**THE ROWLAND CO-OP**

**MINUTES**

**June 28, 2020**

**Participants:** Lorraine Bentley, Caryn Christianson, Jimmy Christianson, Kenny Christianson, John Gillen, Robin Hoose, Randy Nilsen, Winnie Olsen, Diana Potts, Charlie Weissman

1. **Call to Order –** The meeting was called to order at 2:17 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes for meetings of March 8, 2020 and May 31, 2020**

 Moved by Howard, seconded by Winnie

1. **Treasurer’s report:** Our bank account currently has a balance of $2,389.91.

Here are the monthly sales figures:

 April 2020 $2991.70

 May 2020 $6931.12

 June 2020 $6624.95

We have obtained $30,000 in loans to start the grocery store.

1. **Water Update:** On June 27, Kenny met with Brian Oram of BF Environmental Engineering and Mark Fritz of Fritz Brothers. We discussed six options for the water supply:

1. Modify the existing well so that it is acceptable to the commonwealth. We have to verify that the well is 100 feet from the septic tank on the property. Modification would require sending a video camera down the pipe to inspect it, and putting a sleeve in the pipe so that it may be grouted to bedrock. This may require fixing the overflow pipe, and Wendy is opposed to digging up her yard. I believe the deed allows us to do this.

 2. Put a well in the canal – There are problems with surface water from runoff and a potential blow-out into the river.

 3. Put a well on the Solder property – We examined several possible locations, would require a long pipe and lots of digging.

 4. Put a well further up Solversen Road – need to locate property owner.

 5. Tap in to the phone company’s well – would require coordination with LHTC, well is too close to septic tanks.

 6. Truck in bottled water.

Kenny will contact the Solders and measure the distance on Wendy’s property. Mark will find the records for the phone company well.

1. **Membership report:** On June 23, the coop has 33 paid households, representing 81 individuals. We have received $850 in dues.
2. **Updates:**

A microwave has been purchased, as well as a new freezer.

We are now working with Grandma Goldsacks for baked goods.

We have new small refrigerators for Alpine and Calkins products.

A river parade is planned for July 4 at 2:00, starting at Glen Johnson’s and going to the coop.

Jimmy Christianson has provided spinners for us to sell, as well as a big open banner.

Working with local artists to highlight their products.

We are getting sandwiches from Lake Wally Café.

This week we have our first batch of local produce, from Hill Homestead Farm in Lord’s Valley.

We have hired our first full time employee, Jimmy Christianson (Jimmy’s son)

The back porch deck has been painted.

Starting this week, we are experimenting with being open seven days per week.

We discussed other farms such as Willow Wisp and Forgotten Farms.

Jeff Shook and IGA have been very helpful, they deserve our thanks.

Effective today, Lorraine Bentley and Winnie Olsen have resigned from the Board of Directors, but they will continue to be active with the coop. We thank them for their many years of service as founding members of the cooperative.

1. **Volunteers:**

The group brainstormed tasks that could be performed by volunteers.

Here are some of the main tasks involved in running the coop, and what else needs to be done. Noted are those who volunteered for the various tasks.

**Operations: Maintenance:**

Opening cash drawer and drawer count. Electrical work

Putting out signs painting - Howard

Stocking produce cooler mowing

Stocking shelves - Winnie landscaping

Sweeping – inside and out – Randy plumbing

Mopping – Randy stair railing - Howard

Dusting - Randy

Cleaning windows - Randy

Dishes and kitchen

Rotating produce

Human resources

Cleaning bathrooms

Shopping and deliveries

Displays

Finding new products and vendors

Ordering

**Coop**

recruitment

advertising - Diana

external relations - Diana

volunteer coordinator - Lorraine

contacting coops

events planning - Robin

permits/licenses

website development and maintenance

mailings - Robin

member ID cards

**8. Next meeting –** Sunday, July 19, 2:30 pm

**9.** The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm