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#### GOOD TIMES RESTAURANTS INC.

## **601 Corporate Circle**

#### Golden, Colorado 80401

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

### To Be Held February 7, 2014

To the Stockholders of Good Times Restaurants Inc.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) of Good Times Restaurants Inc., a Nevada corporation (the Company), will be held at our corporate offices, which are located at 601 Corporate Circle, Golden, Colorado 80401, on Friday, February 7, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. local time. The purposes of the Annual Meeting are:

1.

Election of eight directors of the Company;

2.

To consider and approve an amendment to the Company s 2008 Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended September 14, 2012, to increase the number of shares of the Company s common stock available for issuance thereunder from 500,000 shares to a total of 1,000,000 shares, referred to herein as the 2008 Plan Amendment;

3.

To ratify the appointment of Hein & Associates LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and

4.

To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

The accompanying proxy statement (the Proxy Statement) contains additional information about the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on the record date of December 9, 2013 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof. The Proxy Statement is being mailed to stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting on or about January 6, 2014.

All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please sign, date, and promptly return the enclosed proxy card. A business reply envelope is enclosed for your convenience. The delivery of a proxy will not affect your right to vote in person if you attend the Annual Meeting. Your vote is important.

Sincerely,

/s/ Susan M. Knutson

Susan M. Knutson

Secretary and Controller

January 6, 2014

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The terms we, us, and our in this Proxy Statement refer to the Company.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders To Be Held on February 7, 2014: This Proxy Statement is also available at our website at www.goodtimesburgers.com.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## What is the purpose of the Annual Meeting?

At the Annual Meeting, the stockholders will act upon the matters outlined in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting and this Proxy Statement, including:

1.

Election of eight directors of the Company;

2.

To consider and approve an amendment to the Company s 2008 Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended September 14, 2012, to increase the number of shares of the Company s common stock available for issuance thereunder from 500,000 shares to a total of 1,000,000 shares, referred to herein as the 2008 Plan Amendment;

3.

To ratify the appointment of Hein & Associates LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and

4.

To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

#### Who is entitled to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting?

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on the record date of December 9, 2013, or their duly appointed proxies, are entitled to receive notice of the Annual Meeting, attend the meeting, and vote their shares at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. At the close of business on December 9, 2013, there were 4,926,214 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ( Common Stock ), outstanding. Each outstanding share of our Common Stock is entitled to one vote. Our Bylaws do not allow holders to accumulate votes in the election of directors.

#### How do I vote?

You may vote on matters to come before the Annual Meeting in two ways: (i) you can attend the Annual Meeting and cast your vote in person, or (ii) you can vote by completing, signing, and dating the enclosed proxy card and returning it to us in the enclosed business reply envelope or via facsimile to Boyd E. Hoback, our President and Chief Executive Officer, at (303) 273-0177. If you return the proxy card, you will authorize the individuals named on the proxy card, referred to as proxy holders, to vote your shares according to your instructions or, if you provide no instructions, according to the recommendations of our Board. If your shares are held by a broker in street name, you will receive a voting instruction form from your broker or the broker s agent asking you how your shares should be voted.

#### What if I vote and then change my mind?

You may revoke a proxy at any time before the vote is taken at the Annual Meeting by either (i) filing with our corporate secretary a written notice of revocation, (ii) sending in another duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or (iii) attending the meeting and casting your vote in person. Your last vote will be the vote that is counted.

## How can I get more information about attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person?

The Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, February 7, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., local time, at the Company s corporate offices, which are located at 601 Corporate Circle, Golden, Colorado 80401, or at such other time and place to which the Annual Meeting may be adjourned or postponed. For additional details about the Annual Meeting, including directions to the meeting site and information about how you may vote in person if you so desire, please call or email Boyd E. Hoback, our President and Chief Executive Officer, at (303) 384-1400 or at bhoback@gtrestaurants.com.

#### What are the Board s recommendations?

Unless you give other instructions on your proxy card, the persons named on the proxy card will vote in accordance with the recommendations of our Board, which are described in this Proxy Statement. Our Board recommends a vote FOR each of the proposals described in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and this Proxy Statement.

With respect to any other matter that properly comes before the meeting, the proxy holders will vote as recommended by our Board or, if no recommendation is given, in their own discretion.

## What constitutes a quorum?

The presence at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of our Common Stock on the record date will constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting, permitting us to conduct our business at the Annual Meeting. Proxies received but marked as abstentions and broker non-votes (defined below) will be included in the calculation of the number of shares considered to be present at the meeting for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present. If a quorum is not present, the Annual Meeting may be adjourned until a quorum is obtained.

#### What vote is required to approve each proposal?

Vote Required. Approval of each proposal to be considered and voted upon at the Annual Meeting will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of our Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting (assuming we have a quorum as described above. A properly executed proxy marked ABSTAIN with respect to a proposal will not be voted for that proposal but will be counted for purposes of whether there is a quorum at the meeting. Abstentions will result in the respective proposal receiving fewer votes.

Effect of Broker Non-Votes. If your shares are held by your broker in street name, you will receive a voting instruction form from your broker or the broker s agent asking you how your shares should be voted. Please complete the form and return it in the envelope provided by the broker or agent. No postage is necessary if mailed in the United States. If you do not instruct your broker how to vote, your broker may vote your shares at its discretion or, on some matters, may not be permitted to exercise voting discretion. Votes that could have been cast on the matter in question if the brokers have received their customers instructions, and as to which the broker has notified us on a proxy form in accordance with industry practice or has otherwise advised us that it lacks voting authority, are referred to as broker non-votes. Thus, if you do not give your broker or nominee specific instructions, your shares may not be voted on those matters and will not be counted as a vote cast in determining the number of shares necessary for approval of those matters. Shares represented by such broker non-votes, however, will be counted in determining whether there is a quorum. Accordingly, broker non-votes will result in the respective proposal receiving fewer votes.

## Can I dissent or exercise rights of appraisal?

Neither Nevada law nor our Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws provide our stockholders with dissenters or appraisal rights in connection with the proposals to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. If the proposals are approved at the

Annual Meeting, stockholders voting against such proposals will not be entitled to seek appraisal for their shares.

# Who pays for this proxy solicitation?

The Company will bear the entire cost of this proxy solicitation, including the preparation, assembly, printing, and mailing of this Proxy Statement, the proxy card, and any additional solicitation materials furnished to the stockholders. In addition to solicitation by mail, proxies may be solicited by our directors, officers, and regular employees by telephone or personal interview. These individuals will not receive any compensation for their services other than their regular salaries. Arrangements will also be made with brokerage houses and other custodians and fiduciaries to forward solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of the shares held on the record date, and we may reimburse those persons for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in so doing.

#### PROPOSAL #1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to our Bylaws, as amended by our Board on August 30, 2013, the size of our Board has been set at eight directors. All of our directors are elected annually to serve a one-year term expiring at the next annual meeting of stockholders. The eight nominees for election at the Annual Meeting, listed below, are currently serving as directors of the Company. Each nominee has consented to be named in this Proxy Statement and to serve as a director if elected. However, if any nominee is unable to serve or for good cause will not serve as a director, each of the persons named in the proxy intend to vote in his or her discretion for a substitute who will be designated by our Board.

### **Director Nominees**

The following table sets forth certain information about the Company s eight director nominees.

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Age</u> | <b>Director Since</b> | Other Positions Held with the Company  |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|--|
| Geoffrey R. Bailey | 62         | 1996                  | Member of the Compensation Committee   |
| David L. Dobbin    | 52         | 2010                  | Chairman of the Board                  |
| Reuven Har-Even    | 65         | 2013                  | Chairman of the Audit Committee        |
| Gary J. Heller     | 47         | 2010                  | Interim Chief Financial Officer        |
| Boyd E. Hoback     | 58         | 1992                  | President and Chief Executive Officer  |
| Steven M. Johnson  | 54         | 2013                  | Member of the Compensation Committee   |
| Eric W. Reinhard   | 55         | 2005                  | Member of the Compensation Committee   |
| Alan A. Teran      | 68         | 2012                  | Chairman of the Compensation Committee |

Member of the Audit Committee

## **Business Experience**

## Geoffrey R. Bailey

Mr. Bailey is a director of The Erie County Investment Co., which owns 99% of The Bailey Company. The Bailey Company was also previously a franchisee and joint venture partner of the Company. Mr. Bailey joined The Erie County Investment Co. in 1979. Mr. Bailey is a graduate of the University of Denver with a Bachelor s degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Bailey was selected to serve on our Board in light of his substantial experience within the restaurant industry and his broad knowledge concerning corporate governance and management.

## David L. Dobbin

Mr. Dobbin serves as Chairman of the Board of Small Island Investments Limited (2010-present). In addition, he serves as Chairman of the Board of Welaptega Marine Ltd. (2008-present), a leading supplier of offshore mooring inspection systems. Prior to March 2012, he also served as Chairman of the Boards of Terra Nova Pub Groups Ltd., and its subsidiaries and affiliates, including Elephant & Castle Group, Inc. (2007-2012). Previously, Mr. Dobbin served in several capacities with CHC Helicopter Corporation, the world s leading offshore helicopter services provider, and led Canadian Ocean Resource Associates Inc., a consulting firm specializing in international best practice reviews in various sectors, third world institutional support, and public/private partnerships. Mr. Dobbin holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Mr. Dobbin was selected to serve on our Board in light of his substantial experience in the restaurant industry and his experience as an investor in the transportation, service, real estate, and hospitality sectors.

#### Reuven Har-Even

Mr. Har-Even is currently an Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of P&E Capital, Inc., a family office holding company, in which capacity he has evaluated and is currently evaluating numerous investment opportunities in the restaurant industry. From 2002 to 2005 Mr. Har-Even served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tiffen Acquisition LLC, a photographic equipment manufacturer and distributor. From 2001 to 2002 Mr. Har-Even served as Chief Financial and Administrative Officer of The Goldman Group, a global holding company of six machine tool subsidiaries. From 1997 to 2001 Mr. Har-Even served as acting Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Hayward Industrial Products, Inc., a manufacturer of industrial filtration products. From 1987 to 1997 Mr. Har-Even served as the Chief Financial Officer of Hayward Industries, Inc., holding company of largest swimming pool equipment manufacturer in North America. Prior to 1987 Mr. Har-Even was a partner at Grant Thornton, an international accounting and consulting firm.

