

DFM Board of Directors Meeting
March 7, 2011 - 6:00pm

In attendance: Chuck Barry, Mike Jensen, Rusty Hall, Steve Van Buskirk. Bobby Sutherland was unable to attend because of inclement weather.

Review of Market Applications for the 2011 season :

- The Board reviewed applications for the 2011 market season, evaluating product lists to insure that they are appropriate for the categories in which the vendors operate.
- There were 14 applications for the 7 "Ready To Eat" spaces - the 7 vendors who sold in the 2010 season are returning so no spaces were open to new vendors in this category. Chuck and Rusty agreed to contact those applicants to inform them that they would not be able to be a part of the market this season and to inquire whether they would like their applications to be kept on file in case of any openings.
- It was agreed that the four herbalist applicants would rotate through the two available "Herbalist" spaces.
- There were also more "Arts and Crafts" applications than spaces available. Steve agreed to contact those applicants to develop a plan for them to rotate through the three "Arts & Craft" spaces.
- The market had room to accept all agricultural and processed food vendors who submitted applications.

Appointment of new board member: In accordance with the By-Laws, the Board moved to fill the vacancy created by Richard Parry's resignation. Holly Napier was nominated and approved by the Board as the new board member.

Insurance: It was agreed that all vendors must carry general liability insurance and provide proof of such insurance prior to participation at the market. In response to conversations with vendors about the difficulty and expense they were encountering in naming the DFM as an additionally insured on their policies, the Board decided to remove that requirement from the Rules & Regulations. Product liability would be strongly recommended but left to the discretion of the individual vendors. The Rules & Regulations would be edited to read:

Section IV. Insurance

The Durango Farmer's Market requires that each vendor carry general liability insurance and provide proof of insurance on or before the first day of participation. The Durango Farmer's Market strongly recommends product liability, but liability for all products rest solely with the vendor producing and selling them. Liability for vendor's actions rests solely with the vendor.

The Board discussed contacting an attorney to clarify some of the issues surrounding farmers market liabilities and to explore drafting a waiver document for vendors to sign. Chuck agreed to follow up with an attorney.

Recycling: It was agreed that the offer by 360Durango.com to host a recycling station at the summer markets would be pursued and possibly implemented for the 2011 season. Steve and Chuck will follow up on this possibility.

Agenda Items for General Membership Meeting: The board discussed agenda items for the impending general meeting on March 27. It was agreed the agenda would be sent to the membership within a week to 10 days.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Chuck Barry