

Road Four

NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



*Fall, Winter
2012*

From the Editor

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Road Four is a community newsletter. If you have any news, be it personal or whatever that you would like to share, please send it to us.

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Note From The Editors

Road 4 has always been a seasonal newsletter with an issue distributed some time during winter, spring, summer, and fall. However, at the last membership meeting there was a motion passed to release Road 4 on a regular schedule in order to be able to review board and membership minutes in a timely manner. This issue, Fall-Winter 2012, is being sent out in the beginning of December. Subsequent issues each year will be released on the first of March for Spring, June for Summer, September for Fall, and December for Winter. Community members will now be able to anticipate a more definite arrival of each issue.

We welcome contributions from all members of the community. Committee members should remember the schedule in order to provide timely information. How

about the rest of us? We would love to publish news about your families: births, weddings, awards, exploits, and regrettably obits. Don't wait for word of mouth, share your news.

Storms

Wow! What a time. There now appear to be five weather seasons a year. You don't have to believe in climate warming to realize that the last two Octobers have been a startling change from the past. Last year Ilene and heavy snow, this year hurricane Sandy and early snow. What's in store for next year?

Here at home almost all of us suffered for an extended period of time. Only 5 days for the luckier families, even longer for some of us. Falling trees destroying roofs and siding and causing detours around the blocked roads. Loss of electricity caused us to find good friends who had both power and room in their freezers or to throw out a considerable amount of food. (Pictures from the storm appear on Page 4.)

Our colony residents really reached out to help one another. It's hard to single out each and every one who helped to make life a little easier for fellow residents. Drew Orr and Ron Arnstein should receive special thanks for providing us with fresh water for three hours each day. Below are comments from some of those who want to say a special "Thank you."

Storm Compassion

In the winter of our discontent (okay maybe two winters; think

Irene, think Sandy), we were beset by storm damages that jolted us out of our complacent attitudes towards the normalcy of our lives. That veneer was torn asunder. Many of us were without electricity, water and heat for days and even for as long as a week. But once again our cooperative spirit came to the forefront. We took refuge in and comfort from the kindness of friends who shared their largess.

There were many who selflessly gave of themselves in ministering to our needs, but for me and David, the special person was Drew Orr. After Irene, he installed a generator assuring us that should a problem arise he would be there to resolve it. His expertise was there. However, my most deeply heartfelt appreciation is for his personal concern and caring by his calling me during Sandy to check up on David and me to see if we were all right. Drew's inherent kindness exemplifies the core ethos of Goldens Bridge. Thank you, Drew.

Mollie Arons

Thank You

Let's also take the time to say thank you to community members who regularly give of their time and effort to make life easier and more comfortable for the rest of us. For me, the first to cite is Maggi Hayes. When we first came into the community we wondered who the gardener could be who made the areas around the barn and the lake so beautiful. We discovered to our surprise it was a community member. Maggi donates her time and

energy to surround us with color from the blossoms of early spring to the colors of autumn. Thank you, Maggi.



There are many others who deserve recognition Pearl Klainberg and John Bergherr for the wonderful summer social season, Pearl again for all her work to make certain we have a warm and delicious banquet, Martha Levites who was responsible for overseeing our budget and expenditures for more than 12 years, Michael Brown for his efforts as custodian of the barn, and many others we may have overlooked since we become more forgetful with age

Barn Floor Reconstruction

On Sept. 30, the last remaining section of the lower barn floor was removed as scheduled thanks to David Arnstein's leadership workshop group. Nearly thirty members came to the barn to complete their workshop with a project they asked us to provide. As you may remember, they were here two years ago and performed a similar demolition job on the previous section of the lower barn floor. This will complete the removal of the old wooden floor that had become unsafe due to age, rot from rain leakage and powder post beetle decimation.

Thanks also to Drew Orr and Chris Rietsch for reinforcing the



ceiling with posts after the removal of the old wooden ones. Disappointingly, no items of historical significance were uncovered beneath the floor this time. The debris will be disposed of prior to the October membership meeting.

I would also like to thank Jay and Nicholas Martin, George Levites, John Bergherr, Fred Margolies, Dan Fast, Jeremy Metz, Ron Arnstein and Drew Orr and his backhoe for volunteering to help move the debris from the side of the barn in to a dumpster. Thanks also to Martha Levites for getting the dumpster for us.