Mr. Har-Even holds a BA in Statistics and Computer Science from The Hebrew University and an MBA in accounting and computer applications and information systems from New York University. Mr. Har-Even is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American institute of Certified Public Accountants and of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Har-Even was selected to serve on our Board in light of his broad business experience and his experience with financial and accounting matters.

## Gary J. Heller

Mr. Heller is currently President of Heathcote Capital LLC, the Company s financial advisor. See Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions. Mr. Heller also served as Chief Operating Officer of Il Mulino New York, which operates and licenses fine dining Italian restaurants, from October 2012 to June 2013. Prior to March 2012, Mr. Heller also served as a director and executive officer of Elephant & Castle Group, Inc. Prior to his involvement in the restaurant industry, Mr. Heller served as a Managing Director of FTI Capital Advisors, LLC and a Director of Andersen Corporate Finance LLC. Mr. Heller holds a BA in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA in Finance from New York University.

Mr. Heller was selected to serve on our Board of Directors in light of his substantial experience in the restaurant industry and his experience as a financial advisor and an investment banker.

Prior to April 2012, Mr. Heller also served as a member of our Audit Committee and as chairman of our Compensation Committee. Mr. Heller resigned from both committee positions upon the Company s engagement of Heathcote Capital LLC as financial advisor.

## Boyd E. Hoback

Mr. Hoback has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our Board of Directors since December 1992 and has been in the restaurant business since the age of 16. Mr. Hoback has been a vital part of the development of the Company and has been involved in developing and managing all areas of the Company. Mr. Hoback is an honors graduate of the University of Colorado in Finance.

Mr. Hoback was selected to serve on our Board in light of his in-depth understanding of our business.

We have also designated Mr. Hoback as one of five managers of Bad Daddy s Franchise Development, LLC, an entity in which we hold a 48% voting membership interest.

## Steven M. Johnson

Mr. Johnson is currently a Jimmy John s franchisee in Oklahoma. Prior to becoming a Jimmy John s franchisee, Mr. Johnson served as the Chief Executive Officer of F&H Acquisition Corp., which owns and operates the Champps, Fox & Hound, and Bailey s restaurant concepts. From 1999 to 2006, Mr. Johnson served as Chief Executive Officer of Fox & Hound Restaurant Group. From 1992 until 1998, Mr. Johnson was Chief Operating Officer for Coulter Enterprises, Inc., a Pizza Hut franchisee operating 100 Pizza Hut restaurants. From 1985 through 1991, he was Controller for Fugate Enterprises, Inc., a Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and Blockbuster Video franchisee. Previously, he was employed by the accounting firm of Ernst & Young. Mr. Johnson is a certified public accountant.

Mr. Johnson also serves on the board of directors of Pizza Inn Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: PZZI), a position he has held since 2006.

Mr. Johnson holds a degree in accounting from Wichita State University.

Mr. Johnson was selected to serve on our Board in light of his substantial experience in the restaurant industry.

#### Eric W. Reinhard

Mr. Reinhard serves as Chairman and CEO of Shadow Beverage and Snacks, a consumer products accelerator of early stage innovation (2013-present). Prior to his recent assignment, Mr. Reinhard served as President of the Pepsi Cola Bottler s Association, a beverage association management and consulting firm (2006-2013). Prior to June 2004 he was the Senior Vice President & General Manager for the Pepsi Bottling Group s Great West Business Unit. While in this role, Mr. Reinhard was also a member of the Pepsi Bottling Group s Chairman s Council, a member of the Food Service Strategic Planning Committee, and a member of The Dr. Pepper Bottler Marketing Committee. Mr. Reinhard joined Pepsi Cola in 1984 after four years with The Proctor & Gamble Distributing Company. Since 1984 he has held several field and headquarters positions including Vice President/General Manager Pepsi-Lipton Tea Partnership (JV), General Manager Mid-Atlantic business Unit, Area Vice President Retail Channels, Vice President On-Premise Operations and Area Vice President of Franchise Operations. Mr. Reinhard holds a BA from Michigan State University and has completed the Executive Business Program at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Reinhard was selected to serve on our Board in light of his substantial experience within the beverage industry and his broad knowledge concerning corporate governance and management.

From 2005-2010, Mr. Reinhard also served as Chairman of our Board.

Alan A. Teran

Mr. Teran is currently a principal in multiple private restaurants. He previously served on our Board from 1994 to 2010. Mr. Teran also served as a Director of Morton's Restaurant Group, Inc. from 1994 until February 2012. He served as president of the Cork & Cleaver restaurant chain from 1975 to 1981 and served as a Director for Boulder Valley National Bank and Charlie Brown's Restaurants. He was one of the first franchisees of Le Peep Restaurants. Mr. Teran graduated from the University of Akron in 1968 with a degree in business.

Mr. Teran was selected to serve on our Board in light of his substantial experience within the restaurant industry, his experience as an investor in multiple private restaurants, and his prior service on our Board.

We have also designated Mr. Teran as one five managers of Bad Daddy s Franchise Development, LLC, an entity in which we hold a 48% voting membership interest.

As set forth above, prior to March 2012, Messrs. Dobbin and Heller each served as a director and executive officer of Elephant & Castle Group Inc. On June 28, 2011, Elephant & Castle Group, Inc. and related subsidiaries (collectively, the Elephant & Castle Group) filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. The Elephant & Castle Group subsequently sold all of its assets in a sale under the bankruptcy proceedings.

There are no family relationships among the directors. As discussed below, under the heading Director Independence, the Board has determined that of the current directors Messrs. Bailey, Har-Even, Johnson, Reinhard, and Teran are independent directors under the NASDAQ listing standards. In addition, the Board previously determined that Neil Calvert qualified as an independent director under the NASDAQ listing standards prior to his ceasing to be a director effective August 30, 2013.

Geoffrey R. Bailey was originally elected to the Board pursuant to contractual board representation rights granted to The Bailey Company in connection with its investment in shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in 1996. Mr. Bailey has continued to serve on the Board pursuant to contractual board representation rights held by The Bailey Company and its affiliates ( The Bailey Group ) in connection with our Series B Convertible Preferred Stock financing in February 2005 and the subsequent modification of those contractual rights in connection with the closing of our initial investment transaction with the Investor in December 2010, whereby The Bailey Group is entitled to designate one individual for election to our Board.

Eric W. Reinhard was originally elected to the Board pursuant to contractual board representation rights granted to certain investors in connection with our Series B Convertible Preferred Stock financing in February 2005 and the subsequent modification of those contractual rights in connection with the closing of our initial investment transaction with the Investor in December 2010, whereby Mr. Reinhard and his affiliates are entitled to designate one individual for election to our Board.

Messrs. Dobbin, Heller, and Teran were originally elected to the Board pursuant to contractual director designation rights granted to Small Island Investments Limited (SII) in connection with its initial investment in our Common Stock in December 2010 and its subsequent investment in our Series C Convertible Preferred Stock in September 2013. The investment agreements provided that, for so long as SII continued to own at least 50% of our outstanding capital stock, (i) our Board shall not consist of more than seven directors, and (ii) SII would have the right to designate four individuals for election to our Board. Following the completion of our public offering of shares of Common Stock and related warrants on August 21, 2013, SII no longer owns at least 50% of our outstanding capital stock and thus no longer has the right to designate four individuals for election to our Board. SII has consented to the increase in the size of our Board of Directors from seven to eight members.

#### **Vote Required for Approval**

Approval of Proposal #1 the election of eight directors will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of our Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on

the matter.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE COMPANY S EIGHT DIRECTOR NOMINEES LISTED ON THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD.

#### PROPOSAL #2 APPROVAL OF 2008 PLAN AMENDMENT

On November 21, 2013, our Board unanimously approved an amendment to the Company s 2008 Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan (the 2008 Plan ), previously amended September 14, 2012, that would increase the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance there under from 500,000 shares to a total of 1,000,000 shares, and directed the submission of the amendment for approval by the Company s stockholders at the Annual Meeting. The form of the proposed 2008 Plan Amendment is attached as Annex A.

As of December 9, 2013, there were 500,000 shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the 2008 Plan, of which 407,237 shares have been reserved for awards made previously to the Company s employees, non-employee directors, and consultants that were outstanding as of such date, and of which 92,763 shares remained available for award of such date.

As of December 26, 2013, the closing price of our Common Stock as quoted by the NASDAQ Capital Market was \$2.61. The weighted average exercise price of the 407,237 options outstanding under the 2008 Plan is \$3.82, well in excess of the current market price of our Common Stock, which makes such options out-of-the-money and their exercise is uncertain. Such options are subject to expiration over the next 7.9 years. Accordingly, the Board believes that the outstanding options under the 2008 Plan do not currently fill their intended purpose of incentivizing our employees, non-employee directors, and consultants.

The Board considers the proposed increase in the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the 2008 Plan desirable because it will give the Board the flexibility to issue additional awards to employees, non-employee directors, and consultants of the Company and our affiliates. The Board and management believe that this amount will be sufficient for the Company sequity compensation needs for the foreseeable future.

Set forth below is a summary of the principal provisions of the 2008 Plan, as amended by the proposed 2008 Plan Amendment. The summary is qualified by reference to the full text of the proposed 2008 Plan Amendment, and the 2008 Plan. The proposed 2008 Plan Amendment is attached as Annex A.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the 2008 Plan is to promote the growth of the Company by permitting the Company to grant nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance units, and other stock-based awards to employees, non-employee directors, and consultants of the Company and our affiliates.

