

Road Four

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Film Viewing at the Barn, Save the Date

You are Invited to come and see the Film *BUBBY* at The Barn on Sunday, June 3, 2012, at 1 PM.

Bubby, written and directed by Matthew Rosvally about his grandmother, Shura Saul: her times and life featuring her family, friends, colleagues and students.

Shura Saul has been part of our colony since its first summer of 1927. Her aunt and uncle, Sabena and Mosei Millstein, were among the founders of the colony. The film "Bubby" tells about the colony. Several of our members, and ex-members also appear in the film.

The story of her life includes many activities which have involved many of our colony members and so everyone is invited to attend this screening.

Building Bridges

On Saturday December 31st, Eric Stand, John Bergherr, Ken Finkelman, Mark Schmid and Al and Douglas Orlovits set out back in the 17 acres and successfully built a bridge across the stream. The bridge can now be used for hikers and day campers of our community.



The Film Society of Lincoln Center Has New Managing Director



The Film Society of Lincoln Center has named Lesli Klainberg as its new managing director.

Klainberg, who is joining FSLC to manage operations on behalf of the Film Society, its programs, film festivals, theaters and educational outreach, previously served as the producer of the 49th New York Film Festival and executive director of NewFest, New York's LGBT film festival. In her new role, she

will continue producing the annual New York Film Festival.

Through her company Orchard Films, Klainberg also has been a documentary producer and director. For the last three years, she has also been one of the Lab Leaders of the IFP Documentary Film Lab held in New York. In 2009 she served as a consulting producer for the Sundance Documentary Film Program and produced the IFP Filmmaker Forum during Independent Film Week.

Summer Highlights

By: John Bergherr

SATURDAY NIGHTS

JULY 14TH

Margot Leverett & Klezmer Mountain Boys

The barn will be hopping on July 14th when the Klezmer Mountain Boys perform at the barn. Check them out on You Tube.

Per the internet:

"Klezmer clarinetist Margot Leverett joins forces with today's stars of klezmer and bluegrass to explore the shared musical spirit of two genres literally worlds apart. Appalachian and southern fiddle tunes by Bill Monroe meet klezmer melodies from pre-war Russia and Eastern Europe, some newly discovered. The resulting medleys and improvisations are at once raw, funny, soulful and foot stomping."



This innovative all-star klezmer/bluegrass fusion band crosses the boundaries of Jewish/World/Bluegrass/Jam band to draw and delight diverse audiences of all ages. Featured in the Paul Taylor Dance Company's new work *Klezmer-bluegrass*, Margot Leverett and the Klezmer Mountain Boys are attracting international acclaim.

Klezmer: A musical tradition that has its origins in Eastern Europe. In the United States the genre morphed considerably as Yiddish-speaking Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe, who arrived between 1880 and 1924, met and assimilated American bluegrass and jazz.

I can't wait!!!

JULY 21st

Talent Night

Holly Lukin is organizing a talent night this year. It is still in its formative stage but should be a lot of fun.

Per Holly: "We know there are many, many people, of all ages, who have many, many, talents. The show is open to all Colony members and tenants of any age. Dancing, comedy, singing, instrumental, magic, and reading etc. are all acceptable."

Think of it as a Colony version of the Ed Sullivan show!!! Oh, con-tortionists are also welcome. (But no dog acts).

She is still looking for an MC so if any of you can do a good Ed Sullivan impersonation, please contact Holly, she may have a job for you.

If you are interested in participating in the show, please e-mail Holly Lukin at DMLdogschoo@msn.com

Or call (914) 232 - 8309 (between 9 AM and 9 PM)

AUGUST 11TH

The David Heckendorn Septet (with Jerry Sokolov)

Jerry and the Heckendorn Jazz Band are coming back this summer for an encore performance.

Below are some quotes from my review from the summer of 2011:

Jerry Sokolov and The Dave Heckendorn Septet brought the house down with a stage full of professional jazz musicians. The members of the band played with abandon and seemed to ignore the heat up under the stage lights." Their energy kept the barn full to the end of the evening.

And here is what a music professional, Michael Kamen (composer), has to say about Mr. Heckendorn: "David's ability to speak in many different musical languages makes him a valued member of the musical community. There isn't anything musical, personal, or professional that I would hesitate to recommend him for. He is a great musician. His greatness is not measured just by his technique and professionalism, but by his inspirational personality."

If you missed them last year, make a point of being in the barn on August 11th.

AUGUST 18TH

Social Justice Fund Raiser

We will be having a fund raiser this year to replenish the Social Justice Scholarship Fund. The colony gives a scholarship to a John Jay student who is pursuing a career in a social justice field. Periodically we need to replenish the Social Justice Scholarship Fund.

Last time we had a silent auction, a regular auction (with Marty as auctioneer), an art sale, a 50/50 raffle. This year we plan on doing all of that plus any other schemes we can come up with to raise some cash.

