

Meeting Minutes  
EASTCONN Food Cooperative

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Meeting called to order on 22 February 2018 at: 10:10 AM

**In Attendance:** Sandra Garcia (EASTCONN), Amy Sanders-Banning (Bozrah), Beth LaPane (Stafford), Heather Plourde (EASTCONN), Pierrette Kokofsky (East Windsor), Jorge Rodriguez (CREC), Diane Edwards (Enfield), Dana Tice (Simsbury), Carolyn Hetrick (Brooklyn), Jim Bondi (Plainville), Sharon Floyd (Colchester), Wendy Rawlings (Berlin)

**Introductions**

As you will see from the list above, there were some new faces, it was nice to put some names to faces.

**Open Discussion**

Richard Tariff will be presenting to the EASTCONN member districts about the cooperative today at another meeting to encourage them to take part in the cooperative.

Milk: Guida continues to have issues, delivery issues, empty and open cartons, date issues, crates, sour milk. Bozrah & Scotland, Bolton, EASTCONN, Brooklyn are the towns that have issues currently.

We will table the 1% milk discussion for the bid committee, Dana will look into it a bit further.

Jim Bondi brought up Freshpoint, he is unhappy with quality. Wondering if other members are having issues.

**Stuart Wisel – KeyImpact Sales & System, Inc.**

We were shown many products. Feel free to contact Stuart for any tastings, etc. that you'd like in your schools/locations.

Big Daddy's deep dish pizza, pizza rolls, stromboli – there are many varieties and ways to change up the pizza.

Alos showed the following: Big Daddy's Primo 16" 52% WG Four Cheese Pizza, Big Daddy's Primo 16" WG Rising Crust Buffalo Chicken Pizza, Big Daddy's Primo 16" WG Four Meet Pizza, Beacon Street Café WG Cheese Stuffed Sticks, Minh Orange Chicken (lightly dusted) Stir Fry Kit, Minh Sweet & Sour Chicken (lightly dusted) Stir Fry Kit, Minh Teriyaki Chicken (unbreaded) Stir Fry Kit, Minh General Tso's Chicken (unbreaded) Stir Fry Kit, Minh WG Vegetable Fried Rice, Minh 3.1 oz. WG Vegetable Egg Roll.

Sandra has spec sheets, if you would like them please email her.

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**Suzanne Charette – Mansfield Paper Company, Inc.**

Any issues with drivers please call Suzanne. The issues are a work in progress, as they understand they had issues in the beginning of the school year, etc.

Bento boxes, there is currently not enough interest to bring them in as they are an import item. If you would like them then we need to add them to the bid.

Similar to fiber - polypropylene #5, completely recyclable, does not leak any chemicals, 500 on a case, microwaveable. This is a new item, any interest in it would take about 3 months to get in as it is an important item. We should consider adding this item to the bid if there is interest.

Suzanne Charette – Environmental and School Specialist

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**Mary Mann- The CoreGroup**

Smuckers – They offer Uncrustables in different sizes, 2.6oz (1 grain), 2.3 oz. (1 grain), 5.3 oz (2 grain) and 4.5 oz (2 grain).

Juicy Juice – No added sugar, Orange Medley is a vegetable juice. 4.23oz.

Jack Links – 4 different flavors (chicken strip, original, teriyaki and peppered)

Odis Spunkmeyer - muffins & cookies

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Mary X Mann

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**Bill Gray –Classic Cookie**

New flavors - oatmeal cinnamon, very good bar, apple, oatmeal chocolate chip , oatmeal blueberry, 1.5 oz., 1 grain serving, smart snack compliant 128ct per case. M & R can get them in increments of 65 cases, they can mix and match the cases it doesn't need to be 65 of one flavor.

Will do student testing if you need, simply reach out to Bill to set-up.

Sandra has spec sheets, if you need them please let her know.

Bill Gray

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**Nancy Hartigan- Yang's 5<sup>th</sup> Taste**

Showed us the following food items: Mandarin Orange Chicken Jr., Sweet & Sour Chicken. Also carries the following: General Tso's Chicken, BBQ Teriyaki Chicken, Sweet Chili Thai Chicken, many others as well.

Nancy Hartigan – Northeast Regional Sales Manager

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**AJ Leitizio**

A representative from the above company showed the following lines:

The Father's Table – Lil' Bites (3 flavors, nacho, ham & Cheese, and cheese & pepperoni)

Albie's – E.Z. Jammers, pizza, cheses or breakfast calzones, Apple filled Jammer sticks, pizza & Cheese Jammer sticks

Switch – smoothies, 2 flavors (strawberry banana and mango)

Amazin' Raisin – all natural, no sugar added, gluten free, 1.3 oz. bag,

Better for You – portion control sauces dip cups and packets

**Steve Perreault – Infusion**

Confetti bites from Kellogg's are new. Also shared mini-size Rice Krispies.

In Harvest – whole grains, rice, and legumes. Shared with us a Chef's Shaker Salad with Ruby Wild Blend.

Need to order directly through them, they will ship as little as you want with no shipping charge. K-12 school list is:

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Black Pearl Medley  
Brown & Wild Medley  
Sunrise Blend with Quinoa Flakes  
Wild Ruby Blend  
Brown Basmati Rice  
Bulgur Wheat  
Long Grain Brown Rice  
Wheat Berries (unpearled)  
White Barley  
White Quinoa  
Whole Wheat Israeli Couscous

Rich's – shared the following Rich's items: 6x6 WG flatbread, 4" WG mini flat bread, parbaked breadstick, French toast bites, pancake bites, oven rising pizza dough, UBR original cinnamon IW  
If you want samples or tasting of any items please let Steve know.

Stephen Perreault – Account Executive

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**Next Meeting:** The next meeting date will be out shortly, it will be held at EASTCONN in Hampton time will be coming soon. In the meantime if you need anything please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great day!

**Sandra Garcia**  
**EASTCONN Cooperative**