# Administration

The 2008 Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board or any other duly authorized committee of the Board performing similar functions, as appointed from time to time by the Board (the Committee ). The Committee has full and exclusive discretion in interpreting the terms and the intent of the 2008 Plan and any other agreement made in connection with the 2008 Plan, determining eligibility for awards, and adopting such rules, regulations, and guidelines for administering the 2008 Plan as the Committee may deem necessary or proper. Such authority includes, but is not be limited to, selecting award recipients, establishing all award terms and conditions and, subject to the 2008 Plan, adopting modifications and amendments, or sub-plans, to the 2008 Plan or any award agreement, including, without limitation, any that are necessary or appropriate to comply with laws or compensation practices of the jurisdictions in which we and our affiliates operate.

## **Eligibility and Participation**

Individuals eligible to participate in the 2008 Plan include our non-employee directors and all current employees and consultants of the Company or our affiliates. Subject to the provisions of the 2008 Plan, the Committee may, from time to time, in its sole discretion select from among eligible employees, non-employee directors, and consultants, those to whom awards shall be granted under the 2008 Plan, and shall determine in its discretion the nature, terms, conditions, and amount of each award.

## **Duration of the 2008 Plan**

The 2008 Plan was adopted by our Board, and approved by our stockholders, at our annual meeting held on January 24, 2008 and became effective on such date. The 2008 Plan shall remain in effect, subject to the right of the Committee to amend or terminate the 2008 Plan at any time, until the earlier of the tenth anniversary of the effective date of the 2008 Plan or when all shares of Common Stock subject to the 2008 Plan have been purchased or acquired according to the provisions of the 2008 Plan.

## **Types of Awards**

Stock Options: Subject to the terms and provisions of the 2008 Plan, incentive and nonqualified stock options may be granted to participants in consideration for the services and benefit that they provide to us in such number, and upon such terms, and at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no incentive stock options may be granted more than ten years after the effective date of the 2008 Plan. Each stock option granted to a participant shall expire at such time as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant; provided, however, that no stock option shall be exercisable later than the tenth anniversary date of its grant and provided further that no incentive stock option granted to a significant stockholder, as defined in the 2008 Plan, shall be exercisable later than the fifth anniversary of the date of its grant. Stock options granted under the 2008 Plan shall be exercisable at such times and on the occurrence of such events, and be subject to such restrictions and conditions, as the Committee shall in each instance approve, which need not be the same for each grant or for each participant.

The stock option price for each grant of a stock option shall be determined by the Committee and shall be specified in the award agreement. The stock option price for a nonqualified stock option may include a stock option price based on 100% of the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock on the date of grant, a stock option price that is set at a premium to the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock on the date of grant, or a stock option price that is indexed to the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock on the date of grant, with the index determined by the Committee in its discretion. The stock option price for an incentive stock option shall be not less than 100% of the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock on the date of grant; provided that the stock option price for an incentive stock option granted to a significant stockholder, as defined in the 2008 Plan, shall be not less than 110% of the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock.

Stock Appreciation Rights: Subject to the terms and conditions of the 2008 Plan, stock appreciation rights, or SARs, may be granted to participants at any time and from time to time and upon such terms as shall be determined by the Committee in its discretion. The Committee may grant freestanding SARs, tandem SARs, or any combination of these forms of SARs. A tandem SAR means a SAR that the Committee specifies is granted in connection with a related stock option pursuant to the 2008 Plan, the exercise of which shall require forfeiture of the right to purchase a share of Common Stock under the related stock option (and when a share of Common Stock is purchased under the stock option, the tandem SAR shall similarly be cancelled) or a SAR that is granted in tandem with a stock option but the exercise of such stock option does not cancel the SAR, but rather results in the exercise of the related SAR. Regardless of whether a stock option is granted coincident with a SAR, a SAR is not a tandem SAR unless so specified by the Committee at time of grant.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Awards: Subject to the terms and conditions of the 2008 Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant shares of restricted stock or restricted stock units to participants in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee shall determine. Restricted stock are shares of Common Stock that are subject to a period of restriction. A restricted stock unit is an award denominated in units subject to a period of restriction, with a right to receive shares of Common Stock or cash or a combination thereof upon settlement of the award. During the period of restriction, restricted stock and restricted stock units are subject to forfeiture based on the passage of time, the achievement of performance criteria, or upon the occurrence of other events as determined by the Committee. To the extent required by law, participants holding shares of restricted stock shall have the right to exercise full voting rights with respect to those shares of Common Stock during the period of restriction. A participant shall have no voting rights with respect to any restricted stock units.

The Committee shall impose, in the award agreement at the time of grant or anytime thereafter, such other conditions or restrictions on any shares of restricted stock or restricted stock units granted pursuant to the 2008 Plan as it may deem advisable, including, without limitation, a requirement that participants pay a stipulated purchase price for each share of restricted stock or each restricted stock unit, restrictions based upon the achievement of specific performance criteria, time-based restrictions on vesting following the attainment of the performance criteria, time-based restrictions, restrictions under applicable laws or under the requirements of any stock exchange or market upon which

such shares are listed or traded, or holding requirements or sale restrictions placed on the shares of Common Stock by us upon vesting of such restricted stock or restricted stock units.

During the period of restriction, participants holding shares of restricted stock or restricted stock units granted under the 2008 Plan may, if the Committee so determines, be credited with dividends paid with respect to the underlying shares or dividend equivalents while they are so held in a manner and with such restrictions as may be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

<u>Performance Shares and Performance Units</u>: Subject to the terms and conditions of the 2008 Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant performance shares or performance units to participants in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee shall determine. Each performance share shall have an initial value equal to the fair market value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant. Each performance unit shall have an initial value that is established by the Committee at the time of grant which may be less than, equal to, or greater than the fair market value of a share of

Common Stock. The Committee shall set performance criteria for a performance period in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine, in the manner determined by the Committee and set forth in the award agreement, the value or number of each performance share or performance unit that will be paid to the participant.

Subject to the terms of the 2008 Plan, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may pay earned performance shares or performance units in the form of cash or in shares of Common Stock (or in a combination thereof) equal to the value of the earned performance shares or performance units, as applicable, at the end of the applicable performance period. Any shares of Common Stock may be granted subject to any restrictions deemed appropriate by the Committee. The Committee shall determine whether participants holding performance shares will receive dividend equivalents with respect to dividends declared with respect to the performance shares.

Stock-Based Awards: The Committee may grant other types of equity-based or equity-related awards not otherwise described by the terms of the 2008 Plan (including the grant or offer for sale of unrestricted shares of Common Stock) in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions, including, but not limited to, being subject to performance criteria, or in satisfaction of such obligations, as the Committee shall determine. Such awards may involve the transfer of actual shares of Common Stock to participants, or payment in cash or otherwise of amounts based on the value of shares of Common Stock.

Performance Measures: Notwithstanding any other terms of the 2008 Plan, the vesting, payability or value (as determined by the Committee) of each award other than a stock option or SAR that, at the time of grant, the Committee intends to be performance-based compensation to a covered employee, shall be determined by the attainment of one or more performance goals as determined by the Committee in conformity with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. A list of general performance measures on which performance goals may be based is set forth in Article 11 of the 2008 Plan. The Committee shall specify in writing, by resolution or otherwise, the participants eligible to receive such an award (which may be expressed in terms of a class of individuals) and the performance goal(s) applicable to such awards within 90 days after the commencement of the period to which the performance goal(s) relate(s), or such earlier time as required to comply with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. No such award shall be payable unless the Committee certifies in writing, by resolution or otherwise, that the performance goal(s) applicable to the award were satisfied. In no case may the Committee increase the value of an award of performance-based compensation above the maximum value determined under the performance formula by the attainment of the applicable performance goal(s), but the Committee may retain the discretion to reduce the value below such maximum.

#### **Deferrals**

The Committee may permit or require a participant to defer such participant s receipt of any award, or payment in settlement or exercise of any award, provided that any such deferral must comply with the applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **Tax Matters**

The following is a brief summary of certain federal income tax consequences of certain transactions under the 2008 Plan under current laws and regulations. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and does not describe state or local tax consequences.

<u>Incentive Stock Options</u>: The grant of an incentive stock option will not result in any immediate tax consequences to us or the optionee. An optionee will not recognize taxable income, and we will not be entitled to any deduction upon the timely exercise of an incentive stock option, but the excess of the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock acquired over the stock option price will be an item of tax preference for purposes of the alternative minimum tax. If the optionee does not dispose of the shares of Common Stock acquired within one year after their receipt (and

within two years after the stock option was granted), gain or loss recognized on the subsequent disposition of the shares of Common Stock will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss. Capital losses of individuals are deductible only against capital gains and a limited amount of ordinary income. In the event of an earlier disposition, the optionee will recognize ordinary taxable income in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the excess of the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock on the date of exercise over the stock option price, or (ii) if the disposition is a taxable sale or exchange, the amount of any gain recognized. Upon such a disqualifying disposition, we will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount and at the same time as the optionee recognizes such ordinary taxable income.

<u>Nonqualified Stock Options</u>: The grant of a nonqualified stock option will not result in any immediate tax consequences to us or the optionee. Upon the exercise of a nonqualified stock option, the optionee will recognize ordinary taxable income, and we will be entitled to a deduction, equal to the difference between the stock option price and the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock acquired at the time of exercise.

Stock Appreciation Rights: The grant of either a tandem SAR or a freestanding SAR will not result in any immediate tax consequences to us or the grantee. Upon the exercise of either a tandem SAR or a freestanding SAR, any cash received and

the fair market value on the exercise date of any shares of Common Stock received will constitute ordinary taxable income to the grantee. We will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount and at the same time.

