

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th November 2008 at
at 3rd Floor, Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre,
108 Stamford Street, South Bank, London SE1 9NH, commencing at 4.00 pm**

1. ATTENDANCE

Board members:

Karen Froggatt (Secretary)
Chris Funnell
Ann Hayes
Felix Lozano

Andrew Syrett (Treasurer)
Mike Tiller
Jo White (Chair)

Proposed Board member:

Owen Jell

Plus 30 other attendees.

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. 2007 AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 21st November 2007 were received and noted.

There were no matters arising.

3. ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08

The Chair referred to key matters contained in the 2007/08 Annual Report, copies of which were available at the meeting.

There were no questions on the report.

The Chair thanked people for attending and also thanked other members of the Board for their endeavours during the past year. She also expressed appreciation to The Co-operative Fund and Midcounties Co-operative for their continued financial support.

4. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The special resolution, proposed by Chris Funnell, was to disaggregate membership of Co-operatives South East and Co-operatives UK as it was felt this would make membership easier and potentially draw a wider participation. This was commended to the membership.

Mr Hayes asked if bona fide members of Co-operatives SE could not be given the status of validated member of Co-operatives UK. The Chair said this was a good idea and it was hoped to have talks between Co-operatives UK and the Regional Co-operative Councils.

Mr Hayes then asked if Co-operatives UK would be amenable to giving co-operatives South East Members a discount on their membership fee. The Chair said there were several options to be explored and more discussion to be had.

A vote was held on the special resolution with nine in favour and none against so the resolution was carried.

5. NOMINATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Chair reported that nominations for positions on the Board of Co-operatives South East had been received from the following existing Board members:

- Karen Froggatt
- Chris Funnell
- Felix Lozano
- Ann Hayes
- Andrew Syrett
- Mike Tiller
- Jo White.

Owen Jell from Co-operative Group was also nominated and approved.

The Chair invited additional nominations though none were received.

Barbara Dunne had been on the board but had stepped down. The Chair thanked her for the work she had done in the last year.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Gregory Cohn from Co-operatives London asked how many places were on the board, the Chair replied 15. He then asked how many had been allocated, the Chair replied 8. He asked if a TMA of shortfalls and capabilities would be carried out on members. The Chair said yes but the Mem & Arts didn't allow the board to fill vacancies until people stood down at the AGM. She hoped there would be more nominations received over the next year.

Gregory asked if a special resolution would be tabled on that next year. The Chair said it was possible.

Angela Davies then gave a presentation on management of the Co-op Fund which has helped 60 projects in the last year and awarded them £2m in funding.

Gregory thanked the fund for its support saying without it, work would have been very difficult. He said he was disappointed to discover that despite talking about making C Change national for many months it hadn't been launched and he asked if it would be launched fairly soon. Angela replied that it would be discussed at the next meeting on 8th December but it was hoped to roll it out next year. Gregory replied there was little funding to promote cooperatives it would be useful to have a small amount of money to further that work sooner rather than later.

There was no further business and the AGM was closed.