



## Earth Action Committee

Minutes – May 11, 2022

Zoom Call

**Board Members:** Roger, Alexandra

**Member-Employees:** Kiya Villarreal, Emily

**Members:**

**1. Welcomes and Review** – At 6:46pm the meeting was called to order.

**2. Approve August Minutes**

Approved by consensus.

**3. Member Comments**

- Kiya – I’ve received member comments about the Co-op pizzas and the deli pack-downs packaging. I’m nearly done with a 2022 packaging audit and hope to make many changes in the near future. We hope to eliminate excessive plastics and replace them with suitable alternatives.
- Alexandra – interested into looking into a policy about upcycling excess materials from the Co-op.
  - o Kiya – there is a new organization called “Makers Apron” that might be able to accept surplus materials.

**4. Earth Day**

The Earth Day event was well attended. We received over 80 raffle entries during the event. The people who won the prizes (a dehydrator and a composter) were very excited and appreciative.

**5. Plastic Education**

An article about plastics is currently in the May Co-op News flyer. It explains the Co-op is aware of plastic issues for the store and our members; acknowledging that there is more we can do to reduce plastic use.

**6. Durables**

Looking into marketing to remind shoppers to bring their own durables for shopping at the Co-op. We are also looking into getting the City of Arcata and the City of Eureka to support a Bring Your Own Durable campaign, similar to other cities.

- Alexandra recommends contacting Madonna Lombard about the Zero Waste initiatives that she’s been involved in.

**7. Find This in Bulk**

Looking into a new small shelf sign that is a reminder for items within the grocery isles that these items are available in bulk.

**8. Member Comments**

- Roger – I would like a plastic exhibit showing all the plastic that comes through the store via shipping/packaging in one month.
- Alexandra – would like to see outreach via the Earth Action committee for board recruitment.

**9. Next Meeting Date**

July 13, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm

*Minutes by Emily Walter*