Restricted Stock: A grantee normally will not recognize taxable income upon an award of restricted stock, and we will not be entitled to a deduction, until the termination of the restrictions. Upon such termination, the grantee will recognize ordinary taxable income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock at that time, plus the amount of any dividends and interest thereon to which the grantee then becomes entitled. However, a grantee may elect to recognize ordinary taxable income in the year the restricted stock is awarded in an amount equal to its fair market value at that time, determined without regard to the restrictions. We will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount and at the same time as the grantee recognizes income, subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares and Performance Units: The grant of a restricted stock unit, performance share or performance unit will not result in any immediate tax consequences to us or the grantee. Upon payment of a restricted stock unit, performance share or performance unit, the grantee will recognize ordinary taxable income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock or cash received at that time. We will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount and at the same time, subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Payouts of Performance Compensation Awards: The designation of an award of restricted stock or performance shares or the grant of a restricted stock unit or a performance unit as a performance compensation award will not change the tax treatment described above to an employee who receives such an award or grant. Such a designation will, however, enable such award or grant to qualify as performance-based compensation not subject to the \$1 million limitation on deductible compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. Applicable taxes required by law will be withheld from all amounts paid in satisfaction of an award. The amount of the withholding will generally be determined with reference to the closing price of the shares of Common Stock as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market on the date of determination.

Golden Parachute Tax and Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code: If an award is accelerated as a result of a change in control of us, all or a portion of the value of the award at that time may be a parachute payment under Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code for certain employees and other individuals who perform services for us. Section 280G generally provides that if parachute payments equal or exceed three times an award holder s average W-2 compensation for the five tax years preceding the year of the change in control, we will not be permitted to claim its deduction with respect to any excess parachute payments made to the individual. An excess parachute payment generally is the portion of a parachute payment that exceeds such individual's historical average compensation. Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code generally applies to employees or other individuals who perform services for us if within the 12 month period preceding the change in control the individual is one of our officers, a stockholder owning more than one percent of the our stock, or a member of the group consisting of the lesser of the highest paid one percent of our employees or our highest paid 250 employees. A recipient of an excess parachute payment is subject to a 20 percent excise tax on such excess parachute payment under Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The discussion set forth above is intended only as a summary and does not purport to be a complete enunciation or analysis of all potential tax consequences relevant to recipients of awards under the 2008 Plan. We have not undertaken to discuss the tax treatment of awards under the 2008 Plan in connection with a merger, consolidation, or similar transaction. Such treatment will depend on the terms of the transaction and the method of dealing with the awards in connection therewith.

## **Change of Control**

Accelerated Vesting and Payment: Subject to the provisions of the 2008 Plan or as otherwise provided in the award agreement, in the event of a change of control, unless otherwise specifically prohibited under law or by the rules and

| regulations of a national | securities exchange | or market on | which the shares | are listed or traded: |
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Any and all stock options and SARs granted shall be accelerated to become immediately exercisable in full;

Any period of restriction and other restrictions imposed on restricted stock or restricted stock units shall lapse, and restricted stock units shall be immediately settled and payable;

The target payout opportunities attainable under all outstanding awards of performance-based restricted stock, performance-based restricted stock units, performance shares and performance units (including, but not limited to, awards intended to be performance-based compensation) shall be deemed to have been fully earned based on targeted performance being attained as of the effective date of the change of control, and:

The vesting of all awards denominated in shares of Common Stock shall be accelerated as of the effective date of the change of control, and shall be paid out to participants within 30 days following the effective date of the change of control; and

• Awards denominated in cash shall be paid to participants in cash within 30 days following the effective date of the change of control;

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Upon a change of control, unless otherwise specifically provided in a written agreement entered into between the participant and us or an affiliate, the Committee shall immediately vest and pay out all other stock-based awards as determined by the Committee; and

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The Committee shall have the ability to unilaterally determine that all outstanding awards are cancelled upon a change in control, and the value of such awards, as determined by the Committee in accordance with the terms of the 2008 Plan and the award agreement, be paid out in cash in an amount based on the change of control price within a reasonable time subsequent to the change in control; provided, however, that no such payment shall be made on account of an incentive stock option using a value higher than the fair market value on the date of settlement.

<u>Alternate Awards</u>: Subject to certain conditions set forth in the 2008 Plan, no cancellation, acceleration of vesting, lapsing of restrictions, payment of an award, cash settlement, or other payment shall occur with respect to any award if the Committee reasonably determines in good faith prior to the occurrence of a change of control that such award shall be honored or assumed, or new rights substituted therefor by any successor, all as described in the 2008 Plan.

Compliance with Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code: In the event that any accelerated award vesting or payment received or to be received by a participant pursuant to the 2008 Plan, referred to herein as a benefit, would (i) constitute a parachute payment within the meaning of and subject to Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code and (ii) but for the limitations set forth in the 2008 Plan, be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code, then such benefit shall be reduced to the extent necessary so that no portion of the benefit will be subject to the excise tax, as determined in good faith by the Committee; provided, however, that if, in the absence of any such reduction (or after such reduction), the participant believes that the benefit or any portion thereof (as reduced, if applicable) would be subject to the excise tax, the benefit shall be reduced (or further reduced) to the extent determined by the participant in his or her discretion so that the excise tax would not apply. If, notwithstanding any such reduction (or in the absence of such reduction), the Internal Revenue Service determines that the participant is liable for the excise tax as a result of the benefit, then the participant shall be obligated to return to us, within 30 days of such determination by the Internal Revenue Service, a portion of the benefit sufficient such that none of the benefit retained by the participant constitutes a parachute payment within the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code that is subject to the excise tax.

Compliance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code: To the extent applicable, it is intended that the 2008 Plan and any awards made thereunder shall not provide for the payment of deferred compensation within the meaning of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be structured in a manner and have such terms and conditions that would not cause a participant to be subject to taxes and interest pursuant to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding anything in the 2008 Plan or in any award agreement to the contrary, to the extent that any amount or benefit that would constitute deferred compensation for purposes of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code would otherwise be payable or distributable under the 2008 Plan or any award agreement by reason of the occurrence of a change of control or the participant s disability or separation from service, such amount or benefit will not be payable or distributable to the participant by reason of such circumstance unless (i) the circumstances giving rise to such change of control, disability or separation from service meet the description or definition of change in control event, disability, or separation from service, as the case may be, in Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, and (ii) the payment or distribution of such amount or benefit would otherwise comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code (which may require, if the participant to taxes and interest pursuant to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, that the payment date shall not be earlier than the date that is six months after the

date of the participant s separation from service). This provision does not prohibit the vesting of any award or the vesting of any right to eventual payment or distribution of any amount or benefit under the 2008 Plan or any award agreement.

# Amendment, Modification, Suspension, and Termination

The Committee or our Board may, at any time and from time to time, alter, amend, modify, suspend, or terminate the 2008 Plan in whole or in part; provided, however, that:

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Without the prior approval of our stockholders, stock options and SARs issued under the 2008 Plan will not be re-priced, replaced, or re-granted such that the stock option price of a previously granted stock option or the grant price of a previously granted SAR is effectively reduced from the original stock option price or grant price.

· No amendment or modification which would increase the total number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the 2008 Plan or the total number of shares of Common Stock available for incentive stock options under the 2008 Plan shall be effective unless approved by our stockholders.

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To the extent necessary under any applicable law, regulation, or securities exchange or market requirement, no amendment shall be effective unless approved by our stockholders in accordance with applicable law, regulation, or securities exchange or market requirement.

### **Adjustment of Awards**

The Committee may make appropriate proportionate adjustments or substitutions in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, awards in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events affecting us or our financial statements or of changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles, whenever the Committee determines that such adjustments are appropriate in order to prevent unintended dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the 2008 Plan.

# **Vote Required for Approval**

Approval of Proposal #2 the stockholder resolution approving the proposed 2008 Plan Amendment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of our Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the matter.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR PROPOSAL #2.

#### PROPOSAL #3 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 was Hein & Associates LLP (Hein). It is expected that one or more representatives of such firm will attend the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions. The Company has selected Hein as the Company s principal independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. Shareholder ratification of the appointment is not required under the laws of the State of Nevada, but the Board has decided to ascertain the position of the shareholders on the appointment. The Company will reconsider the appointment if it is not ratified. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Company may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the fiscal year if the Company feels that such a change would be in the Company s and its shareholders best interests.

#### **Vote Required**

Proposal 2 will be approved if the number of votes cast in favor of such proposal exceeds the number of votes cast opposing such proposal. Broker-non votes and abstentions will not count as votes in favor of or against the proposal and will have no effect on the vote total for the proposal.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP AS THE COMPANY S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

## **Director Independence**

The Company s Common Stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the trading symbol GTIM. NASDAQ listing rules require that a majority of the Company s directors be independent directors as defined by NASDAQ corporate governance standards.

The Board has determined that of the current directors Messrs. Bailey, Har-Even, Johnson, Reinhard and Teran are independent directors under the NASDAQ listing standards, while Messrs. Dobbin, Heller, and Hoback are not independent under such standards. The Board has also determined that each of the three current members of the Audit Committee is independent for purposes of Section 10A(m)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) promulgated thereunder.

## **Leadership Structure**

The Board does not have a policy regarding the separation of the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board as the Board believes it is in the best interests of the Company to make that determination from time to time based on the position and direction of the Company and the membership of the Board. However, the Board has determined that separating these roles is in the best interests of the Company s stockholders at this time. The Board believes that this structure permits the Chief Executive Officer to focus on the management of the Company s day-to-day operations.

### Risk Oversight

Material risks are identified and prioritized by the Company s management and reported to the Board for oversight. The Board as a whole administers the Board s risk oversight function. The Board regularly reviews information regarding the Company s credit, liquidity, and operations, as well as the risks associated with each. In addition, the Board continually works, with the input of the Company s executive officers, to assess and analyze the most likely areas of future risk for the Company.

#### **Code of Ethics**

The Company has adopted a Code of Business Conduct which applies to all directors, officers, employees, and franchisees of the Company. The Code of Business Conduct was filed as an exhibit to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003. The Code of Business Conduct is also available on the Company s website at www.goodtimesburgers.com.

