

BRIARPATCH COOP COMMUNITY MARKET

AGENDA

Board of Directors' "Forum" Meeting

A Facilitated Dialogue

Date: Monday, April 28, 2008, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Nevada City City Hall, 317 Broad St., Nevada City, CA.

The BriarPatch Community Market is a cooperatively owned business committed to supporting our community by: welcoming everyone; selling healthful earth friendly, affordable products; providing a quality work experience; offering excellent customer service and consumer education; building our local economy; serving as a resource center for conscious living; and promoting the cooperative business model. A coop owner-member has the opportunity to have a voice in decisions which shape the Coop's future, receive a discount which increases with volunteer work, support the cooperative ideal, and share in its benefits.

Vision Statement

BriarPatch is the leading natural food store in Nevada County, we are a vibrant, important community hub for gathering as well as for dialogue and learning about healthful food. We seek to be a leader in social, environment, as well as fiscal responsibility among both local businesses and food co-ops nationally. We model community-mindedness and cooperative principles, and hope to inspire others to do the same, and in so doing, contribute to peace and prosperity for all within our reach.

- 1.0 Call to Order** – Welcome and Opening Statement by Marshall Goldberg, Vice-President of the Board and acting Chairperson. (2 minutes)
- 2.0 Resolution Committee Comments** – Malika Bishop, Committee Chairperson, will provide a brief background on the purpose for the forum. (5 minutes)
- 3.0 Facilitator Comments** - Janet Cohen, will provide an overview of the guidelines we will follow during the facilitated dialogue and the role of the facilitator. (5 minutes)
- 4.0 Organizational Processes** – Marshall Goldberg, Vice-President of the Board will provide a brief overview of the BriarPatch governance structure, roles and responsibilities of owner members and Board members, and existing procedures for providing input to the Board. (5 minutes)
- 5.0 Facilitated Dialogue** - Owner-members, staff, and Board members are invited and encouraged to participate in the dialogue. Specific questions and subject areas will be presented for discussion. Among others, these may include: Board, Management, and Member Relations, Open Communication, and Employee Relations. (3 hours)
- 6.0 Closing**