve the minutes from 10/19/22.

Shannon read the annual standards presentation out loud to the committee members.

Sonia brought up the current issue with the point system and how no matter the math none of the numbers match up, she also provided past points calculators so we could see the math ourselves.

Members used papers to vote for chair and co-chair. Candace, Willy, and Jessie were voted as new co-chairs. Willy and Jessie tied for co-chair; therefore, they decided to split the term and switch off. Willy will be from March to June, Jessie July to October.

Committee Members decided that everyone would take the standards packet home to make edits and corrections. They will go over edits in the next standards meeting in March.

Teresa was asked to send in any odd bits of information she has on standards guidelines for the future edits. She then went over some guidelines in the handbooks and explained why some are in place. Part of the information was what groups of products should be screened by a full committee, i.e.: packaged food, dog treats, and using the Saturday Market logo.

Jessie mentioned how we should be more specific with our members. We need to be diligent making sure they are being truthful about their products. This led to a discussion about stricter guidelines i.e.: recycled arts.

Michael Brought up how we need to focus on more positive wording with our members, giving them examples on how to change the product to fit the market rather than just saying no and moving on to the next. He also said how we need to do this with all members.

A calendar of New Member Orientations/Screenings was established.

- Wednesday, March 1st, 2023 (3:15-5:00)
- Wednesday, March 15th, 2023
- Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023
- Wednesday, April 5th, 2023
- Wednesday, April 19th, 2023
- Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023
- Wednesday, May 17th, 2023
- Wednesday, June 7th, 2023
- Wednesday, June 21st, 2023
- Wednesday, July 5th, 2023
- Wednesday, July 19th, 2023
- Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023
- Wednesday, August 16th, 2023
- Wednesday, September 6th, 2023
- Wednesday, September 20th, 2023
- Wednesday, October 4th, 2023
- Wednesday, October 18th, 2023
- Wednesday, November 1st, 2023
- Wednesday November 15th, 2023

(Gary/Teresa) motion to adjourn.