

BYLAWS OF THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS FARMERS' MARKET ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this association shall be the San Juan Islands Farmers' Market

Association. ARTICLE II: DEFINITION

Throughout these bylaws, "Market" shall mean the San Juan Islands Farmers' Market Association. The "Participation Agreement" shall become an integral part of these bylaws.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSES

- A. To promote agriculture in San Juan County and to encourage the direct marketing of agricultural products.
- B. To foster continuance of the Market.
- C. To provide a forum for discussion of Market issues.
- D. To promote, support, advance and undertake the Market.
- E. To educate current and future members and sellers of products at the Market.
- F. To enforce the rules set forth in the Participation Agreement.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Market shall be open to vendors only. Vendors are defined as a single person or "selling unit" as defined in the Participation Agreement. Vendor members are allowed one vote in Market voting matters. 85% of the vendors must be producers. The remaining 15% (food vendors and processors) must use a significant percentage of locally grown or gathered products. 3 guest crafters allowed beyond that. Food processors to submit an annual application for review of admission.

Section 2. Membership shall become effective after submission of annual dues.

Section 3. Any member may be removed from membership upon a vote of two-thirds of the membership, if, after providing the member to be removed with an opportunity to be heard, the membership determines that said member has engaged in, or is engaging in activities contrary to the Market's purposes.

Section 4. New members may join at any time. Dues are set each season at the first meeting. To receive the benefits of membership, vendors must pay annual dues before selling at the Market.

Section 5. Nominations and Elections: Officers shall be nominated and elected at the first Spring meeting or at the meeting most likely to produce a Board that is most representative, not to exceed the first selling day. Only voting members may be officers.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1. There shall be the following elected officers. A member may hold more than one officer position at a time. The Board shall consist of the Officers. Elected Officers shall serve for one year, from the first Spring election meeting to the following Spring Election meeting.

- A. President
- B. Treasurer
- C. Secretary
- D. Such other officers as the Board may appoint from time to time.

Section 2. Duties of the elected officers

- A. President shall:
 - 1. Preside over all meetings.
 - 2. Maintain in good order the records of the Market.
 - 3. Call special meetings as necessary.
 - 4. Appoint members as representatives, as necessary, within community, county and State forums.
- B. Treasurer shall:
 - 1, Collect, or see to collection of, all dues, table fees and any other monies that are due the Market.
 - 2. Keep bookkeeping records of Market finances.
 - 3. Present to the membership reports, from time to time, or as requested from the membership, the financial condition of the Market. Treasury reports must be prepared at every meeting to answer specific questions about the condition of the Market finances.
 - 4. Be generally responsible for the financial affairs of the Market.
- C. Secretary shall:
 - 1. Prepare agenda and take minutes of the meetings.
 - 2. Keep on file signed Participation Agreements.
 - 3. Keep the membership lists.
 - 4. Perform any other duties that the membership requests that is in keeping with the position of the Secretary.
 - 5. Coordinate marketing surveys and results
- D. The Board of Officers shall hire and supervise the Market Manager.

ARTICLE VI: MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. To the extent possible, there shall be 2 spring meetings, not before January 1 of the current season.
- B. After the first meeting of the season, several more organizational meetings may be held before April or as needed.

- C. The need for summer meetings shall be determined by the Officers or the membership.
- D. A Fall meeting shall be held if Officers or membership request it.
- E. A quorum for conducting business of a regular or special meeting of the membership shall be not less than one quarter of the voting members present at the meeting.
- F. The fiscal year for this Association shall be January 1 to December 31.
- G. Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail in the conduct of meetings.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended or revised by an affirmative vote of two thirds of all members present at a meeting designed for that purpose.

Section 2. These Bylaws may also be amended or revised by a unanimous vote of the officers at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 3. In the event of any conflict between any amendment posed by the Officers and any amendment posed by the membership, the decision of the membership shall prevail.

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