From Ron Arnstein, President GBCA

Hurricane Sandy gave us a good spanking and a good deal of yearning for the old days when storms like this were 100 year events. But every child would remind us that we lost two Halloweens in a row to storms that basically shut us down for several days. As a community, we never really thought that disaster planning would be foremost in our minds but Sandy changed all that. Complacency is no longer an option. Here are just a few of the steps that we thought we should take, but I'm sure the Membership could add to this list:

1. Secure a generator for the pump house. Providing water during power outages is a no-brainer and is a public health issue.

2. Develop a procedure to communicate with the Membership without land line telephones.

3. Establish a shelter within the community that would have heat and water. The teen center comes to mind and the barn would have gas for heating food. This would also require a generator.

4. Designate "Road Captains" to determine special needs and pass along information.

5. Identify those with spare beds who volunteer to be care givers (and also have a generator).

I'm certain there are more ideas out there and the Executive Board wants to hear them. But a little proactive planning would be to the benefit of us all.

I know this is a community that pulls together during periods of hardship. We already do this to a large extent but we can certainly do more.

1 A Chicken in Every Pot

But what sort of chicken should that be? If you've seen the documentary Food Inc about farming in this country, you already know you want to avoid chickens that have been injected with antibiotics and hormones. Before you select your chicken, however, there is much more to learn about how the chicken in your pot gets there.

First, what fowl food was it fed? According Cook's Illustrated magazine's September & October issue, some factory type farm operators add ground chicken feathers and other by-products of the slaughtering process to their corn and soy based food. And to deal with a fowl mood some of that ground feathers contains Prozac, Tylenol, and Benadryl.

Finally, after the chicken is slaughtered, plucked and eviscerated, it is generally passed through a

chilled water bath. This is where bacterial contamination can take place. It is also where the bird absorbs up to 14% of its body weight with the chlorinated water from the bath. You know this has got to dilute the natural flavor.

Fortunately, Lisa McManus from Cook's Illustrated has found that there is a commercially raised healthy option. In our area, you can purchase a Bell & Evans Air Chilled chicken. These chickens have been cooled in air instead of chlorinated water and raised without antibiotic. I recently found that Whole Foods also carries a store brand air chilled chicken. As you might expect, the healthy choice is also more costly. We have found it to be more flavorful, and aesthetically pleasing.

I recommend you look for a label that says air chilled. It's worth the added cost. Better yet, get a copy of Cook's Illustrated 2012 September-October Issue and read the whole story.

Martha Levites

III- GOLDENS BRIDGE

Poem by Pat Wynne

Pat is a former resident of Golden's Bridge

*My home- 15 Hall Avenue
Not my home anymore-
But, Mrs. Cuffee remembered me-
"Irving's Daughter".*

*How had she remembered me?
Frail, failing and yet still so aware.
I hope she rallies for my next visit.*

*Shura Saul in her 90s
Warmly welcomed me
Made me tea- served fig newtons.
She remembered me as little Patsy-
One of the younger generation, compared
to her.*

*My home- not my home anymore
The barn, the field, the brook, the lake.
The dirt roads, the rafts, the boats, the
memories.*

*My roots are deep in this place.
I still dream about my old friends and our
naughty escapades-
We were the hope of the future- so we could be
a bit naughty.*

*My home- not my home anymore.
Cuba felt a lot like Golden's Bridge-
Same priorities- the children, culture-
no racism, justice,
Homes, food and education for all.
My home – not my home anymore
But it still lives on in my heart*

Who Was That Masked Man?

Trick and treaters visited the Kroun house on Halloween. The person in the middle behind the mask is Jason. No, not the one from *Friday the 13th*, but Jason Rietsch with his older brother Ethan and sister Julia.



Barred Owl

Below is a photo of a juvenile Barred Owl in tree on West Main St. Photo taken by Doug Orlovitz.



Congratulations to the Bride and Groom

Congratulations to Leah Gershon and Nathan Lang on their marriage. Leah and Nathan were married at the Bel-Air Bay Club in Pacific Palisades, California. Leah, the daughter of Marty Gershon and the late Ruth Gershon, is a deputy

attorney general in Los Angeles. Nathan is a documentary film maker. The Gershon's had a house on Branch Street and were long-time members of the Golden's Bridge community.

Money Raised For Breast Cancer

This past October, Ilene and Chris Rietsch, held a tag sale at the Barn to raise money to combat Breast Cancer. The money collected went to the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.