It is a lot of fun and a laid-back, pleasant social evening. And, you are helping to keep alive the Colony tradition of helping the less fortunate.

Hope to see you there!

Wednesday night Movies

We have three great movies set up for this summer:

July 18th - Midnight in Paris

August 8 - Away From Her

August 22 - To Kill a Mockingbird

Check out the Social Calendar (on pages 6 & 7) for folk dancing, BBQs and other barn events.

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John Jay Receives High Ranking

Written by Ken Mastro

Tuesday, 08 May 2012 14:36

U.S. News & World Report issued its annual ranking of the top high schools in the country this week and John Jay received high marks.

According to the news organization, John Jay ranks 39th in New York and 238th in the country. This compares favorably to all but one high school that borders the Katonah-Lewisboro School District. John Jay outranked North Salem High School, which was 46th in New York and 313th overall; Fox Lane, which was 53rd in New York and 379th overall; Somers High School, which was not ranked; Wilton (Conn.) High School, 335th overall; and New Canaan (Conn.) High School, 526th overall.

Ridgefield (Conn.) High School was 12 spots higher than John Jay in the national rankings, at 226.

The John Jay student body is 53% male and 47% female with a minority enrollment of 7%, according to U.S. News & World Report, with an Advanced Placement (AP) participation rate of 64%.

The news organization based its rankings, in part, on English and math state tests scores; its own "College Readiness Index," which was based on exam participation rates and percentages of students passing at least one exam; AP student performance; and "disadvantaged student performance."

Retirement...From A Child's View

After a spring break, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holidays.

One small child wrote the following:

We always used to spend holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live here in a big brick home, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a place with a lot of other retarded people. They all live in little tin boxes. They ride on big tricycles and they all have name tags because they don't know who they are.

They go to a big building called a wrecked hall but they must have got it fixed because it's all right now. There is a swimming pool there but they stand in it with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim.

As you go into their park there is a doll house with a little man sitting in it. He watches all day so they can't get out without him seeing them. When they can sneak out they go the beach and pick up shells.

My grandma used to bake cookies and stuff until I guess she forgot how. Nobody cooks, they just eat out. They eat the same thing every night: early birds. Some of the people don't know how to cook at all so my grandma and grandpa bring food into the wreck hall and the call it "pot luck".

Grandma says Grandpa worked all his life and earned his retardement. I wish they would move back here but I guess the little man in the doll house won't let them out.

Michael Rothenberg February 23, 2012

NY Law Journal: Rothenberg, Executive Director of NYLPI, Dies at 47.

The Rothenbergs were long-time members of the Goldens Bridge Community

Michael Rothenberg, 47, the executive director of New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, died on Feb. 23. Mr. Rothenberg was suffering from depression and took his own life. His body was found on

the fourth-floor terrace of a 33-story building at 100 Jay St. in Brooklyn and he was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the New York City Police Department. During the decade since Mr. Rothenberg took over NYLPI in 2001, the organization's annual budget had grown to \$4 million from \$1 million and its staffing increased from 14 to about 35.

Mr. Rothenberg defined the mission of NYLPI as advancing equality and civil rights, with a focus on health justice, disability rights and environmental justice, through community lawyering and partnerships with the private bar. Shelley Dropkin, the chairwoman of NYLPI, said the loss of Mr. Rothenberg would be a crucial one to those seeking civil legal services in the state. "He was an inspirational leader, a colleague, a mentor to so many on his staff who have gone on to do great things," she said. "He was a spectacular manager. He was wise and kind and good and I am dealing with a board that is just so heartbroken because they personally admired him so much."

Mr. Rothenberg was well known throughout the New York legal community. He was one of 30 members appointed by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman in 2009 to the Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services, which looks for ways to funnel more money into the representation of civil legal clients. One of the group's first recommendations was that civil legal services funding from the state be increased to \$25 million a year from \$12.5 million a year. In an interview with the New York Law Journal last year, Mr. Rothenberg said his interest in pro bono issues stemmed from his childhood memories of his highly educated parents struggling to find appropriate schooling for his developmentally disabled older brother (NYLJ, Sept. 30, 2011).

His father, Stanley, was an enter-

tainment lawyer at Moses & Singer and his mother, Eleanore, held a doctorate in health care administration and led a non-profit group that monitored the quality of care at metropolitan-area hospitals.

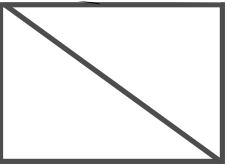
Mr. Rothenberg was active in social causes at Hamilton College as an undergraduate and when he was a student at New York University School of Law. After law school, he became a litigator in the housing unit of Brooklyn Legal Services. He won a fellowship at the Rockefeller Family Foundation, and worked on jury reform at the Vera Institute of Justice. He joined New York Lawyers for the Public Interest as associate director in 1997 and was named executive director in 2001.

Mr. Rothenberg is survived by his wife, Zerline Goodman; their children, Brice, Garon and Zaya Rothenberg; his mother, Eleanor; and his brothers, David and Seth.

