

Fair Trade Vancouver Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Jan 10th 2011 (6:00pm-6:30pm)

Location:

515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. Canada. V6B 5K3 room 2245

In Attendance:

Directors: Sasha Caldera, Sean McHugh, Mark Abbott

Leadership Team: Jeff Geipel, Avery Gottfried, Rogayeh Tabrizi

Advisory: Christine Ho

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Sasha Caldera

Agenda:

1. Mark Abbott's Return
2. Honourarium for Executive Director
3. Fair Trade Towns
4. Steering Committee
5. Exclusion of Special Interest

1. Mark Abbott's Return

Mark was welcomed back to his role as an FTV after a four month absence. Mark's return relieves Rogayeh of her interim duties as Mark's proxy.

2. Honourarium for Executive Director

The Board of Directors discussed, and agreed in principle to, paying the current Fair Trade Vancouver Executive Director (ED), Jeff Geipel, a \$500 monthly honorarium for three months, beginning retroactively on Dec 1, 2010 and ending on Feb 28, 2011.

In general, the directors agreed that paying a honourarium to the FTV ED would help support the work of FTV as the ED is responsible for a considerable amount of FTV work which requires a significant time commitment (e.g., 20+ hours/week).

Paying an honourarium to any ED is subject to the availability of society funds. In February, the directors will review this matter for March 1, 2011 forward and the appointment of a new ED.

Actions:

Jeff will resign his position as director, retroactive to Dec 1, 2010. Sasha, as Secretary, to submit this change to the registrar.

Sasha to draft a letter of agreement between FTV and Jeff regarding the monthly honourarium as noted above.

Motion to be tabled at next Board of Directors meeting.

3. Change to FTV Constitution regarding Fair Trade Towns

Sasha Caldera moved to remove part 2b of the Fair Trade Vancouver Constitution.

WHEREAS,

The City of Vancouver became a Fair Trade Town on May 6th 2010.

And part 2b of Fair Trade Vancouver's Constitution reads as follows: "To grant the City of Vancouver status as a Fair Trade Town by complying with all rules and regulations as stipulated on behalf of Transfair Canada."

BE IT RESOLVED,

That Fair Trade Vancouver remove part 2b from its constitution and overall purpose as a non-profit society.

Sean McHugh seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was noted that part 2c of FTV's constitution details how FTV can maintain its Fair Trade Towns for the city of Vancouver.

4. Change to FTV Constitution regarding Steering Committee

Sasha Caldera moved to remove part 2d of the Fair Trade Vancouver Constitution.

WHEREAS,

The Fair Trade Vancouver Society in accordance with the bylaws, nominates, elects or appoints directors and currently has a board of directors.

And the duties of the Fair Trade Vancouver steering committee are completely different from those of the society's directors, as outlined in FTV Steering Committee TOR_Nov 2010.pdf.

And all members of the steering committee explicitly agreed to serve in an advisory capacity, and not as society directors on July 13th 2010.

And part 2d of Fair Trade Vancouver's constitution reads as follows: "To have the Fair Trade Towns steering committee for the City of Vancouver serve as directors for Fair Trade Vancouver Society."

BE IT RESOLVED,

That Fair Trade Vancouver remove part 2d from its overall purpose as a non-profit society.

Sean McHugh seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Change to FTV Bylaws regarding Exclusion of Special Interest

Sasha Caldera made a motion to add a section to Part 5—Directors and Officers of the Fair Trade Vancouver Society Bylaws. This new section would follow Part 5, section 30 and become Part 5, section 31 of Schedule B.

WHEREAS,

Fair Trade Vancouver's mission is to increase availability, awareness, and sales of Fair Trade products in the City of Vancouver.

And the realization of its mission involves participation and coordination among all Fair Trade vendors and retailers.

BE IT RESOLVED,

That a new bylaw, Part 5, section 31, be added and read as follows: "No persons with vested interest in selling Fair Trade products shall be nominated, be elected, be appointed, or serve as directors of the Fair Trade Vancouver Society."

The motion was seconded by Mark Abbott. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was noted that representatives of Fair Trade companies (e.g., persons with vested interest in selling Fair Trade products) are welcome to be general members of the Society and they may participate and volunteer with Fair Trade Vancouver in other capacities if they choose to do so.

MEETING ADJOURNED 6:30pm