Best Wishes

Nedda Schoenfeld: we are all thinking about you and wishing you well.

Judy Migdail: Here's to a speedy recovery. We know you've gone through a lot recently and hope you mend quickly.

Arnie Eisen: After suffering a stroke, Arnie was admitted to Burke for rehab. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Tina Moreau Jones 1936-2012

Tina Moreau Jones, beloved wife, mother of Deidre, family member, Colony resident, social activist, Queens College professor and a dear, cherished friend, died on October 27, 2012.

Deidre's friend read this beautiful poem at Tina's service and at the gravesite. It speaks volumes about the beauty of Tina's essence. That her spirit surrounds us in multitudinous ways bringing flashes of incandescence into our lives.

"A Poem for Tina"

October 24, 1936 - October 27, 2012

By Anonymous

At the rising of the sun and at it's going down, we will remember Tina.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we will remember her.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we will remember her.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer, we will remember her.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we will remember her.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends, we will remember her.

As long as we live; she too will live; for she is still a part of us, as we remember her.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we will remember her.

When we have joys we crave to share, we will remember her.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make, we will remember her.

When we have achievements that are based on hers, we will remember her.

As long as we live, she too will live.

The Aftermath of Sandy



The Orr house on Hall Ave.



The Selvaggi house on Hall Ave.

Photos submitted by Drew Orr



The former Gershon house on Branch Street



The Arnstein house on Hillside Ave.



The Cousin's house on Pond St.



The Metz house on Hall Avenue.



Tree Uprooted in Front of the Saul House.



Trees leaning on wires, directly across from Mike Brown's House on Main Street.



An uprooted tree, partially cut, next to Mike Brown's House. Cables can be seen lying on ground.

BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA meeting – July 8, 2012

Present: Ron Arnstein, President; Mera Eisen, Vice President; Martha Levites, Treasurer; Dan Fast, Secretary; Dorothy Schulman, Michael Brown, Drew Orr, , Chris Rietsch, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus, Ken Finkleman (left @ 10:15 AM), Jay Martin, Fred Margolies

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 5/20/12 Regular Board meeting were read, and accepted as read. The minutes of the 6/20/12 Regular Board meeting were read, and accepted as read.

2- Colony Buyers List:

The Colony Buyers List was discussed as to possible changes, and a committee was formed, consisting of: Martha, Ron, Dan, Dorothy, Ken, and Aaron Kroun to meet to formulate a revised List procedure.

3- Financial:

Martha reported as follows:

As of July 8, 2012:

Assets in bank:

Checking:

M&T Camp:	\$ 166,876
M&T Checking:	\$ 11,912
Total checking	\$ 178,788
Savings:	
Regular savings:	\$ 72,135
Capitol improvement:	\$ 40,557
Water Money Market at M&T	\$ 34,653
Total Savings:	\$ 147,345
Total Assets:	\$ 326,133

Financial issues:

The following members remain unpaid for 2012:

19 Pond St, Inc.: letter being sent, and matter being discussed with attorney.

Brennan: legal action being pursued.

Camporeale: Ron will contact.

Decaudin - Property listed as a short sale.

Fekete

Gecaj (on Colony water)

Hom-Mansfield (owes for 2011 & 2012)

Pasamanick

Rios - property is in foreclosure.

Shuldiner

Soultanian: Secretary to send letter.

Second notices have been sent to all, and follow up calls made to most

4- Committee reports:

A- Beach: Mera reported:

- Clean up was done: thanks to all who helped out.

- Chris is overseeing the private lesson situation: has asked lifeguards to post notice about same.

- Maggie is doing a great job with the plantings.

B- Barn:

Since some questions have arisen about the location of the Barn property line it was decided that the survey map would be obtained, and Ron and Dan would try to get a close approximation of the location of the line.

C- Social: John reported:

- The Talent Show has attracted plenty of talent, and should be successful.

- Fred stated that Peter Gross (ran for Town Supervisor) and others are forming a Town Arts Council, and would like to involve the GBCA.

Fred will convey our interest in this to Peter.

D- Road 4: Gerry reported:

There was no Winter issue due to lack of material. The Spring issue will contain lots of minutes. Material is needed!