Expansion and Improvements to Basketball Court Underway



| <i>Sunday</i> 1 July 2012 | <i>Monday</i> 2 | <i>Tuesday</i> 3 | <i>Wednesday</i> <i>Please Note....</i> <i>Friday Nights:</i> <i>\$15.00 for non-residents</i> <i>Saturday Nights:</i> <i>\$15.00 for non-residents</i> | <i>Thursday</i> 5 | <i>Friday</i> 6 | <i>Saturday</i> 7 Opening Night BBQ <i>7:30 @ the Beach</i> |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| 8 <i>preliminary schedule</i> | 9 <i>chorus</i> <i>7:30-9:30</i> <i>@ the Barn</i> | 10 <i>Children's Movies</i> <i>(to be announced)</i> <i>7:00 at the Barn</i> | 11 | 12 <i>Teen Movies</i> <i>(to be announced)</i> <i>7:00 at the Barn</i> | 14 <i>Folk Dancing</i> <i>8:00 to 10:00</i> <i>(8-9 instruction)</i> <i>@ the Barn</i> <i>with Jim Gold</i> | 14 Margot Leverett & the Klezmer Mountain Boys <i>8:30 @ the Barn</i> |
| 15 | 16 <i>chorus</i> <i>7:30-9:30</i> <i>@ the Barn</i> | 17 <i>Children's Movies</i> <i>(to be announced)</i> <i>7:00 at the Barn</i> | 18 <i>Movie Night</i> "Midnight in Paris" <i>8:00 @ the Barn</i> | 19 | 20 <i>Folk Dancing</i> <i>8:00 to 10:00</i> <i>(8-9 instruction)</i> <i>@ the Barn</i> <i>with the Beers</i> | 21 Talent Night <i>8:30 @ the Barn</i> |
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| 29 | 30 <i>chorus</i> <i>7:30-9:30</i> <i>@ the Barn</i> | 31 <i>Children's Movies</i> <i>(to be announced)</i> <i>7:00 at the Barn</i> | | | | |

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| <p><i>August</i> <i>2012</i></p> | | | 1 | 2 G.B.C. Book Club "In the Garden of the Beast" author, Eric Larson 8:00 @ the Barn | 3 Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the barn with the Beers | 4 Volleyball Tournament BBQ 7:30 pm @ the beach |
| 5 preliminary schedule | 6 chorus 7:30-9:30 @ the Barn | 7 Children's Movies (to be announced) 7:00 at the Barn | 8 Movie Night "Away From Her" 8:00 @ the Barn | 9 | 10 Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the barn with Jim Gold | 11 Jerry Sokolov / Dave Hikendorn Jazz Septet 8:30 @ the Barn |
| 12 Please: Check Bulletin Boards for Schedule | 13 chorus 7:30-9:30 @ the Barn | 14 Children's Movies (to be announced) 7:00 at the Barn | 15 | 16 Teen Movies (to be announced) 7:00 @ the Barn | 17 Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the barn with Jim Gold | 18 Fund Raiser to be announced |
| 19 | 20 chorus 7:30-9:30 @ the Barn | 21 Children's Movies (to be announced) 7:00 at the Barn | 22 Movie Night "To Kill a Mockingbird" 8:00 @ the Barn | 23 | 24 | 25  |
| 26 | 27 chorus 7:30-9:30 @ the Barn | 28 Children's Movies (to be announced) 7:00 at the Barn | 29 | 30 Documentary film "History of the Hamlet of Goldens Bridge" Freida Stand, Moderator 8:00 @ the Barn | 31 Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the barn with Jim Gold | September 1 st the Banquet |

Please Note: Friday Nights: \$15 for non-residents, Saturday Nights: \$15.00 for non-residents

BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

GBCA Board Meeting Minutes September 18, 2011

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

Absent: Martha Levites, Treasurer; Ken Finkelman

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM

1-The minutes of the 8/21/11 Board meeting were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

2-Financial: No financial report: Martha is away.

3-Houses for Sale:

A-The Delgado house at 326 Waccabuc Road is for sale @ \$239,000. We understand there are some outstanding violations on the premises.

B-The McFadden house @16 Pond Street is for sale @ \$249,000.

C-The Hom-Mansfield property is for sale @ \$279,000. Hom-Mansfield has a permit to build a four bedroom house on the property.

D-The Elias house @ 30 Hillside Avenue is for sale @ \$199,000.

E-We are unsure of the situation with the Decaudin house, which may be on the market,

F-The Mayfield property on Rt. 138 (Waccabuc Road) status is unknown at this time.

G-If the Rios property on Hillside Avenue is for sale we are unaware of it.

4-Committee Assignments:

Environment: Dorothy is Chair person and Board liaison. Jay is sub-chairperson and liaison in charge of the recreation section of the Environmental committee.

Camp: Cindy and Jody are Co-Chairpersons and co-liaisons.

