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**CBVA Board Meeting
January 10, 2010
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Whole Foods, 340 River Street, Cambridge, MA

The CBVA Board of Directors held their monthly meeting at Whole Foods Market at 340 River Street, in Cambridge, Massachusetts on Sunday, January 10, 2010. The following board members were present:

- Ryan Brady
- Adrian Defante
- Al Forbes
- Joe Gage
- David Gillum
- Michael Gonyeau
- Robert Martinez
- Dan McCabe
- Paul Ralifo
- Elizabeth Ross
- Chris Thomas

The following member was not present:

- Luis Mejias

Approval of Last Committee Minutes

Mr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the minutes from the last committee meeting. Mr. Gillum seconded the motion. There was no other discussion. The motion passed with three abstentions.

There was discussion about the fact that actions were taken at the last board meeting, which may not have been in alignment with the CBVA By-Laws or Policies and Procedures. The board was provided a copy of Commissioner Brady's e-mail that was sent shortly after the last board meeting (see the e-mail on the following page).

From: Ryan Brady
Date: November 24, 2009 1:50:11 PM EST
To: CBVA_BOD@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [CBVA_BOD] Interim Treasurer - Rewind and Reconsider
Reply-To: CBVA_BOD@yahoogroups.com

After thinking about this subject more, it is clear to me we over-reached in our attempt to handle Joe Diehl's resignation as Treasurer. There is nothing in the By-Laws, Articles of Organization, or Policies and Procedures that permits this quasi-official position called Interim Treasurer. I worry that we will have someone on the bank account with no proper authority. I realize these points should have been raised on Sunday, and I do apologize. As far as I am concerned, the proposal that we voted on to create an Interim Treasurer was not in good order, and should be tossed.

Also, we have a Treasurer who is still writing checks and is on the bank account. From a legal perspective, Joe has officially resigned and should not be transacting business on behalf of the organization. He should turn over the documents to an Executive Officer) to hold until a Treasurer is voted in - I suggest Elizabeth get the records since she is serving on the proposed Ad Hoc Financial Committee. I suggest I am given the checkbook to hold until we elect a Treasurer. since we do not have a Treasurer, only I have the authority to conduct fiscal business on behalf of the league.

To stay compliant with our bylaws, I propose the following:

Appoint Adrian as the Chair of an Ad Hoc Financial Committee (committee members can stay the same as were determined at our meeting last Sunday - the standing finance committee plus Elizabeth, plus John Fernandes).

The purpose of this Ad Hoc Financial Committee is to review our current financial policies and procedures, reconcile the financial documents provided by Joe Teal, and to prepare for the transition from Joe Diehl to the new Treasurer. This can include researching which bank accounts are still open, who the account holders are, and making a recommendation on where we might open a new account (but not taking action on its own to do so).

In further hindsight, I should have asked Joe D to make his resignation effective following resolving the open items (at a minimum cleaning up the bank account holder issues.)

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Ryan Brady

Adrian agreed to serve as Chair of the Ad Hoc Financial Committee. The other members on this committee include Ms. Ross, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Gage, and Mr. Fernandes.

The board agreed that if there is e-mail communication between meetings, that the person raising the issue will need to specify which information should be included in the next meeting minutes.

Nomination of Treasurer

Mr. Gillum nominated Al Forbes to serve as the CBVA Treasurer to fill the position vacated by Joe Diehl. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Mr. Forbes accepted the nomination. Ms. Ross nominated Joe Gage to serve as the Treasurer. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Mr. Gage accepted the nomination. Mr. Forbes and Gage left the meeting so the board could discuss the qualifications of the candidates. Committee Member Gonyeau called the question. Mr. Gage was elected Treasurer by a majority vote.

Gift for the Custodial Staff

Mr. Brady made a motion to provide the custodial staff with four \$50 gifts for a total of \$200. Ms. Ross seconded the motion. There was no other discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Payment for the Gym

Mr. Brady informed the board that he had paid the gym rental for November and December, 2009. Mr. Gillum informed the board that he had paid for a yearly rental of a Post Office Box in Kendall Square (for \$92).