E- Lake: Jay reported:

The offal from the Lake dredging cannot be put on the Nursery Acre due to the proximity to the Main St. well, and the bad odors expected while the material is curing. Therefore, the disposal of this material, after bagging and placing in the Beach parking lot, will cost extra. Work will be done in the off season.

F: Roads: Fred reported:

The Town crew is still grading the roads with a center crown and gullies at the sides of the roads. Fred is working to get this changed, but it is slow going.

5- Correspondence:

1- In response to a request to clarify the status of the GBCA, Kelly Donovan stated in a letter to Martha: "The NY State Dept of State (Div. of Corporations) shows that the "Goldens Bridge Community Association, Inc." is a "domestic" (meaning located in NY State) not-for-profit corporation. Its initial filing date with the Dept. of State was 1/28/1942. "

2- Lola Metz informed the GBCA that she is now the sole owner of 24 Main Street, and that she was naming her son, Jeremy Metz, as her voting representative.

3- Dan read the letter that he, as GBCA Secretary, wrote to Cindi Hicks regretfully requesting her resignation from the Board due to a conflict of interest arising from Neil Hick's 19 Pond St. Corporation's threatened lawsuit against the GBCA.

6- Good & Welfare: A brief discussion of the question of the acceptance of email voting by the Board took place. Dan moved, seconded by Chris, that a motion can be made, seconded, and voted upon by email if time is of the essence between regular Board meetings, with a quorum of votes required. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Membership Meeting Minutes: July 29, 2012

The meeting was convened at 11:15 AM.

Present: 30 Voting Members and approximately 10 other community members.

1-Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the April 29, 2012 Membership meeting were read and accepted as read. The reading of Board meeting minutes was waived as they will appear on the GoldensBridge.org website, and in Road 4.

2-Financial:

Martha Levites reported as follows, stating that our financial condition is good:

Operating:	30,604
Saving:	42,135
Camp:	136,259
Water Capitol:	34,657
Capitol Improvement:	40,561
Total	287,216

3-Committee reports::

A-Social:

Pearl Klainberg described the social calendar for August.

Martha Levites reported that the Auction and Art Show Fund Raiser for the Social Justice Award will be held on August 18th. She then read the revised Mission Statement for the Social Justice Award:

The founders of the Goldens Bridge Colony believed strongly in social justice. In keeping with their values and in order to honor them, the Goldens Bridge Community Association sponsors this award to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a commitment to helping those less fortunate, promoting human rights, or otherwise working toward a world of social justice. Nominations for this award will be obtained from local charitable organizations and from the guidance and social work departments of John Jay High School.

B-Lake:

Mike Brown reported that the Nursery Acre, which was to be used to store the material which will be pumped out of the Lake during the Forebay project, will not be available for that purpose due to the reluctance of the people whose property adjoins the Nursery Acre and Board of Health concerns due to the proximity to the Main Street well, which is on the Nursery Acre.

C-Roads:

Fred Margolies reported that the Town budget for road maintenance is very tight, but that response to specific problems has been good.

4-Nominations for Executive Board Mike Brown described the slate up to this point, and called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Nominations were closed, Mike thanked the Nominating Committee for their efforts, and read off the slate:

For President:	Ron Arnstein
For Vice President:	Mera Eisen
For Treasurer:	Paul Stewart-Stand
For Secretary:	Dan Fast
At Large:	Ken Finkelman, Martha Levites, Jay Martin, Nick Pinetti Sr., Joy Radulovic, Dorothy Shulman, Gerry Sircus, Rina Slavin.

The election will be held at the August Membership meeting.

5-Good & Welfare:

There were comments from the floor pertaining to a perceived lack of swimming stroke teaching. When questions were asked about the issuance of Red Cross swimming ability cards, it was stated that this was not being done.

Meeting adjourned, at 11:55 AM.

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA meeting –August 12, 2012

Present: Ron Arnstein, President; Mera Eisen, Vice President; Martha Levites, Treasurer; Dan Fast, Secretary; Dorothy Shulman, Michael Brown, Drew Orr, , Chris Rietsch, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus, Jay Martin, Fred Margolies

Absent: Ken Finkelman

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 7/8/12 Regular Board meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

2- The Board discussed the receipt of a letter from Eric Stand, which was critical of the Board's handling of certain matters, and which Eric wished to have printed in Road 4.

After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to have Gerry publish Eric's letter in Road 4, along with the Board's reply.

