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HARVEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA OCTOBER 6, 2008, 7:00 PM
JIM O' CONNOR COMMUNITY ROOM, CAMBRIDGE

Public agenda:

Time	Topic	Action	Facilitator	Documents
5	Review agenda		S. Clifford	Agenda
5	Public comment	Listen	S. Clifford	None
10	GM Report	Written	M. St.Clair	GM Report
15	Annual meeting planning	Decide	S. Clifford	Packet
5	Meeting minutes approval	Approve	S. Clifford	Minutes in packet
Close public session				
Total minutes: 40 min				

Future agenda items:

- Board Workplan

GM Report

1. Investing in Harvest Associates:
Several members of the Harvest team will be attending the annual Natural Products Expo East, to be held in Boston, October 15-18. This is one of the largest events in the country promoting the natural products industry.
2. SkillPath Seminar full day training session for new managers—“Excelling as a First -Time Manager or Supervisor” —three recently promoted Harvest associates to attend, in Boston on November 21st.
3. Another SkillPath event—“Managing Emotions and Thriving under Pressure”—10/20 in Braintree—four current Harvest supervisors will be attending.
4. IT department attended NCGA “Geekfest” 9/23-25—Two senior IT staff members took part in a three day session for co-op “geeks” around the country. The focus was to share meaningful challenges and solutions that confront the business operators in a rapidly changing field, such as: “Serving Up a New POS,” “Blogging, Video, and Podcasting,” “Using Our Member Data,” “Routers, Switches, and Servers,” “Software Development,” “Using Technology to Build Community,” “Excel is NOT a Database, Say it With Me,” and “Planning and Budgeting for Technology.”
5. Harvest associate to visit and live with our Fair Trade coffee producer partners as part of the Equal Exchange delegation program —to learn more and then help educate staff and customers about the EE mission of fair trade and respect for farmers. This year's trip is to the CESMACH coffee cooperative in Southern Chiapas, Mexico in Feb/March 2009.
6. Salad Bar program comes to Jamaica Plain store —We are very excited to present a new self-service salad bar to our customers in the deli department here. Initial sales results are strong and the customer comments have been very positive.