

## **Minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Syracuse Real Food Coop November 3, 2015**

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Members were welcomed and carefully counted. The check in process was smooth and included explanation of voting procedures.

Meeting commenced at 7:26pm at the Westcott Community Center.

Attendance - 71 members (plus 3 nonmember guests)

Quorum was not reached and while the work of changing the by-laws was not accomplished the 3 changes were explained and discussed with the membership.

The agenda was followed as written including welcomes and introductions, explanations for due notice of the meeting, reference to last years minutes and presentation of annual reports. Copies of annual reports are available at <http://www.syracuserealfood.coop/downloads/category/20-2015>

Q&A time offered an open and informative discussion.

Issues addressed:

- Strategies for achieving quorum
- Political role of the Co-op
- Communication options within the Co-op (especially, recruiting member participation in annual meetings)
- Clarification of prior year minutes - Minutes could not be acted upon without a quorum, but a member requested alternative wording in the 2013 minutes regarding the Treasurer's Report. One other member disagreed with the change; no other comments.

The tone of the exchange was appreciative and cooperative.

The new board members introduced themselves.

- Briana Kohlbrenner
- Steve Morris
- Tom Taylor

Ballots were collected and placed in the ballot box.

Meeting was concluded at 8:25.

Door prizes were distributed.

Adam of My Lucky Tummy shared the focus of the organization and new developments. The food was lovingly described, prepared and we were blessed with fine dining.