3- Financial:

Martha reported as follows:

As of August 12, 2012:

Assets in bank:

Checking:

M&T Camp:	\$ 97,874
M&T Checking:	\$ 27,068
Total checking	\$ 124,942

Savings:

Regular savings:	\$ 42,148
Capitol improvement:	\$ 40,567
Water Money Market at M&T	\$ 34,661

Total Savings: \$ 117,376
Total Assets: \$ 242,318

Financial issues:

The following members remain unpaid for 2012:

19 Pond St, Inc.: letter being sent, and matter being discussed with attorney.

Brennan: legal action being pursued.

Camporeale: Ron will contact.

Decaudin - Property listed as a short sale.

Fekete

Gecaj (on Colony water)

Hom-Mansfield (owes for 2011 & 2012)

Pasamanick

Rios - property is in foreclosure.

Shuldiner

Soultanian: Secretary to send letter.

Second notices have been sent to all, and follow up calls made to most.

4- Committee reports:

A- Water: Drew reported:

There was an unexpected water shut down yesterday, which was caused by the burn-out of one of the connections in the electric meter pan. The meter pan and service entrance cable were replaced, and the system was brought back on line.

B- Sales List Committee:

Report will be made and discussed at a future Board meeting.

C- Social: John reported:

- The Talent Show was a rousing success.

- The Art Auction Fund Raiser for the Social Justice Award Fund will be held next Saturday evening.

D- Lake: Jay reported:

A permit for the suction harvesting at the Beach area was received. Work will be done after the summer season in the Fall, or early Spring.

The Board of Health sent us a kit for taking samples of the algae blooms in the Lake. Samples have been taken and returned to the Board of Health.

E: Roads: Fred reported:

Fred will try to get the Road Committee and the machine operator to walk the roads together to address our concerns about the type of maintenance being done.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Membership meeting minutes: August 26, 2012

The meeting was convened at 11:15 AM.

Present: 34 Voting Members and approximately 10 other community members.

1- Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the July 29, 2012 Membership meeting were read and accepted as read.

The reading of Board meeting minutes was waived as they will appear on the GoldensBridge.org website, and in Road 4.

2- Financial:

Martha Levites reported as follows, stating that our financial condition is good:

Operating: 26,634

Savings: 42,156

Camp: 44,437

Water Capitol: 34,661

Capitol Improvement: 40,567

There are presently 10 unpaid members for 2012.

3- President Ron Arnstein reported on a lawsuit over the sale of the Jones house, which has been filed by Neil Hicks against the GBCA, it's officers (Ron Arnstein, President; Mera Eisen, Vice President; Dan Fast, Secretary), The Chairman of the Rental & Sales Committee (Ken Finkelman), Tina Jones, and Lesli Klainberg.

Discussion ensued. Jeremy Metz commented that restrictive covenants have been upheld before, and that our insurance company would probably try to settle. Marty Adelman commented that the GBCA has won in cases involving the Covenants, Constitution, and By Laws in the past. Ron Arnstein mentioned the clause in the Contract of Sale for the Jones house, which was signed by Neil Hicks, in which Neil agreed that the GBCA has the right to exercise its right of first refusal.

Eric Stand moved, seconded by Mollie Arons, If the insurance company lawyer proposes a settlement in this case, then a special Membership meeting must be called and the Membership must make the decision. 10 for; 13 opposed; 7 abstaining; motion defeated. It was noted that the Membership has to make such a decision, according the GBCA Constitution and By Laws.

4- Election results:

President: Ron Arnstein; 37 votes: elected

Vice President: Mera Eisen; 34 votes: elected
 Treasurer: Paul Stewart-Stand; 35 votes: elected
 Secretary: Dan Fast; 36 votes: elected
 At Large: Ken Finkelman 39 votes: elected
 Martha Levites 41 votes: elected
 Jay Martin 36 votes: elected
 Nick Pinetti, Sr. 8 votes
 Joy Radulovic 23 votes
 Dorothy Shulman 34 votes: elected
 Gerry Sircus 35 votes: elected
 Rina Slavin 32 Votes elected: Rina will serve a 1 year term.
 5- Good & Welfare
 Pearl Klainberg (Social committee) and Rina Slavin (Camp committee) appealed to the
 Community for volunteers.
 Meeting adjourned, at 12:30 PM.