Beach: Mera is Chairperson. Chris, Drew, and Mike are principal members.

Barn: Mike is Chairperson and Liaison.

Roads: Fred is Chairperson and liaison.

Water: Ron is Chairperson. Drew and Dan are members. Dan is liaison.

Lake: Jay is liaison.

Social: Pearl Klainberg is Chairperson and John is liaison.

Insurance: John is Chairperson and liaison.

Welcoming: John is Chairperson and liaison.

Finance: Martha is Chairperson and liaison. John, Dan, and Chris are members.

Legal, Rental, and Sales: Ken is Chairperson and liaison.

5-Insurance: John reported on his conversations with Chuck Gohn of Associates of Glens Falls, the insurance broker that the company that John works for has used for the last many years. John handles insurance for his company. We are currently using Gary Forbes Insurance in Katonah as our broker. Gary co-brokers our account with the Walnut Group, with Philadelphia Insurance Co. Philadelphia is the actual insurer, and will not deal directly with Gary. Gary stated, at the last Board meeting where he appeared to discuss our insurance package, that if we ever have a claim, Philadelphia would pay the claim, but would then drop us. Our unique situation as a homeowner's association that runs a camp, a community center, and a water system would then make it extremely difficult to find another insurance company.

Associates of Glens Falls does a very large business with Philadelphia, and therefore, has some leverage with them. If we were to switch to Associates we would have a much better chance of remaining with Philadelphia, should we have a claim. On this basis John suggested that we switch our insurance business to Associates.

Jay moved, seconded by Mera, to switch to Associates of Glens Falls as our insurance broker. Carried unanimously.

Chris will try to find out how other camps in the area handle their insurance situation.

6-Budget: The completed version of the 2012 Budget was briefly discussed. John then moved, seconded by Gerry, to accept the proposed 2012 Budget, and bring it to the membership for their discussion and approval at the next regular Membership meeting in October, Motion carried unanimously.

7-Roads: Fred reported that he had spoken to Ripperger, and that they would be addressing road problems later in the week.

8-Good & Welfare:

The problems of a tree that is falling into the lake, the removal of debris left from tree removal near the Beach entrance after the hurricane, and removal of trees near the Beach entrance which were topped to protect the power and communication lines, were discussed. Jody moved, seconded by John, to have the tree that is falling into the lake removed, all of the debris at and around the Beach entrance removed, and have the trees near the Beach entrance that had been topped removed. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

GCBA Board Meeting Minutes—October 9, 2011

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

Absent: Martha Levites, Treasurer; Ken Finkelman, Dorothy Schulman, Jody Folster, Cynthia Hicks

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM

1-Minutes: No minutes were read due to the Secretary not having the draft ready.

2-Financial: No financial report: Martha is having knee surgery. Ron will send flowers from the community.

3-Insurance: John described his recent conversation with Chuck Gohn of Associates of Glens Falls expressing Chuck's misgivings about some of our present insurance coverage. John then read a letter that he had drafted, addressed to Philadelphia Insurance Company, the firm that carries our insurance, explaining our intent to switch brokers to Associates of Glens Falls. John explained that this letter was necessary for Associates to be able to discuss our insurance with Philadelphia. Ron signed the letter as Board President, and John will forward it to Associates.

4-Committee Reports:

A-Barn: Mike reported that there is a Halloween party scheduled for the end of the month, after which water to the Teen Center will be shut off for the winter.

B-Welcoming: John reported that the Schneiders have rented their house for 2 years, and that he will be welcoming the new tenants. Also that the new owners of what was formerly the Becker house are being welcomed by the Begers, the Milliots, and the Stewart-Stands.

Dan will make up a notice, which will be included with future mailings of Membership meetings, requesting that all Colony members who are renting provide the Board with phone numbers and email addresses for their tenants in order that their tenants can be notified of emergencies, problems such as water shut downs, etc.

C-Roads: Fred reported that, although there is some improvement in a few areas, the overall picture has not changed much.

D-Beach: Drew reported that the drain that was installed on the north stair to the beach is working well.

E-Environment: Jay stated that the hemlock trees that had been topped by the utility company, just south of the beach entrance, still need to be removed.

F-Water: Ron reported that the annual Board of Health inspection went well, and our permit is being renewed. However, the BOH inspector stated that the existing well heads must be raised to a minimum of 18 inches above grade, and that we need to install a transfer switch for the electric service to the pump house, even if no emergency generator is installed. This is required so that if a portable generator were to be used, it could be attached simply and quickly. He also stated that we must inspect the interiors of the storage tanks. Ron estimated a cost of about \$2000 to do this, which would come out of the water maintenance budget.

The subject of an emergency generator for the water system was discussed. Dan will do calculations for the size required to run the circulating pumps and the Branch Street well pump.

5-Board meetings are now scheduled for the second Sunday of each month, with one or two exceptions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

GCBA Membership Meeting Minutes—November 7, 2011

The meeting was convened at 11:25 AM.