Discussion of Legal Counsel

The board discussed the fact that it has used legal counsel in the past to review the Articles of Organization, By-Laws, non-profit application, etc. The board agreed that we would want any work with a lawyer to have an estimate for the number of hours and associated costs. Commissioner Brady requested Ms. Ross and Mr. McCabe to draft a statement about limits to fees to include in the contract.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to have Commissioner Brady sign off on the contract with our legal counsel. Mr. Gonyeau seconded the motion. Mr. Gonyeau made a friendly amendment to ensure that the language mentioned in the previous paragraph is added to the contract. Mr. Forbes agreed to accept the friendly amendment. There was no other discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gillum requested a copy of the signed document to post into the league's data archive.

Dissolving the old CBVA

Seven members of the Cambridge Boston Volleyball Association were present at the meeting. Mr. Gillum made a motion to officially dissolve the old CBVA (Tax ID #26-1669050) and transfer the assets of the old organization to the new organization (CBVA, Inc. - Tax ID # 27-1097772). Ms. Ross seconded the motion. Mr. Thomas called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Committee Update

Ms. Ross indicated that the 501(c)7 application procedures are part of the Policies and Procedures Committee. As Chair of the that committee, Mr. McCabe was informed that he will be directing the board in steps necessary to complete the 501(c)7 application. Mr. Gonyeau recommended and the board was in agreement that the appropriate financial information must be provided to Mr. McCabe before the next full board meeting.

Closing CBVA Bank Account/Establish CBVA, Inc. Bank Account

By next Sunday, Mr. Defante agreed to check with Wainwright and Citizens banks to see if CBVA, Inc. can open a new account and then transition it to non-profit account. Mr. Defante will provide the results of that conversation to Mr. Brady. If permitted, Mr. Brady will open the new account with the new Tax ID # 27-1097772 and the Articles of Organization. The board agreed that the Commissioner and Treasurer must have the ability to withdraw and deposit money and the Deputy

Commissioner and Information Officer must be able to log on and view the accounts. Mr. Brady and Mr. Gonyeau agreed to close out the old account in early February, 2010.

Outdoor Play Update

Mr. Mejias was not present so there was not an official update from the Outdoor Play Committee. Mr. McCabe informed the group that the Outdoor Play Committee was reviewing location options for outdoor play. Ms. Ross mentioned that the Outdoor Play Committee should check with Brookline. Mr. Thomas raised the issues of key tags. Mr. Forbes raised the issue of storage of the nets.

Social Committee Update

Mr. Thomas informed the group that the Race for the Tiara will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Machine Night Club. The doors will open at 6:00 PM and volunteers should arrive by 5:00 PM. The cost of the tickets will be \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Mr. Thomas stated that he would begin selling the tickets next week. Everyone, including performers and board members, must pay the entry fee. The emcee for the event will be paid \$250 and Machine will be paid \$500 for the venue. Mr. Thomas said that he hopes to have an advertisement in Bay Windows and Edge Boston. Mr. Thomas agreed to contact Israel Ferraz regarding videos and photographs for the event and if there is a fee for service.

Ratings Committee

Mr. Gonyeau informed the group that Ratings will take place over the next few weeks. A notice about ratings and open play was included in the most recent newsletter and post online.

Rules

The board discussed the standing rules for the league. The board discussed the fact that working teams must ensure they have enough players to referee the entire court. The board discussed the fact that advanced can play up to an adjacent court. In intermediate and recreational, play is permitted up to the middle line. The board agreed that the standing rules need to be announced each Sunday before play.

Team Play

The group discussed the need to add a statement in the Policies and Procedures Manual that says teams can play two weeks before a NAGVA or CBVA sanctioned tournament, at the discretion of the board members in charge of the session.

Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee informed the board that the 2010 Boston Beantown Classic Tournament will be held at Cambridge Rindge and Latin on September 11-12, 2010. Mr. Martinez stated that he is hoping to have a mini-tournament in March, 2010. The board agreed that we should have a mini-tournament for recreational during the last weekend of March.

Adjournment

Mr. Gillum made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 PM. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. There was no other discussion. The motion passed unanimously.