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA meeting – September 12, 2012

Present: Ron Arnstein, President; Mera Eisen, Vice President; Paul Stewart-Stand, Treasurer; Dan Fast, Secretary; Dorothy Shulman, Michael Brown, Drew Orr, , Chris Rietsch, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus, Jay Martin, Fred Margolies, Ken Finkelman, Martha Levites, Rina Slavin

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 8/12/12 Regular Board meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

2- Financial:

Paul reported as follows:

As of September 10, 2012:

Assets in bank:

Checking:

M&T Camp: \$ 38,549

M&T Checking: \$ 64,573

Total checking \$ 103,122

Savings:

Regular savings: \$ 2,161

Capitol improvement: \$ 40,567

Water Money Market at M&T \$ 34,666

Total Savings: \$ 77,394

Total Assets: \$ 180,516

Financial issues:

The following members remain unpaid for 2012:

19 Pond St, Inc.: letter being sent, and matter being discussed with attorney.

Brennan: legal action being pursued.

Camporeale: Ron will again try to contact.

Decaudin - Property listed as a short sale.

Delgado: Paid half; promises the rest before year's end.

Fekete: No phone listed. Ron will knock on door.

Harris (on Colony water): Paid \$100 & then stopped paying. Ron will speak to her

Hom-Mansfield (owes for 2011 & 2012) They will be contacted again.

Rios - property is in foreclosure.

Shuldiner

Soultanian: Ron or Dan to follow up.

Second notices have been sent to all, and follow up calls made to most.

Total outstanding due to non-payments: \$18,741 for 2012; \$11,435 for previous years.

3- 2013 Budget:

Paul presented the 2013 Budget, which had been put together by the Finance committee.

After discussion Martha moved, seconded by Dorothy, to accept the 2013 Budget.

Approved unanimously.

4- Neil Hicks' lawsuit Re: 26 Pond St sale:

Dan read a letter from our insurance company's attorney who they have hired to conduct the case on our behalf, and a letter from the GBCA attorney, who is familiar with the case, to the insurance company's attorney. The Board discussed the case in some detail.

5- Committees:

Following is a list of committees, chairpersons, and liaisons:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Financial	Paul	Paul
Social	Pearl Klainberg	John
Beach	Mera	Mera
Environment	Dorothy	Dorothy
Barn	Mike	Mike
Camp	Maureen Martin	Paul / Rina
Good & Welfare	Martha	Martha
Waste Management	Martha	Martha
Lake	Eric Stand	Jay
Rental & Sales	Ken	Ken
Water	Ron	Drew
Maintenance	Chris	Chris
Roads	Fred	Fred

6- Committee Reports:

A- Lake: Jay reported that the contractor who was to do the suction dredging at the Beach has upped his price by \$1000 to \$4500. The committee will try to negotiate to reduce the increase as much as possible.

B- Good & Welfare:

Martha suggested that a time limit of 1 1/2 hours be set for the Board meetings, with the proviso that the meetings can be extended by passing a motion to do so.

Discussion ensued. No final decision was reached.

Martha requested that a written agenda be supplied for all meetings. Mera concurred.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Minutes of Special Executive Board of GBCA meeting – September 16, 2012

Present: Ron Arnstein, President; Mera Eisen, Vice President; Paul Stewart-Stand, Treasurer; Dan Fast, Secretary; Dorothy Shulman, Michael Brown, Drew Orr, Chris Rietsch, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus, Jay Martin, Fred Margolies, Ken Finkelman, Martha Levites, Rina Slavin

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM by Ron Arnstein, President.

The meeting was called at the request of: Paul Stewart-Stand, Dorothy Shulman, John Bergerherr, and Jay Martin for the purposes of: reviewing recent billing from George Calcagnini, the GBCA attorney; and to discuss Mr. Calcagnini's request that we waive a possible conflict of interest if Lesli Klainberg hires him to defend her against the lawsuit brought against her (and the GBCA) by 19 Pond St, Inc. (Neil Hicks).

Ron reported on the meeting with Mr. Calcagnini, Ron Arnstein, Dan Fast, Mera Eisen, John Bergherr, and Lesli Klainberg, which took place on 8/31/12, to discuss the lawsuit. Ron described his 9/12/12 conversation with Mr. Calcagnini discussing Mr. Calcagnini's representing Lesli, and a waiver of conflict of interest, which Ron had received on 9/12/12, which would need to be signed before 9/14/12 in order for Lesli to meet her deadline to answer the lawsuit in court.

