

Road Four

NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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From the Editor

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Ex-Presidential Thoughts

In looking back over my goals for my Presidency. I think I've achieved some, but not all of them. My main goal was to have more people involved in the committee process. There are some committees which have more people on them than three years ago, but a few which stubbornly remain committees of one. Some people, who weren't involved in the work of the committees, previously, have been recruited. While I agree it is easier to get something decided if you make the decision yourself, I think that decision seldom reflects the will of our community. Democracy is about the process and not expediency.

I realize, now that I no longer hold office, that I hold as much power, in this democracy, as a community member in good standing. I

can go to Board meetings and have a say in the proceedings. Very few members attended Board meetings, while I was President, unless they had a personal issue to bring before the Board. Come on down!

Another goal was the renovation of our infrastructure. The pump house has been upgraded. Our Barn is more than half way towards having its lower floor replaced and the upper floor stabilized. Our two new rafts have been a success. I'm convinced that our tree-removal program saved our community from some power outages this past Winter and Spring. Sharing the costs of these improvements has made them affordable. We are strongest when we work together.

Have you noticed that all of our country's Presidents' hair turns grey by the time they leave office. Look at mine now. It was blond when I started my term. I'd like to thank the people I worked with on the Board. I thank the membership for its support.

Eric Stand

GBCA Social Action Committee Continues To Think Globally, Act Locally by Mera Eisen

In 1999 the social action committee was formed. The membership had asked the colony to act on the principles of the founders to respond to local issues of need and/or injustice. The initial activity was to conduct a food drive for the benefit of the Northern Westchester Community Center in Katonah. The committee then began a fund-raising program to

sponsor a scholarship of \$500. It would go to a John Jay High School graduating senior who demonstrated a commitment to opposing acts of social injustice based on race, sex, class, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. Since the first award in 2001, GBCA has awarded yearly grants to students recommended by the guidance department of John Jay and selected by the Social Action Committee.

The awardee of 2010, Jennifer Solomon who lives in Wild Oaks Goldens Bridge, writes in her thank you note:

"I am honored to be the recipient of the GBCA Social Justice Award...enjoy helping people who were uninformed about situations that not only affect our community, but those individuals and communities world wide." She also wrote in her essay, "community service is a two-way street, when you give you automatically receive". Ms. Solomon's activities included: providing leadership, legislative advocacy and community awareness regarding "Invisible children", a program that works with children affected by wars in Uganda. She also worked with disadvantaged and special needs children, volunteered in New Orleans 9th ward during the summer of '09, and many other worthwhile activities. In addition to her dedication to social justice, our award recipient was a National Honor Student.

The available funds raised by our community at private auctions and tag sales will carry for one more year. We must now begin planning for an activity to replenish

the scholarship fund after 2011. Please contact Mera Eisen 232-8172 or Martha Levities 232-4456 to join the social action committee.

Board Election Results

The results of the election for officers and members of the GBCA Executive Board which was held at a Membership meeting on August 22, are as follows:

- President - Ron Arnstein
- Vice-president - Mera Eisen
- Treasurer - Martha Levities
- Recording Secretary - Dan Fast

The elected board members are Ken Finkelman, Jody Berkowitz Folster, Jay Martin, Chris Rietsch, Fred Margolies, Dorothy Shulman, and Gerry Circus.



JEAN FAGAN YELLIN

Jean Fagan Yellin, a former member of our community, recently received the J. Franklin Jameson Award from the American Historical Association. Professor Yellin received the award for the outstanding achievement of editing historical sources. The biannual award was in recognition of her two-volume anthology of the Harriet Jacobs Family Papers published last year.

An Open Letter in Response to Dirt Roads

The Previous article, in *Road Four*, Spring 2010 issue, stated “simple truths and simple facts” about paving Colony roads. There is only one simple truth.

Most people decide for or against paving emotionally and

then try to find reasons to support that decision. Proof? The letter cited the cost of paving as over \$1,000,000. If the Town was willing to spend that amount (or even do it for free) would the writer then be in favor of paving?

The article raised the question of paved roads buckling and potholes. In fact, those very small areas that have been paved have held up amazingly well for almost 40 years - summers and winters. Can anyone come up with a better solution for our dangerously rutted dirt roads?

The article states that the Town is aware of the structural problems that need to be corrected, but somehow they have been unable to find a “permanent engineering solution”.

As I see it, paving only a very limited portion of our roads would make a huge difference without destroying our “Country”.

Almost 40 years ago, a compromise agreement was reached with the Town to pave some dangerous and sometimes impassable sections of road. We are all better off for it. Why can't we find such a compromise arrangement today?

Ken Gross



Happy 90th Birthday, Shura

She woke up in the morning and said “Could you believe it, I'm 90. I made it!” I just said “Happy 90th birthday, Mom”. Even though her birthday was July 8th, we had a good old fashioned family party on July 3 at Arrowood, the resort

in Rye, just an intimate group of 87 people. Everybody in the LA and Chicago family came as planned, and it was KICKASS. Music, speeches, friends, and to top it off a screening of my son's documentary of my mother's life, entitled BUBBY. I hope you all get an opportunity to see it. So Happy Birthday Mom and keep up the good work. We need to keep celebrating life

Jennifer Rosvally

Send Us Your Recipes

When we took over as editor we tried to start a regular column featuring favorite recipes sent in by members of the community. There have been very few contributions for the last number of issues of Road 4. There must be some favorite recipes within each and every family. How about sharing them with other readers.