Present: 24 Voting Members and approximately 5 other community members.

1-Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the September 4, 2011 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 reviewed the proposed Budget. Two items at \$500 each were moved from the Capitol Budget to the Administrative Budget. Discussion then ensued on the proposed Budget.

Dan Fast moved, seconded by Gerry Sircus, to accept the proposed Budget, as amended, with no change in Dues figures. 16 in favor; 4 opposed; 1 abstaining; motion carried.

3-Good & Welfare:

A-Eric Stand suggested that Corbett Stone be thanked by the community for clearing away the large tree, which came down during the snowstorm, and was blocking West Main Street.

B-Ron Arnstein, as Water Operator recommended that all private wells be tested yearly for coliforms.

C-Eric Stand suggested that trees and brush in the beach parking area and along the roads be cleaned up, with the cost covered as an emergency expenditure.

D-Dottie Schulman suggested that the pond area on Pond Street be cleaned up.

E-Paul Milliot reported as follows: There is money from the "East of Hudson Grant Fund" that is mired in various bureaucracies. Money has been released back to the towns. We are working with the Town wetlands department to create a new catch basin for sediment at Hal and Main Streets. Once this is done it will be a simple procedure to keep clean. There is approximately \$90,000 available. The permits to do dredging work at Hall and Main, and possibly at Danger Road will cost over \$2000.

At this point the Meeting adjourned, at 12:45 PM, due to loss of a quorum.

GCBA Board Meeting Minutes—November 13, 2011

Present: Ron Arnstein, President; Mera Eisen, Vice President; Martha Levites, Treasurer; Dan Fast, Secretary; Dorothy Schulman, Jody Folster, Cynthia Hicks, Michael Brown, Drew Orr, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus, , Jay Martin, Ken Finkelman

Absent: Chris Rietsch, Fred Margolies

Meeting called to order at 9:45 AM

1-Minutes: The minutes of the 9/18/11 and 10/9/11 Board meetings were read, and accepted as read.

2-Financial: Martha reported as follows:

As of August 21, 2011: Assets in bank:

Checking:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| M&T Camp: | \$ 24,850 |
| M&T Checking: | \$ 21,941 |
| Total checking | \$ 46,791 |
| Savings: | |
| Regular savings: | \$ 2,103 |
| Capitol improvement: | \$ 25,530 |
| Water Money Market at M&T | \$ 34,622 |
| Total Savings: | \$ 81,255 |
| Total Assets: | \$128,046 |

Financial issues:

1-Brennan still owes \$2537. Nothing collected so far.

2-Reminder letters have been sent to Camporeale and Rosvally. Rosvally responded; Camporeale did not.

Camporeale owes \$1514

Rosvally owes \$1254

Decaudin owes \$1258

Hom-Mansfield owes \$905

Rios property owes \$6735

Ron will follow up on Camporeale, Rosvally, and Firdman property. Fred will follow up with Hom-Mansfield.

Since DeAngelis is now completely paid up. Ken will see to removing the Confession of Judgement against him.

3-Insurance: John spoke briefly about our insurance situation. Our new broker, Chuck Gohn, is looking into our entire insurance situation. In the near future, when Chuck has reviewed our insurance, he will discuss the matter with the Board at a regular Board meeting.

4-Road 4: Gerry reported that as he and Aaron ready the coming issue for publication they had to edit down the Minutes, without removing anything pertinent, in order to get them all to fit with the other material.

5-Committee Reports:

A- Environment: Jay, Drew, and Ken will survey the basketball court for the placement of a fence to prevent the ball from going into the swamp or out onto the road.

B-Barn: Mike reported that we are in need of a piano bench, which will cost approximately \$100. It is not needed now, but will be should be available for next season. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until the Spring to purchase.

5-Good & Welfare: Cindy proposed that the Teen Center be opened in the afternoons for the use of the children in the community. She stated that she is available Thursday afternoons to open and close the Teen Center and supervise. The Board agreed that it was a fine idea. Mike will provide Cindy with a key. Other parents will be encouraged to participate.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

GCBA Board Meeting Minutes—December 11, 2011

Present: Ron Arnstein, Mike Brown, Mera Eisen, John Bergherr, Chris Rietsch, Drew Orr, Gerry Sircus, Ken Finkelman, Fred Margolies, Jody Folster, Martha Levites.

Absent: Cynthia Hicks, Dorothy Shulman, Dan Fast, Jay Martin

Meeting Minutes

Since the secretary was not present, the minutes from the November meeting were not read or approved. This was put off until the January meeting.

Insurance (Ron/Martha/John)

There was a Finance Committee meeting attended by Ron Arnstein, Martha Levites and John Bergherr on December 10th. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with the Colony's new insurance broker, Chuck Gohn, from Associates of Glens Falls. Chuck Gohn reported that the Colony is missing two forms of Liability insurance, abuse & molestation for the camp and water system liability. Mr. Gohn will be getting quotes for this coverage over the next few weeks. He estimated that the abuse & molestation coverage may cost less than \$1,000. He was not able to provide an estimate of the water liability insurance.