#### **Board Committees**

The standing committees of the Board are the Audit Committee, which is currently comprised of Messrs. Har-Even (Chairman), Johnson and Teran, and the Compensation Committee, which is currently comprised of Messrs. Bailey, Reinhard, and Teran (Chairman). As discussed under the heading Nominee Selection Process below, there is no standing nominating committee of the Board and instead the Board as a whole acts as the nominating committee for the selection of nominees for election as directors.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee currently consists of Messrs. Har-Even (Chairman), Johnson and Teran. The Board has determined that all of the members of the Audit Committee are independent, as defined by the NASDAQ listing standards and by applicable SEC rules. In addition, the Board has determined that Mr. Har-Even is an audit

committee financial expert, as that term is defined by the SEC rules, by virtue of having the following attributes through relevant experience: (i) an understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and financial statements; (ii) the ability to assess the general application of such principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals, and reserves; (iii) experience preparing, auditing, analyzing, or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company s financial statements, or experience actively supervising one or more persons engaged in such activities; (iv) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting; and (v) an understanding of audit committee functions.

Neil Calvert ceased to be a member of the Company s Board of Directors on August 30, 2013 and a member and Chairman of the Audit Committee. The Board of Directors replaced him on the Audit Committee following the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Prior to August 30, 2013, Mr. Calvert also served as our audit committee financial expert.

The function of the Audit Committee relates to oversight of the auditors, the auditing, accounting, and financial reporting processes, and the review of the Company s financial reports and information. In addition, the functions of this Committee have included, among other things, recommending to the Board the engagement or discharge of independent auditors,

discussing with the auditors their review of the Company's quarterly results and the results of their audit, and reviewing the Company's internal accounting controls. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a written Charter adopted by the Board. A current copy of the Audit Committee Charter is available on our website at www.goodtimesburgers.com. The Audit Committee held five meetings during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013.

## **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee currently consists of Messrs. Bailey, Reinhard, and Teran (Chairman). The Board has determined that all of the members of the Compensation Committee are independent, as defined by the NASDAQ listing standards. The function of the Compensation Committee is to consider and determine all matters relating to the compensation of the President and Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers, including matters relating to the employment agreements. The Compensation Committee held one meeting during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013.

The responsibility of the Compensation Committee is to review and approve the compensation and other terms of employment of our Chief Executive Officer and our other executive officers, including all of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table in this Proxy Statement (the Named Executive Officers). Among its other duties, the Compensation Committee oversees all significant aspects of the Company's compensation plans and benefit programs. The Compensation Committee annually reviews and approves corporate goals and objectives for the Chief Executive Officer's compensation and evaluates the Chief Executive Officer's performance in light of those goals and objectives. The Compensation Committee also recommends to the Board the compensation and benefits for members of the Board. The Compensation Committee has also been appointed by the Board to administer our 2008 Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan, which is the successor equity compensation plan to the Company's 2001 Stock Option Plan. The Compensation Committee does not delegate any of its authority to other persons.

In carrying out its duties, the Compensation Committee participates in the design and implementation and ultimately reviews and approves specific compensation programs. The Compensation Committee reviews and determines the base salaries for the Named Executive Officers, and also approves awards to the Named Executive Officers under the Company s equity compensation plans.

In determining the amount and form of compensation for Named Executive Officers other than the Chief Executive Officer, the Compensation Committee obtains input from the Chief Executive Officer regarding the duties, responsibilities, and performance of the other executive officers and the results of performance reviews. The Chief Executive Officer also recommends to the Compensation Committee the base salary levels for all Named Executive Officers and the award levels for all Named Executive Officers under the Company s equity compensation programs. No Named Executive Officer attends any executive session of the Compensation Committee or is present during final deliberations or determinations of such Named Executive Officer s compensation. The Chief Executive Officer also provides input with respect to the amount and form of compensation for the members of the Board.

The Compensation Committee has the authority to directly engage, at the Company s expense, any compensation consultants or other advisers as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities in determining the amount and form of executive and director compensation. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, the Compensation Committee did not use the services of a compensation consultant or other adviser. However, the Compensation Committee has reviewed surveys, reports, and other market data against which it has measured the competitiveness of the Company s compensation programs.

In determining the amount and form of executive and director compensation, the Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed historical salary information as well as salaries for similar positions at comparable companies.

On August 30, 2013, our Board approved and adopted a written charter for the Compensation Committee. A copy of the Compensation Committee Charter is available on our website at www.goodtimesburgers.com.

## **Communication with Directors**

The Board welcomes questions or comments about us and our operations. Those interested may contact the Board as a whole or any one or more specified individual directors by sending a letter to the intended recipients—attention in care of Good Times Restaurants Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 601 Corporate Circle, Golden, CO 80401. All such communications other than commercial advertisements will be forwarded to the appropriate director or directors for review.

## **Director Attendance at Meetings**

There were nine meetings of the Board held during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. No member of the Board attended fewer than 75% of the Board meetings and applicable committee meetings for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013.

The Company does not have a formal policy on director attendance at the annual meeting. Messrs. Bailey, Dobbin, Heller, Hoback and Teran attended the annual meeting of stockholders for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, which was held on September 27, 2013. Mr. Reinhard did not attend the last annual meeting.

# **Nominee Selection Process**

Our Board as a whole acts as the nominating committee for the selection of nominees for election as directors. We do not have a separate standing nominating committee since we require that our director nominees be approved as nominees by a majority of our independent directors. The Board will consider suggestions by stockholders for possible future nominees for election as directors at the next annual meeting when the suggestion is delivered in writing to the corporate secretary of the Company by November 15 of the year immediately preceding the annual meeting. No request for a recommended nominee was made by the 2013 deadline by any stockholder or group of stockholders with beneficial ownership of more than five percent of our Common Stock as indicated in a Schedule 13D or 13G, other than those stockholders with contractual board representation or director designation rights as discussed above.

The Board selects each nominee, subject to contractual representation or designation rights held by certain stockholders, based on the nominee s skills, achievements, and experience, with the objective that the Board as a whole should have broad and relevant experience in high policymaking levels in business and a commitment to representing the long-term interests of the stockholders. The Board believes that each nominee should have experience in positions of responsibility and leadership, an understanding of our business environment, and a reputation for integrity.

The Board evaluates each potential nominee individually and in the context of the Board as a whole. The objective is to recommend a group that will effectively contribute to our long-term success and represent stockholder interests. In determining whether to recommend a director for re-election, the Board also considers the director s past attendance at meetings and participation in and contributions to the activities of the Board.

When seeking candidates for director, the Board solicits suggestions from incumbent directors, management, stockholders, and others. The Board does not have a charter for the nominating process.

The Company does not have a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees, but the Board strives to nominate directors with a variety of complementary skills so that, as a group, the Board will possess the appropriate talent, skills, and expertise to oversee the Company s business.

# **Directors Compensation**

Each non-employee director received \$500 for each Board of Directors meeting attended. Members of the Compensation and Audit Committees generally each received \$100 per meeting attended. However, where both Compensation and Audit Committee meetings are held at the same gathering, only \$100 is paid to directors attending both committee meetings. Additionally, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 the directors received the following stock options: 1) Messrs. Bailey, Calvert, Dobbin, Heller, Reinhard and Teran each received a non-statutory stock option to acquire 2,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$2.31 per share; and 2) Messrs. Bailey, Dobbin, Har-Even, Heller, Johnson, Reinhard and Teran each received a non-statutory stock option to acquire 5,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$2.44 per share. Mr. Calvert ceased to be a director of the Company effective August 30, 2013.

The following table sets forth compensation information for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 with respect to directors:

## Director Compensation Table for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013

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|                             | Fees      |        |              | Non-Equity     | Nonqualified |              |          |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
|                             | Earned or | Stock  | Option       | Incentive Plan | Deferred     | All Other    |          |
|                             | Paid in   | Awards | Awards       | Compensation   | Compensation | Compensation |          |
| Name                        | Cash (\$) | (\$)   | $(\$)^{1,2}$ | (\$)           | Earnings \$  | \$           | Total \$ |
| Geoffrey R. Bailey          | 4,400     | _      | 14,353       | _              | _            | _            | 18,753   |
| David Dobbin                | 4,200     | _      | 14,353       | _              | _            | _            | 18,553   |
| Gary Heller                 | 4,300     | _      | 14,353       | _              | _            | _            | 18,653   |
| Eric W. Reinhard            | 3,800     | _      | 14,353       | _              | _            | _            | 18,153   |
| Alan Teran                  | 4,400     | _      | 14,353       | _              | _            | _            | 18,753   |
| Neil Calvert <sup>3</sup>   | 1,500     | _      | 3,928        | _              | _            | _            | 5,428    |
| Steve Johnson               | 500       | _      | 10,426       | _              | _            | _            | 10,926   |
| Reuven Har-Even             | 500       | _      | 10,426       | _              | _            | _            | 10,926   |
| Boyd E. Hoback <sup>4</sup> | _         | _      | _            | _              | _            | _            | 0        |

- The value of stock option awards shown in this column includes all amounts expensed in the Company's financial statements in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 for equity awards in accordance with the guidance of FASB ASC 718-10-30, Compensation Stock Compensation, excluding any estimate for forfeitures. The Company's accounting treatment for, and assumptions made in the valuation of equity awards are set forth in Note 1 of the notes to the Company's consolidated financial statements for the Company s fiscal year ended September 30 included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013.
- As of September 30, 2013, the following directors held options to purchase the following number of shares of our Common Stock: Mr. Bailey 16,666 shares; Mr. Dobbin 12,667 shares; Mr. Heller 12,667 shares; Mr. Reinhard 18,167 shares; Mr. Teran 9,000 shares; Mr. Johnson 5,000; Mr. Har-Even 5,000; and Mr. Hoback 132,560 shares.
- Mr. Calvert resigned as a director effective as of August 30, 2013. Mr. Calvert s options have expired and are no longer outstanding.
- <sup>4</sup> Mr. Hoback is an employee director and does not receive additional fees for service as a member of the Board.

# Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, directors, executive officers and persons who own more than ten percent of our Common Stock must disclose their initial beneficial ownership of the Common Stock and any changes in that ownership in reports which must be filed with the SEC and the Company. The SEC has designated specific deadlines for these reports and the Company must identify in this proxy statement those persons who did not file these reports when due.

