

**Tennessee Association of Farmers Markets
Meeting Minutes, 10-9-2017
Zoom**

Board Members Present:

Barbara Garrow
Amy Tavalin
Charlotte Tolley

Greer Gill
Steve Guttery
Hal Pepper

Joni Roberts

The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Tolley at 1:05 p.m. who asked for additions or corrections to the Minutes. However, no motion was made to approve the minutes from September as they had not been distributed for review. They will be voted on in the next meeting. (This occurs out of normal sequence).

Barbara Garrow provided the Treasurers Report before the meeting by email.

Our first discussion was where to send US Mail for TAFM. We need a home office, possibly a PO Box that would be long-term and most likely in Nashville. The TN Dept. of Ag was suggested. Barbara Garrow stated the bylaws would allow that or whatever we vote on. Amy Tavalin remembered TDA originally didn't want the responsibility of handling TAFM mail. Barbara discussed the possibility of a mail forwarding service and agreed to research the subject and report to the Board next meeting.

Charlotte Tolley stated that Barbara Garrow was working on getting our website information from Hip Donaldson staffers. Charlotte is now the admin for the TAFM website. Barbara suggested having one place with information about access to checking, website, email, domains and US mail. This could be a notebook. Charlotte suggested a set of notebooks for Board Officers.

Charlotte Tolley told the Board about the Pick TN scholarship. Barbara Garrow asked for the notes from the Jackson meeting. Steve Guttery forwarded those notes during the meeting. Guttery added it was unusual for a scholarship to pay for lodging. Garrow suggested the check would be presented at the end of the annual meeting. Barbara suggested putting together a draft application for the scholarship.

Charlotte Tolley reported a change in membership rules for the Farmers Market Coalition. Associations would pay on a sliding scale for their entire membership. FMC recommends .01% of the TAFM budget. This would be a great addition to TAFM Membership. This would be a savings to TAFM.

Barbara Garrow discussed refunding (somehow) those who took the farmers markets tour during the Pick TN Conference and didn't receive bus transportation. One suggestion would be to provide those affected a free event, farm tour for farmers market tour, during the next conference.

Steve Guttery asked where the bi-annual meeting minutes should go. Do they go to the next Annual Meeting? The answer is no but last year's annual meeting minutes do go the next annual. Charlotte Tolley asked for any additional information about workshops for the Newsletter. Hal Pepper updated the Board on trainings including all new events never attended before.

With no questions or other issues to be raised Charlotte Tolley adjourned the meeting.