Setting up the camp and water systems as separate corporations was discussed. Ron reported that per a prior discussion with an attorney this would not be practical for the camp or legally possible for the water system.

The question arose as to whether or not all summer camp participants are physically fit for the activities held in the camp. Could some physical problem that a camper has be greatly worsened due to participation in camp activities? Answer: (per Drew and Chris) a medical questionnaire is filled out by the parents of the campers to determine if the campers are physically able to participate in the summer program. The form used is common to many summer day camps and was downloaded from the internet.

Winter Meetings, location of

January - Levitis

February - Rietsch

March - Sircus

Finance (Martha)

There is enough cash to get us through the year and until the 2012 dues start coming in.

The invoices for the 2012 dues will be out in early January and due by February.

Camporeale: Collection of dues will be turned over to The Colony attorney. Ron Arnstein to visit the Camporeale's in an attempt to get them to pay.

There is \$7,778 in annual dues not being paid by owners. This is set up as a reserve on our annual operating budget.

Barn (Mike)

There is one more section of the basement floor to be replaced. There is \$6,000 in the 2012 budget for this but some believe it may cost more than that.

Social Committee (John/Martha): The first social committee meeting for the summer 2012 season takes place on December 17, 2011 at Pearl's house. Pearl (committee chairperson) fractured her ankle.

Maintenance/Water (Drew): Fall cleanup was completed.

A leak in the water system at Danger Road was repaired. The leak was caused by a leaky valve that was not known to exist prior to the leak.

Environment

Ken intends to purchase the fencing for the basketball court before the end of the year. There is \$1,500 in the 2011 budget for this.

Ken also pointed out that there are broken branches hung up over the basketball court and these could fall and hurt someone. Ron offered to point these out to the tree guy who will be taking trees down around the pump house and hopefully he will take them down for us.

There was a discussion about the large amount of brush along the roadways as a result of the hurricane and the blizzard. It was agreed that volunteers should not be using a rented shredder to clear this brush. It would be too dangerous. Mike mentioned that he had two bids from contractors to do the job. He is getting a third bid and expects the final price to be under \$1,000.

Motion: Up to a \$1,000 can be spent to have the brush cleared from the road sides.

By Levitis, seconded by Folster, carried unanimously.

Road 4 (Gerry): Road 4 went out but about half of them came back as undeliverable because a new sorting machine at the post office rejected them. Gerry resealed them and brought them back to the post office.

Gerry pointed out that if anyone wants their Road 4 emailed to them instead of regular mail he will be glad to accommodate them. Mailing the news letter is becoming very costly. Another benefit of the email edition is that it is in color.

There was a discussion about how to have volunteers deliver Road 4 within the community. It was agreed that the next edition of Road 4 will be hand delivered. How this is to be accomplished will be determined at a future meeting.

Roads (Fred): Fred will speak with the highway department and ask that our roads be graded flat. The high crowns are causing multiple problems such as run-off, puddling and difficult driving. All of these problems don't exist if the roads are graded flat.

There being no reports for Camp or new business the meeting was adjourned.

GCBA Board Meeting Minutes—January 15, 2012

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

Absent: Chris Rietsch, Cindi Hicks, Ken Finkelman

Meeting called to order at 9:45 AM

1-Minutes: The minutes of the 11/13/11 Board meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected. The minutes of the 12/11/11 Board meeting were read and accepted as read. .

2-Financial: Martha reported as follows:

As of January 15, 2012: Assets in bank:

Checking:

M&T Camp: \$ 22,111

M&T Checking: \$ 48,547

Total checking \$ 70,651

Savings:

Regular savings: \$ 2,105

Capitol improvement: \$ 25,536

Water Money Market at M&T \$ 34,631

Total Savings: \$ 62,272

Total Assets: \$132,923

Financial issues:

1-Brennan still owes \$2537. Nothing collected so far.

2-Rosvally phoned to make payment arrangement. Nothing received yet; over \$3,000 owed.

3-Decaudin, Hom-Mansfield, Camporeale still unresolved.

4-Over \$25,000 in dues have been collected so far. We will be getting approximately \$15,000 from the Camp, which will go into the Capitol Improvement Fund.

5-Fred researched the Hom-Mansfield and Decaudin situations.

3-Jody Folster notified the Board that, effective immediately, she is resigning. The Board will conduct a search to find a replacement for Jody.

4-Committee Reports:

A-Environment:

A community member has offered to rent a chipper and clean up the brush and debris left throughout the community from the recent hurricane and snowstorm at a total cost of \$1,000. This will be done within the next three months.