Based solely on a review of the reports filed with the Company and written representations received from reporting persons the Company believes that during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 all Section 16(a) filing requirements for its officers, directors, and more than ten percent shareholders were complied with on a timely basis.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

# The Bailey Company

Our corporate headquarters are located in a building owned by The Bailey Company and in which The Bailey Company also has its corporate headquarters. We currently lease approximately 3,700 square feet of space for our executive offices in Golden, Colorado for approximately \$63,000 per year under a lease agreement, as amended, which expires in December 2013 and is month to month thereafter.

The Bailey Company was the owner of one franchised Good Times Burgers & Frozen Custard restaurant located in Loveland, Colorado. The Company purchased this restaurant in August 2012 for a purchase price of approximately \$100,000. The Bailey Company was also previously the owner of one franchised restaurant in Thornton, Colorado which was closed in October 2009. The Bailey Company had entered into two franchise and management agreements with us. Franchise royalties and management fees paid under those agreements totaled approximately \$0 and \$44,000 for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

# Heathcote Financial Advisory Services Agreement

On April 6, 2012, the Company entered into a financial advisory services agreement with Heathcote, pursuant to which the Company engaged Heathcote to provide exclusive financial advisory services to the Company in connection with a possible strategic transaction. Gary J. Heller, a member of our Board of Directors, is the principal of Heathcote. Accordingly, the Company s agreement with Heathcote constitutes a related party transaction and was reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee of the Company s Board of Directors. Mr. Heller did not participate in the Audit Committee s consideration of the agreement and abstained from the committee s vote to approve the agreement. Concurrently with the Company s engagement of Heathcote, Mr. Heller resigned as a member of the Audit Committee and as Chairman of the Compensation Committee, though he continues to serve on our Board.

On March 25, 2013, the Company and Heathcote modified this agreement to exclude any transactions involving the Maxim Group LLC and for Heathcote to continue to provide non-exclusive financial advisory services to the Company. The Company paid a total of \$76,500 in fees to Heathcote under the agreement for services provided in connection with the Bad Daddy s Burger Bar transaction (described below).

On September 27, 2013, the Company and Heathcote further modified this agreement to provide for investor relations activities specifically related to the exercise of the outstanding warrants and the trading volume in the Company s stock and other corporate finance projects as determined by the CEO of the company. The modification was approved by the Audit Committee of the Company s Board of Directors.

## SII Investment Transaction

On June 13, 2012, the Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with SII, pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell to SII, and SII agreed to purchase, 473,934 shares of newly designated Series C Convertible Preferred Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$2,000,000 (i.e., \$4.22 per share), subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent set forth in the purchase agreement. At the time the Company and SII entered into the purchase agreement, SII held 50.8% of our outstanding Common Stock. In addition, David L. Dobbin, the Chairman of our Board, is a principal of SII. Accordingly, the agreement constitutes a related party transaction and was reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee.

On September 28, 2012, we completed the sale and issuance of 355,451 shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock to SII for an aggregate purchase price of \$1,500,000. We also entered into a Supplemental Agreement with SII, dated September 28, 2012, and further amended on October 16, 2012, pursuant to which we extended the time period for SII to complete its purchase of the remaining shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock. Pursuant to the

Supplemental Agreement, as amended, SII agreed to complete its purchase of an additional 118,483 shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, for an additional aggregate purchase price of \$500,000, on or before March 31, 2013, at such time as the Company s Board of Directors reasonably determines, with 45 days prior notice to SII, that the Company requires such funds to maintain the minimum stockholders equity required under Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(b) for continued listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market. The Company s Board of Directors determined that it will not require such funds to maintain the minimum stockholders equity requirement. As a result, SII did not complete its purchase of the additional 118,483 shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock.

Each share of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible at the option of the holder into two shares of Common Stock, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions. The shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock will accrue dividends at the rate of 8% per annum of the original issue price of \$4.22 per share, with such accrued dividends payable quarterly. In the event the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock has not been converted to Common Stock within 18 months following the

issuance thereof, thereafter (i) the rate of the accrued dividends shall increase to 15% per annum from the date that is 18 months after the issuance thereof until converted or redeemed by the Company, and (ii) the Company may upon the approval of a majority of the disinterested members of the Board of Directors redeem all or from time to time a portion of the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock by payment of its liquidation preference. The shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock also have additional voting rights, restrictions and provisions as described under the heading Series C Convertible Preferred Stock in the section of this prospectus entitled Description of Securities.

Pursuant to the purchase agreements, SII has also agreed to vote its shares in any election of directors for one individual designated by The Bailey Group and one individual designated by Mr. Reinhard and his affiliates, in addition to SII s four director designees. If either The Bailey Group or Mr. Reinhard and his affiliates cease to own at least 200,000 shares of the Company s Common Stock (as adjusted for the reverse stock split of the Company s Common Stock effected on December 31, 2010, and may be further adjusted for any future stock splits, reverse splits, or similar capital stock transactions), then the foregoing designation rights will cease, and SII has agreed to vote its shares in any election of directors in favor of a person, other than an SII designee, who receives the majority of votes of holders of Common Stock other than SII. Geoffrey R. Bailey is the current director designated by The Bailey Group, and Eric W. Reinhard is the current director designated by Mr. Reinhard and his affiliates.

#### Bad Daddy s Transaction

On April 9, 2013, the Company entered into a series of agreements with Bad Daddy s International, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (BDI), and Bad Daddy s Franchise Development, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (BDFD), to acquire the exclusive development rights for Bad Daddy s Burger Bar restaurants in Colorado, additional restaurant development rights for Arizona and Kansas, and a 48% voting ownership interest in the franchisor entity, BDFD (collectively, the Bad Daddy s Transaction). Each of the material agreements relating to the Bad Daddy s Transaction is summarized in the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 15, 2013.

Additionally, in April 2013 the Company entered into a management services agreement with BDFD pursuant to which the Company will provide general management services as well as accounting and administrative services. Income received from the agreement by the Company is fully recognized in income and then proportionately offset by the 48% equity investment in BDFD. Total amounts received from BDFD were \$11,000 in fiscal 2013.

#### Other

In connection with our recently completed public offering of shares of our Common Stock and related warrants, the Company and each of our officers, directors, and certain existing stockholders aggregating at least 65% of our outstanding shares, have agreed, subject to certain exceptions, not to offer, issue, sell, contract to sell, encumber, grant any option for the sale of or otherwise dispose of any shares of our Common Stock or other securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of our Common Stock for a period of six months after the closing date of the offering without the prior written consent of the underwriter.

The Company entered into a standstill agreement with director nominee Reuven Har-Even, pursuant to which Mr. Har-Even will agree that for the period ending December 31, 2015 neither he nor any affiliate, including but not limited to P&E Capital, Inc., shall acquire any shares of capital stock of the Company or participate in any transaction intended to result in a change of control of the Company without the consent to such acquisition or participation by the Board of Directors of the Company.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Management is responsible for the internal controls and financial reporting process for the Company. The independent accountants for the Company are responsible for performing an independent audit of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and to issue a report on those financial statements. The Audit Committee s responsibility is to monitor and oversee these processes.

In this context, the Audit Committee met with management and the independent accountants to review and discuss the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. Management represented to the Audit Committee that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the financial statements with management and the independent accountants.

The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent accountants matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, Communication with Audit Committees. The Audit Committee has also received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent accountants required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountants communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and the Audit Committee discussed with the independent accountants that firm s independence.

Based on the Audit Committee s review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in the Good Times Restaurants Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 for filing with the SEC.

#### **Audit Committee**

Reuven Har-Even, Chairman

Steven M. Johnson

Alan A. Teran

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR INFORMATION

The Board appointed HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP as the Company s independent auditors for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012 and the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, and to perform other accounting services. Representatives of HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP are expected to be present at the annual meeting of stockholders, and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they so desire and to respond to appropriate stockholder questions.

#### **Audit Fees**

The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP for its audit of the Company s annual financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, and its reviews of the financial statements included in the Company s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, were \$118,395 compared to \$76,095 in fees for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012.

#### **Audit Related Fees**

There were no aggregate fees billed by HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements and are not reported under Audit Fees for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2013 and September 30, 2012.

#### **Tax Fees**

The aggregate fees billed by HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP for the preparation and review of the Company s tax returns for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 were \$14,100 compared to \$14,000 in fees for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012.

#### **All Other Fees**

The aggregate fees billed to the Company for all other services rendered by HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 were \$12,636 compared to \$15,270 in fees for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012. These fees are primarily related to a 401(k) plan audit.

#### **Policy on Pre-Approval Policies of Auditor Services**

Under the provisions of the Audit Committee Charter, all audit services and all permitted non-audit services (unless subject to a de minimis exception allowed by law) provided by our independent auditors, as well as fees and other compensation to be paid to them, must be approved in advance by our Audit Committee. All audit and other services provided by HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, and the related fees as discussed above, were approved in advance in accordance with SEC rules and the provisions of the Audit Committee Charter. There were no other services or products provided by HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP to us or related fees during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 except as discussed above.

#### **Auditor Independence**

The Audit Committee of our Board has considered the effect that the provision of the services described above under the caption All Other Fees may have on the independence of HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP. The Audit Committee has determined that provision of those services is compatible with maintaining the independence of HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP as the Company s principal accountants.

#### OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table shows the beneficial ownership of shares of the Company s Common Stock as of December 9, 2013 by each person known by the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the shares of the Company s Common Stock, each director and each executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table, and all directors and executive officers as a group. The address for the principal stockholders and the directors and officers is 601 Corporate Circle, Golden, CO 80401.

| Holder<br>Principal stockhold | ers:   | Number of shares beneficially owned**                   | Percent of<br>class <sup>1</sup> |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Small Island Investm          |  | 1,738,785 <sup>2</sup>                                  | 32.92%                           |  |  |  |  |
| The Bailey Co.                | ents Etc.  | 273,837 <sup>3</sup>                                    | 5.56%                            |  |  |  |  |
| The Erie Co. Investn          | nent Co.   | $338,730^3$   | 6.88%                            |  |  |  |  |
| Frigate Ventures LLI          |  | 515,115 <sup>4</sup>                                    | 10.46%                           |  |  |  |  |
| Wolverine Flagship            |  | 430,579 <sup>5</sup>                                    | 8.74%                            |  |  |  |  |
| Directors and Office          | _  | 130,579   | 0.7 176                          |  |  |  |  |
| Geoffrey R. Bailey-I          | <del></del>  | 21,0996   | *                                |  |  |  |  |
| David L. Dobbin-Din           |  | 1,751,452 <sup>7</sup>                                  | 33.08%                           |  |  |  |  |
| Reuven Har-Even               |  | 5,0008  | *                                |  |  |  |  |
| Gary J. Heller-Direct         | tor  | 12,6679   | *                                |  |  |  |  |
| Boyd E. Hoback-Dir            |  | 57,215 <sup>10</sup>                                    | 1.13%                            |  |  |  |  |
| Steven M. Johnson             |  | 16,6608   | *                                |  |  |  |  |
| Susan M. Knutson-O            | Officer  | 7,553 <sup>11</sup>                                     | *                                |  |  |  |  |
| Scott G. LeFever-Of           |  | 12,86812  | *                                |  |  |  |  |
| Alan A. Teran -Direc          |  | 36,235 <sup>13</sup>                                    | 1.32%                            |  |  |  |  |
| Eric Reinhard-Direct          |  | 104,03414   | 2.10%                            |  |  |  |  |
|                               | cutive officers as a group g all those named above) Based on 4,926,214 shares of Common 5  | 2,024,783 <sup>15</sup> Stock outstanding as of Decembe | 36.18%<br>r 9, 2013.             |  |  |  |  |
| 2                             | Based on 4,926,214 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of December 9, 2013. SII is owned and controlled by director David L. Dobbin and members of his family. Includes 355,451 shares of Common Stock which may be issued upon conversion of 710,902 outstanding shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock.  |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                             | The Bailey Company is 99% owned by The Erie County Investment Co., which should be deemed the beneficial owner of the Company s Common Stock held by The Bailey Company. The Erie County Investment Co. also owns 64,893 shares of the Company s Common Stock in its own name. Geoffrey R. Bailey is a director and executive officer of The Erie County Investment Co. Because of his ownership of only 26% of the voting shares of The Erie County Investment Co., Paul T. Bailey disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock held by The Bailey Company and The Erie County Investment Co. |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                             | The information as to Frigate Ventures LLP (Frigate) and entities controlled directly or indirectly by Frigate is derived in part from Schedule 13G, as filed with the SEC on August 26, 2013.   |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                             | The information as to Wolverine Flagship Fund Trading Ltd (Wolverine) and entities controlled directly or indirectly by Frigate is derived in part from Schedule 13G, as filed with the SEC on August 26, 2013.  |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
| 6<br>7                        | Includes 16,666 shares underlying present  | ntly exercisable stock options.                         |                                  |  |  |  |  |

Includes shares of Common Stock held beneficially by SII, of which 355,451 shares of Common Stock, which may be issued upon conversion of 710,902 outstanding shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, are pledged by SII as security for a line of credit with DHI Investments, Ltd. Also includes 12,667 shares underlying presently exercisable stock options held by Mr. Dobbin.

8 Includes 5,000 shares underlying presently exercisable stock options. 9

Includes 12,667 shares underlying presently exercisable stock options.

Includes 32,218 shares underlying presently exercisable stock options and 6,000 shares underlying presently exercisable warrants.

Includes 7,553 shares underlying presently exercisable stock options.

Includes 12,868 shares underlying presently exercisable stock options.

Includes 9.000 shares underlying presently exercisable stock options.

Includes 18,167 shares underlying presently exercisable stock options.

Does not include shares of Common Stock held beneficially by The Bailey Company and The Erie County Investment Co. If those shares were included, the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially held by all directors and executive officers as a group would be 2,363,513 and the percentage of the class would be 42.23%.

Less than one percent.

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Under SEC rules, beneficial ownership includes shares over which the individual or entity has voting or investment power and any shares which the individual or entity has the right to acquire within sixty days.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

#### **Executive Officers**

The executive officers of the Company are as follows:

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>Age</u> | <u>Position</u>  | <b>Date Began With Company</b> |
|------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Boyd E. Hoback   | 58         | President & CEO  | September 1987                 |
| Susan M. Knutson | 55         | Controller       | September 1987                 |
| Scott G. LeFever | 55         | VP of Operations | September 1987                 |

*Boyd E. Hoback.* See the description of Mr. Hoback s business experience under the heading Director Nominees under Proposal #1 Election of Directors above.

*Susan M. Knutson* has been Controller since 1993 with direct responsibility for overseeing the accounting department, maintaining cash controls, producing budgets, financials, and quarterly and annual reports required to be filed with the SEC, acting as the principal financial officer of the Company, and preparing all information for the annual audit.

Scott G. LeFever has been Vice President of Operations since August 1995, and has been involved in all phases of operations with direct responsibility for restaurant service performance, personnel, and cost controls.

Executive officers do not have fixed terms and serve at the discretion of the Board. There are no family relationships among the executive officers or directors.

#### **Executive Compensation**

The following table sets forth compensation information for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2013 and September 30, 2012 with respect to the Named Executive Officers:

#### Summary Compensation Table for the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2013 and September 30, 2012:

| Name and                         |      | Salary  |          |                    | Option | Non-Equity<br>Incentive Plan | Nonqualified<br>Deferred    |                        |          |
|----------------------------------|------|---------|----------|--------------------|--------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Principal<br>Position            | Year |         | Bonus \$ | Stock<br>Awards \$ |        | Compensation \$              | Compensation<br>Earnings \$ | All Other<br>Comp \$ 7 | Total \$ |
| Boyd E.<br>Hoback<br>President & | 2013 | 182,800 | _        | _                  | 26,330 | _                            | -                           | 16,496 <sup>1</sup>    | 225,626  |
| Chief<br>Executive<br>Officer    | 2012 | 147,000 | -        | _                  | 14,114 | -                            | -                           | 18,0631                | 179,177  |
| Scott G.<br>LeFever              | 2013 | 111,700 | _        | _                  | 13,918 | _                            | _                           | 12,6112                | 138,229  |
| Vice President of Operations     | 2012 | 87,542  | _        | _                  | 4,853  | -                            | -                           | 12,4352                | 104,830  |

The amount indicated for Mr. Hoback includes an automobile allowance, long-term disability and personal expenses.

The amount indicated for Mr. LeFever includes an automobile allowance and long-term disability.

The value of stock option awards shown in this column includes all amounts expensed in the Company's financial statements in 2012 and 2013 for equity awards in accordance with the guidance of FASB ASC 718-10-30, Compensation Stock Compensation, excluding any estimate for forfeitures. The Company s

accounting treatment for, and assumptions made in the valuations of, equity awards is set forth in Note 1 of the notes to the Company s 2013 consolidated financial statements included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. There were no option awards re-priced in 2013.

There were no shares of SARs granted during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2013 or 2012 nor has there been any nonqualified deferred compensation paid to any named executive officers during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2013 or 2012. The Company does not have any plans that provide for specified retirement payments and benefits at, following or in connection with retirement.

The following table sets forth information as of September 30, 2013 on all unexercised options previously awarded to the Named Executive Officers:

## Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End Ontion Awards

#### Stock Awards

|          | Option Awards |                       |              |          |           | Stock Awards |          |             |             |  |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--|
|          |               |                       |              |          |           |              |          |             | Equity      |  |
|          |               |                       |              |          |           |              |          |             | Incentive   |  |
|          |               |                       |              |          |           |              |          | Equity      | Plan        |  |
|          |               |                       |              |          |           |              |          | Incentive   | Awards:     |  |
|          |               |                       |              |          |           |              | Market   | Plan        | Market or   |  |
|          |               |                       | Equity       |          |           | Number       | Value of | Awards:     | Payout      |  |
|          |               |                       | Incentive    |          |           | of Shares    | Shares   | Number of   | Value of    |  |
|          | Number of     | Number of             | Plan Awards: |          |           | or Units     | or Units | Unearned    | Unearned    |  |
|          | Securities    | Securities            | Number of    |          |           | of Stock     | of Stock | Shares,     | Shares,     |  |
|          | Underlying    | Underlying            | Securities   |          |           | That         | That     | Units or    | Units or    |  |
|          | Unexercised   | Unexercised           | Underlying   |          |           | Have         | Have     | Other       | Other       |  |
|          | Options       | Options               | Unexercised  | Option   | Option    | Not          | Not      | Rights That | Rights That |  |
|          | -Exercisable  | -Unexercisable        | Unearned     | Exercise | Expiratio | n Vested     | Vested   | Have Not    | Have Not    |  |
| Name     | (#)           | (#)                   | Options (#)  | Price \$ | Date      | (#)          | (\$)     | Vested (#)  | Vested (\$) |  |
| Boyd E.  | 1,300         | _                     | _            | \$10.80  | 010/01/13 | <b>.</b> –   | _        | _           | _           |  |
| Hoback   |               |                       |              |          |           |              |          |             |             |  |
|          | 4,000         | _                     | _            |          | 310/01/14 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 2,833         | _                     | _            |          | 410/01/15 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 6,333         | _                     | _            |          | 411/17/16 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 9,501         | _                     | _            |          | 111/14/18 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 4,551         | _                     | _            |          | 511/06/19 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 0             | 10,647 (1)            | _            |          | 512/13/20 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 5,000         |                       | _            |          | 112/14/21 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 0             | 45,696 <sup>(2)</sup> | _            | \$2.31   | 101/02/23 | -            | _        | _           | _           |  |
| Scott G. |               | _                     | _            | \$10.80  | 010/01/13 | 3 -          | _        | _           | _           |  |
| LeFever  | 860           |                       |              |          |           |              |          |             |             |  |
|          | 1,917         | _                     | _            |          | 310/01/14 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 1,917         | _                     | _            |          | 110/01/15 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 1,917         | _                     | _            |          | 111/17/16 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 5,669         | _                     | _            |          | 111/14/18 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 1,449         | _                     | _            |          | 511/06/19 | _            | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 0             | 7,985 (1)             | _            |          | 512/13/20 |              | _        | _           | _           |  |
|          | 0             | 22,346 (2)            | _            | \$2.31   | 101/02/23 | -            | _        | _           | _           |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The options were granted on December 13, 2010. Assuming continued employment with the Company, the shares under the option agreements will become fully exercisable on December 6, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The options were granted on January 2, 2013. Assuming continued employment with the Company, the shares under the option agreements will become fully exercisable on January 2, 2016.

