

Example
of how the
Co-op system
works for RUC

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Rocky's Report

Welcome to the largest agenda we have seen in quite some time. It comes about as a result of a number of factors. The Co-ops Act has been amended and as such, requires us to have certain Rules on the books (whether they apply to us or not) It also requires of us a concise statement of who can make of who can make Bylaws. The Co-ops Act states clearly and unequivocally that Bylaws are the domain of the general meeting. It also states, by omission, the contradictory. That the power to make Bylaws is the Boards alone. Because profit and non-profit Co-ops were all lumped together under the original Act this grey area was deemed justifiable in order to cover all the options. The Amended Act has by definition separated financial and social Co-ops and now requires us to state clearly what side of the fence we are on regarding Bylaws.

The vast majority of the agenda is as a result of the work of the Rules & Bylaws committee. It has long been recognised that Rules & Bylaws are often divergent, and in some cases contradictory, to each other. The committee has in this regard, endeavoured to change as little as possible. trying not to tamper with the intent of a Rule or Bylaw. Generally, where there is a Rule definition and a Bylaw definition, to select the most appropriate one. There are also a small number of instances where experience has outstripped the intent of a Rule & Bylaw. Suggested improvements have been tabled. During the course of these meetings these will be clearly flagged as such. And to complete the menu, a smattering of changes that should have been on the books since 1992.

The SGM is primarily a house keeping exercise. The status quo regarding rights and responsibilities will, at the end of the day, be undiminished. The worst of it is yet another meeting to sit through. The best of it is hopefully a plain English version of Rules & Bylaws that anyone can read through without needing an interpreter.

See notice of Coop Meeting
agenda to deal with this
yuck.