B-Beach: The Board discussed the lifeguard situation. At this time most of our lifeguards from last year may not be returning. Katherine, who is over 21, has WSI and Aquatics Director certifications, will be contacted about becoming Waterfront Supervisor. Board members will conduct a search for possible lifeguards in local schools and gyms. There is a good possibility that we may have to increase waterfront personnel salaries. This will mean that Camp tuition will need to be raised.

C-Insurance: John reported as follows: The additional insurance to cover our Water System will cost approximately \$320. We do not have a figure as yet for the Molestation coverage.

D-Social:

John reported as follows: We will have the Klezmer Mountain Boys on July 14th. Jerry Sokoloff and his group will be coming back. Folk Dancing will be on the following nights: 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/17, 8/24. Folk Dancing has been cut back due to a large decrease in participation by Colony members.

E-Water: Ron reported as follows: The Board of Health wants the storage tanks inspected. Ron got a price of \$1450 to inspect the tank interiors with a submarine camera unit. Ron and Drew will try to get additional bids.

F-Barn: Mike reported as follows: There are 3 requests for the use of the Barn in June.

G-Lake: Jay reported as follows: Eric Stand and Paul Milliot met with the Town Planning

Board to discuss the suction Harvesting / dredging work at the Beach. The Planning Board is receptive to the idea of the work, but wants an additional \$500 for permitting costs. Additional meetings with the Planning Board are upcoming. Martha moved, seconded by Dorothy, to spend the additional \$500 on permitting fees. Carried unanimously.

Martha moved, seconded by Mera, Eric Stand and Jay Martin to be designated as our representatives on the Lewisboro Lakes Committee (Eric is already a representative). Carried unanimously.

H-Garbage: Martha reported as follows: We have received the new contract from Bria Carting. There is no increase in the \$2978 / month cost, and they have added one 30 yard container. The Board authorized Martha to sign the new contract.

I-Roads: Fred reported as follows: He will continue to communicate with Ripperger.

J- Road 4: Gerry reported that they are looking for material.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

GCBA Board Meeting Minutes –February 12, 2012

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

Meeting called to order at 9:45 AM

1-Minutes: The minutes of the 1/15/12 Board meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

2-Financial:

Martha reported as follows: As of February 12, 2012: Assets in bank:

Checking:

M&T Camp: \$ 23,954

M&T Checking: \$115,739

Total checking \$139,693

Savings:

Regular savings: \$ 2,105

Capitol improvement: \$ 25,539

Water Money Market at M&T \$ 34,635

Total Savings: \$ 62,279

Total Assets: \$201,972

Financial issues:

1-Brennan still owes \$2537. He has no bank accounts listed. It appears to be a lost \$2000 plus on legal fees, with no gain.

2-Rosvally and Camporeale have made payments.

3-Decaudin, Hom-Mansfield still unresolved. Our attorneys says that there is no foreclosure listed for Decaudin, and that it would cost more to pursue Hom-Mansfield than they owe due to their out of NY State residence.

4-The Apter house, which has all taxes and bills paid, is in serious disrepair. The Board discussed various options to remedy the situation. The Hom-Mansfield house is in a similar, but worse, state. The Board will reach out to them, also.

5-Martha raised credit card issues. The use of credit cards to pay community charges was set up to make it easier for members to pay their charges, and easier for the treasurer to collect those charges. It was intended to be used to pay the entire bill, not to be used for a payment plan. Dan moved, seconded by Mera, to allow only one credit card payment per year per property. Motion carried unanimously.

3-Filling of Board vacancy: After considerable discussion Dorothy moved, seconded by Chris, that we not fill the vacancy at this time. Opposed: 2; in favor: 12. Motion carried.

4-Water System maintenance situation: It has come to the attention of the Board that some changes need to be made in the day to day maintenance of the water system. The Finance committee will meet, and report back to the Board with suggestions on handling the financial end of the transitioning of this maintenance from Pat Killeen to Drew Orr.

5-Committee Reports:

A-Environment: Dorothy reported that more bids are being obtained for tree removal.

B-Beach: Drew reported that at this time none of the lifeguards from last year are available for this year. He is making up a flyer to post around to advertise for lifeguards. Both the Beach and Camp committees must be involved in the hiring of the lifeguards. The Camp must have (BOH regulations) minimum one lifeguard per 25 persons (campers and counselors). Mera will set up a Beach committee meeting. There is a good possibility that we may have to increase waterfront personnel salaries. This will mean that Camp tuition will need to be raised.

C-Social: John reported as follows: Folk Dancing, which was reduced from 9 nights to 6 nights, will now start at 8 PM, with the first hour devoted to teaching. The full Schedule will appear in Road 4; be posted on the Goldens Bridge website, and be posted at the Barn and Beach.

D-Barn: Mike reported as follows: There are now 2 requests for the use of the Barn: one in May and the other in June. The remaining Barn Basement floor section that has not been replaced with concrete will probably cost more than the \$6,000 in the budget. Since that existing section of the floor is sound, this work should be deferred until next year.

E-Lake: Jay reported no change from last meeting.