#### **Employment Agreement**

Mr. Hoback entered into an employment agreement with us in October 2001 and the terms of the agreement were revised effective October 2007 for compliance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. The revised agreement provides for his employment as president and chief executive officer for two years from the date of the agreement at a minimum salary of \$190,000 per year, terminable by us only for cause. The agreement provides for payment of one year s salary and benefits in the event that change of ownership control results in a termination of his employment or termination other than for cause. This agreement renews automatically unless specifically not renewed by our Board of Directors. Mr. Hoback s compensation, including salary, expense allowance, bonus and any equity award, is reviewed and set annually by the Compensation Committee. Mr. Hoback s bonus, when applicable, is based on the Company s achieving certain Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA) targets for the year.

#### **Other Employment Arrangements**

Mr. LeFever is employed as an employee at will and does not have a written employment agreement. His compensation, including salary, expense allowance, bonus and any equity awards, is reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee annually. He participates in a bonus program that is based on both the Company s level of EBITDA for the year and achieving certain operating metrics and sales targets set by the Compensation Committee.

### **Heathcote Agreement**

On April 6, 2012, the Company entered into a financial advisory services agreement with Heathcote, pursuant to which the Company engaged Heathcote to provide exclusive financial advisory services to the Company in connection with a possible strategic transaction. Gary J. Heller, a member of our Board of Directors, is the principal of Heathcote. On March 25, 2013, the Company and Heathcote modified this agreement to exclude any transactions involving the Maxim Group LLC and for Heathcote to continue to provide non-exclusive financial advisory services to the Company. The Company paid a total of \$76,000 in fees to Heathcote under the agreement in connection with services provided in connection with the Bad Daddy s Transaction. On September 27, 2013, the Company and Heathcote further modified this agreement to provide for investor relations activities specifically related to the exercise of the outstanding warrants and the trading volume in the Company s stock and other corporate finance projects as determined by the CEO of the company. The modification was approved by the Audit Committee of the Company s Board of Directors.

#### **BDFD Compensation Arrangements**

The Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of BDFD (the BDFD Operating Agreement ) provides that BDFD may issue Class B Units which are intended to be issued as profits interests in BDFD. The Board of Managers of BDFD has authority to issue up to such number of Class B Units as is equal to an aggregate of 15% of the outstanding units of BDFD owned by all members. In addition to the provisions of the Operating Agreement, all Class B Units are subject to the terms and conditions of a grant agreement governing the terms of such Units. Initial grants of 5% each have been made to Boyd Hoback, in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer of BDFD, and Scott Somes, in his capacity as Chief Operating Officer of BDFD, pursuant to Class B Unit Grant Agreements between BDFD and such individuals dated April 9, 2013. The Class B Units are fully earned but subject to forfeiture, in all or in part, during the first 36 months after the grant date.

#### STOCKHOLDER NOMINATIONS AND OTHER PROPOSALS

Any stockholder proposal for the annual meeting of stockholders for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, to be held in 2015, must be received by the Company by September 7, 2014 for the proposal to be included in the Company s proxy statement and form of proxy for that meeting. If notice of a proposal for which a stockholder will conduct his or her own proxy solicitation is not received by the Company by November 22, 2014, such proposal will be considered untimely pursuant to Rules 14a-4 and 14a-5(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the person named in proxies solicited by the Board may use his or her discretionary authority when the matter is raised at the meeting, without including any discussion of the matter in the proxy statement.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, our Board does not intend to present at the Annual Meeting any matters other than those described herein and does not presently know of any matters that will be presented by other parties. If any other matter is properly brought before the Annual Meeting for action by the stockholders, proxies in the enclosed form returned to us will be voted in accordance with the recommendation of our Board or, in the absence of such recommendation, in accordance with the judgment of the proxy holder.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company files reports, proxy statements, and other information with the SEC. The public may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. The statements and forms we file with the SEC have been filed electronically and are available for viewing or copy on the SEC maintained Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The Internet address for this site can be found at www.sec.gov.

A copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 and copies of the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended December 31, 2012, March 31, 2013 and June 30, 2013, can be found at the SEC's internet site. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (including the financial information set forth therein) is incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement, as described below. The Company will provide upon written request, without charge to each stockholder of record as of the record date, a copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, as filed with the SEC. Any exhibits listed in the Form 10-K report also will be furnished upon request at the actual expense incurred by the Company in furnishing such exhibits. Any such requests should be directed to the attention of our corporate secretary at the Company's corporate offices located at 601 Corporate Circle, Golden, Colorado 80401.

#### INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows the Company to incorporate by reference into this Proxy Statement documents that we file with the SEC. This means that the Company can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this Proxy Statement. We incorporate by reference the following information from the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013:

the information under the caption  $\;$  Item 7. Financial Statements  $\;$  ; and

the information under the caption 
Item 8. Changes In and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure .

STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO IMMEDIATELY MARK, DATE, SIGN, AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE. YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Boyd E. Hoback

Boyd E. Hoback

President and Chief Executive Officer

#### ANNEX A

#### **2008 Plan Amendment**

#### AMENDMENT TO THE

#### GOOD TIMES RESTAURANTS INC.

#### 2008 OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN

Good Times Restaurants Inc. (the Company) previously approved and adopted the Good Times Restaurants Inc. 2008 Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan, as such plan was amended on September 14, 2012 (the 2008 Plan) to promote the success and enhance the value of the Company by linking the personal interests of the 2008 Plan s participants to those of the Company s stockholders and by providing such individuals with an incentive for outstanding performance in order to help grow the Company and to generate superior returns to its stockholders. By this Amendment, the Company desires to amend the 2008 Plan to increase the number of shares available under the 2008 Plan.

1.

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings assigned to such terms in the 2008 Plan.

2.

The effective date of this Amendment to the 2008 Plan shall be February 7, 2014.

3.

Section 4.1 of the 2008 Plan is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Number of Shares Available for Awards. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2 herein, the number of Shares hereby reserved for issuance to Participants under the Plan shall be 1,000,000 (such total number of Shares, including such adjustment, the Total Share Authorization ). Any Shares issued in connection with an Option or SAR shall be counted against the Total Share Authorization limit as one (1) Share for every one (1) Share issued; for Awards other than Options and SARs, any Shares issued shall be counted against the Total Share Authorization limit as two (2) Shares for every one (1) Share issued. The maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be issued through Nonqualified Stock Options shall be equal to the Total Share Authorization. The maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be issued through Incentive Stock Options shall be equal to the Total Share Authorization.

4.

This Amendment shall amend only the provisions of the 2008 Plan as set forth herein. Those provisions of the 2008 Plan not expressly amended hereby shall be considered in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Amendment to be executed by its duly authorized representative on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

#### GOOD TIMES RESTAURANTS INC.

By:

Boyd E. Hoback

Its: President

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#### GOOD TIMES RESTAURANTS INC.

#### REVOCABLE PROXY

# THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2014.

The undersigned hereby revokes all previous proxies, acknowledges receipt of the Notice of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on February 7, 2014 and the Proxy Statement, and appoints Boyd E. Hoback and Susan M. Knutson (or either of them), the proxy of the undersigned, each with full power of substitution, to vote all shares of common stock of Good Times Restaurants Inc., a Nevada corporation (the Company ), that the undersigned is entitled to vote, either on his or her own behalf or on behalf of any entity or entities, at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held on February 7, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. local time, at the Company s corporate offices, which are located at 601 Corporate Circle, Golden, Colorado 80401, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof, with the same force and effect as the undersigned might or could do if personally present thereat. The shares represented by this proxy shall be voted in the matter set forth herein.

**PROPOSAL #1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.** To elect eight directors of the Company to serve for the next year;

**Director Nominees:** 

#### Geoffrey R. Bailey For [ ] **Against** [ ] **Abstain** [ ] David L. Dobbin For [ ] **Against** [] **Abstain** [ ] **Reuven Har-Even Against** [ ] **Abstain** For [ ] [ ] Boyd E. Hoback For [ ] **Against** [ ] **Abstain** [ ] Gary J. Heller For [ ] **Against** [] Abstain [ ] Steven M. Johnson For [ ] **Against** [ ] Abstain [ ] Eric W. Reinhard **Against Abstain** [] For [ ] [] For Alan A. Teran [ ] **Against** [ ] **Abstain** [ ] **2008 PLAN AMENDMENT.** To consider and approve an amendment to the Company s 2008 Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan to increase the number of shares of the Company s common stock available for issuance thereunder from 500,000 shares to a total of 1,000,000 shares, referred to herein as the 2008 Plan Amendment: For [ ] **Against** [ ] Abstain [ ] PROPOSAL #3 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM. To ratify the appointment of HEIN & ASSOCIATES LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. For [ ] **Against** [ ] Abstain [ ] This proxy when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed by the undersigned.

If this proxy is properly executed but no voting directions are given, this proxy will be voted For the approval of Proposal #1, Proposal #2 and Proposal #3.

This proxy also confers discretionary authority to the proxies to vote on any other matters that may properly be presented at the meeting. As of the date of the accompanying Proxy Statement, the Company did not know of any other matters to be presented at the meeting. If any other matters are properly presented at the meeting, this proxy will

be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Company s Board of Directors.

Please sign exactly as your name appears below. When joint tenants hold shares, both should sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If a corporation, please sign in full corporate name by the president or other authorized officer. If a partnership or limited liability company, please sign in such name by an authorized person.

Please complete, date and sign this proxy card and return it promptly in the accompanying envelope.

Shares Owned: Dated:

Signature of Shareholder Signature (if held jointly)

(Sign exactly as name appears on stock certificate)