He described his discussions with Ken Finkelman and Dan Fast regarding the waiver, and their feeling that there was no problem with it, and his sending Mr. Calcagnini's letter to the Board on 9/13/12 by email. When a majority of the Board agreed by email with Ron, Dan, and Ken, Ron signed the waiver. Dan explained that it was done by email only because of the time factor. Waiting for the next Board meeting, or a Special Board meeting, would have pushed a decision to a moot point.

Ron reported on his recent telephone conversation with Mr. Deiter, in which Ron stated that the Board was against settling the lawsuit because it is frivolous. Ron said that Mr. Deiter claimed that it is against C&A (our insurance company) policy to settle frivolous lawsuits because it encourages similar suits.

John Bergherr moved, seconded by Martha Levites, that since George Deiter Esq. was assigned as counsel to represent the GBCA and its officers and Ken Finkelman on August 30, 2012 in the suit brought by Neil Hicks, no conflict of interest exists between the GBCA and George Calcagnini due to his being retained by Lesli Klainberg as legal counsel in the same suit. All in favor except one opposed. Motion passed.

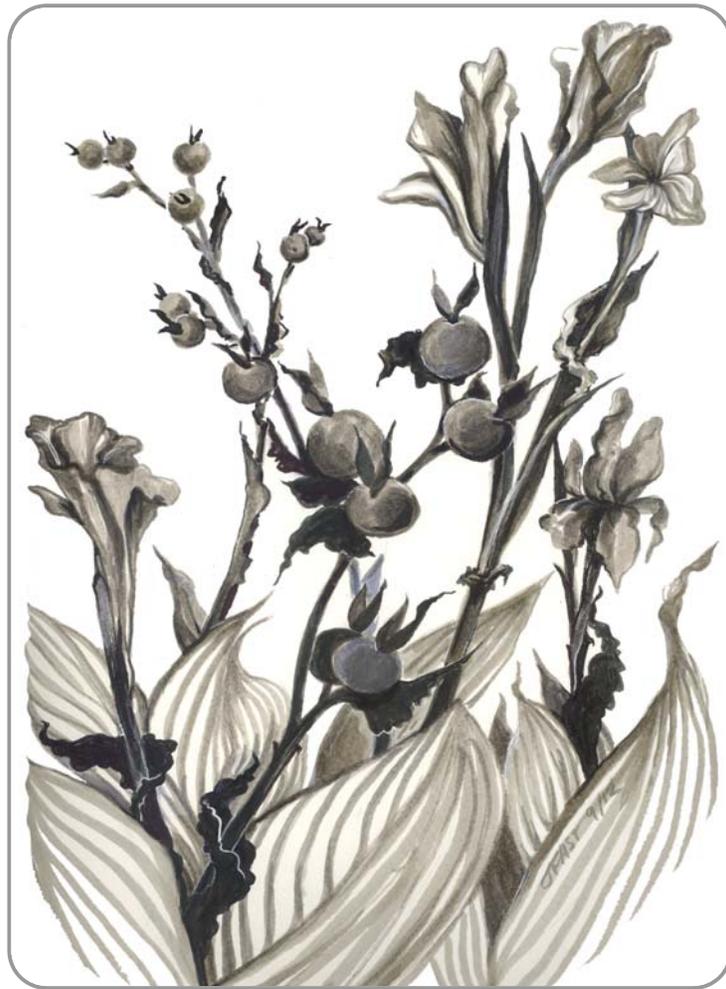
The Board then reviewed the recent statement from Mr. Calcagnini, which included billing for \$2960 for the meeting described above, his subsequent research on some of the salient points of the lawsuit, his conversations with Mr. Deiter, the insurance company's lawyer who will be handling the lawsuit, and his production of a short letter to Mr. Deiter containing his researches.

The statement also included mention of a previous bill for \$2671, and noted that the previous bill had been paid, leaving a balance of \$2960.

Martha then explained that the previous bill, which she as the then Treasurer had paid, was for work done involving the closing on the Jones house, that she had met with Lesli, and that Lesli had agreed to pay \$1981 of the \$2671. Martha moved, seconded by John, to accept Lesli's offer to pay \$1981 to reimburse the GBCA for closing costs on the sale of the Jones property. Passed unanimously.

Chris moved, seconded by Jay, to have John be the Board and GBCA contact with our insurance company and the insurance company's lawyer in the lawsuit. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.



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