F-Roads: Fred reported as follows: He received a call from the Highway Dept. before they scraped the roads this last time. Efforts to get the work done in a better manner are ongoing.

G- Road 4: Gerry reported that they are looking for material.
Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

GCBA Board Meeting Minutes –March 11, 2012

Present: Ron Arnstein, President; Mera Eisen, Vice President; Martha Levites, Treasurer; Dan Fast, Secretary; Dorothy Schulman, Michael Brown, Drew Orr, Jay Martin, Fred Margolies, Chris Rietsch, Cindi Hicks

Absent: Ken Finkelman, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM

1-Minutes: The minutes of the 2/12/12 Board meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

2-Ron reported that he had received a contract for the sale of the Berkowitz house at 8 Hall Avenue. Martha moved, seconded by Fred, to call Ken and have him send a final notice to the people on the Colony list, and if there are no takers, then to waive the GBCAs right of first refusal. Passed unanimously.

Fred suggested that as soon as we find out that a house is for sale in the community, we check the MLS to make sure that the GBCA financial requirements are listed. Although these should always be listed, they sometimes are not, which can lead to confusion, and has in the past. Fred and Martha will develop a procedure to insure that the GBCA dues are indicated in the MLS.

3-Financial:

Martha reported as follows: As of February 12, 2012: Assets in bank:

Checking:

M&T Camp: \$ 21,695

M&T Checking: \$133,734

Total checking \$ 155,429

Savings:

Regular savings: \$ 2,105

Capitol improvement: \$ 25,542

Water Money Market at M&T \$ 34,639

Total Savings: \$ 62,289

Total Assets: \$ 217,715

Financial issues:

1-Uncollected dues: Brennan, Decaudin, Hom-Mansfield, Rios property.

2-Still owed, in addition, for 2011 and 2012: Harris - \$704 from 2011 and all of 2012, Rosvally - \$454 from 2011 and all of 2012. Rosvally is making payments as scheduled. Ron will advise Harris of imminent water turn off.

3-Our attorney says that there is no foreclosure listed for Decaudin. Decaudin claims that he signed over his Branch Street property to Ocwen Bank. His court date, which is tomorrow, will be cancelled. At this point the Board discussed our relationship with our present attorney. The consensus was to terminate this relationship if we can use a community member, who has in the past done considerable work for the community on a volunteer basis, on a for-compensation basis. Ron will contact the community member to discuss.

3-Water system: The Board discussed the change in the maintenance of our community water system. Mera moved, seconded by Jay, to retire Pat Killeen from the maintenance and testing of the water system, and to provide him with a stipend of \$175 per month to cover the cost of him driving the community on a daily basis to check for water system problems, with the cost to come from the water users budget. Passed unanimously.

Martha moved, seconded by Cindi, to have Drew Orr take over the maintenance and chlorine testing of the water system at the Pump House. Passed unanimously. The Water committee will discuss the particulars of Drew's payment for this work.

Ron again raised the issue of the interior inspection of the two water storage tanks at the Pump House that the Board of Health has called for. He reiterated the price of \$1450 for both tanks from Liquid Engineering to do this with a submarine camera assembly. Drew stated that his inquiries on this matter indicated that prices from other firms for a similar inspection would be quite a bit higher. Mera moved, seconded by Martha, to have Liquid Engineering inspect both tanks at a cost of \$1450. Passed unanimously.

4-Committee Reports:

A-Beach: Mera reported as follows: Beach and Camp committees met jointly to discuss waterfront issues. Camp needs: Waterfront Director (who must be 21 or over), Water Safety Instructor (WSI), 3 lifeguards.

- The Camp committee is hiring an Assistant Camp Director who will have charge of managing the waterfront activities of the Camp, and the Beach as related to the Camp.

- We have hired a WSI who is 22 years old, but may not have the required 3 years of lifeguard experience needed to be the Waterfront Director.

- Chris noted that we still need a Waterfront Director / WSI, and the Assistant Camp Director may not have the required certification.

- We still do not have the needed minimum of 5 lifeguards.

- Martha emphasized that the person teaching swimming must have actual teaching ability in order to be effective.

- The question of private lessons will be put to the membership at the next Membership meeting.

- Chris raised the question of whether there is sufficient interest in having Red Cross Water Safety classes at our lake.

- The committee feels that Beach passes are not a big issue: members must identify guests to the lifeguards to avoid confusion.

C-Lake:

Jay reported as follows: The Lake committee met with the Town a few weeks ago. John Keller of Keller Sessions felt that the scope of our project for the lake, as proposed, would require the involvement of the Army Corps of Engineers, which would push permitting costs to at least as much as the actual work. He will walk the lake with Jay and Eric Stand to see if the project can be changed to reduce permitting problems and costs.

The total cost of the suction harvesting at the beach area will be \$5200. This work is projected to be done in the early Fall.

D-Roads: Fred reported as follows: Roads are in decent condition.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.



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