Rules For Renting The Barn

(1) The barn and property is available for private parties to members who are in good standing and whose dues have been paid for the current year. However if dues were not paid within 60 days of the due date for two out of the last three years, a \$1,000 deposit in the form of a money order or bank check must be submitted to the head of the barn committee of the Goldens Bridge Community Association Executive Board. It will be held in escrow to cover any damages that may occur to the barn and/or property for the day(s) the member uses the facility. The check will be returned in full to the member if no damages have been assessed.

(2) The barn and property will not be available for private parties from the start of the Goldens Bridge Day Camp until after the Banquet, usually the last week in June through Labor day.

(3) All food, drink, paper goods, etc., and trash bags will be supplied

by the member and removed, including all trash, from the barn and property on the day(s) of use.

(4) The member agrees to clean the barn and property and leave it in the same state in which they found it.

(5) The member agrees to pay in full for any damages to anything in the barn and on the property and will be held liable for failure to do so.

(6) Renters must have a member (see paragraph 1) take responsibility for the barn and/or premises.

(7) The Goldens Bridge Community Association Executive Board reserves the right to refuse a request for the use of the barn and/or property.

Coyotes In Our Midst

The county is sponsoring a free program on "Coyotes in Suburbia"

as a Conservation Café event, on Friday, September 24, 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (8 - 8:30 a.m. registration) in the Kessel Student Center at Pace University's Pleasantville campus. Find out what local researchers are discovering about coyotes' migration patterns and behaviors.

The speakers will be Mark Weckel, director of research and land management at Mianus River Gorge Preserve in Bedford, and Dan Bogan the field research leader of the New York Urban/Suburban Coyote Study. A question-and answer session will be included.

Advance registration is requested by calling (914) 864-7326 by September 22. Beverages will be served; participants should bring their own coffee mug. Pace University is located on Bedford Road (Route 117) in Pleasantville.

Lewisboro Library Country Fair

Don't forget! The Annual Lewisboro Library Country Fair will be held on Saturday, September 25th, from 10AM to 4PM., at the Onatru Farm, 99 Elmwood road in South Salem. Books, toys, attic treasures, baked goods, and more will be on sale. Food, kid's games, and live music will be available. There will be a book and toy pre-sale for Lewisboro residents on Thursday, September 23rd, from 5:30 to 9:00.

Tag Sale At The Barn

On October 2nd and 3rd, there will be a tag sale at the barn All proceeds go to the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. If you have any items you wish to donate, call Chris or Ilene Rietsch at 232-8842.

Congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds, Niki Castronueva and Paul Stewart-Stand who were married while on vacation in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Pun Enchanted Evenings—Former GB Colony member David R. Yale, whose family owned a house on Hillside Avenue from 1957 to 1986, has written a new book, Pun Enchanted Evenings: 746 Original Word Plays, that provides hundreds of laugh-provoking jokes.

Lisa and Robert Tilzer, (son and daughter-in-law of Sheila Ahrenstein, the original Bergun house, who catered our banquet a few years back), have opened a franchise business for the cleaning of windows and myriad other attendant services. Their employees are bonded and insured. Won't it be nice to see what you are missing? Look for brochures on bulletin boards in the Colony. Robert Tilzer, 203-885-1094.

Firewood for Sale: Buy now and save before winter. Normally \$200 per cord and \$110 for 1/2 cord. For a limited time only **TAKE 25% OFF**. Pay only \$150 per cord or \$80 for 1/2 cord. **FREE DELIVERY**. Stacking available for extra cost. C.W. Stone Tree Service, (914) 774-7486.

Apartment for Rent: Small efficiency 1 bedroom apt. on Branch Street. Full bath, kitchen/living area. Storage available in garage attic. \$875 including utilities. Wired for Verizon FIOS. No pets or smoking. Suitable for 1 or 2 persons. Lease. Security and references. Please call 232-8172.

WATER EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR THOSE USING COLONY WATER

To report a leak or other colony water emergency:
RON ARNSTEIN (914) 232-8260
PAT KILLEEN (914) 232-4931

TOWN OF LEWISBORO EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

POLICE, TOWN OF LEWISBORO763-8903
POLICE NEW YORK STATE 277-3651
AMBULANCE LEWISBORO VOLUNTEER..... 763-9633
FIRE DEPT., GOLDENS BRIDGE..... 232-4530

*Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2009
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INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, the Goldens Bridge Community Association, Inc. (GBCA) Water System annually issues a report (ADWQR) describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met all state drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This ADWQR provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Ron Arnstein, Water Operator and Chairman of the Water Committee, 914-232-8260. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of the meetings of the Water Committee. Information as to when meetings are held can be obtained from any member of the Water Committee. These include, in addition to Ron Arnstein, Mera Eisen: 914-232-8172, Drew Orr 914-232-9684 and Dan Fast 914-232-5397. Ron Arnstein is available to discuss any drinking water issues with you in person.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM ?

In general the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottle water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves approximately 250 people through approximately 65 service connections. Our water source is groundwater drawn from two wells drilled to depths in excess of 800 feet. The water is chlorinated prior to distribution by the injection of sodium hypochlorite at a level sufficient to maintain a chlorine residual at the furthest point in the distribution system from the pumping and distribution station.

SOURCEWATER SUSCEPTIBILITY TO CONTAMINANTS

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based upon the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water; it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is, or will become, contaminated. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses of health risk. See section "Are there contaminants in our drinking water?" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source water into the future.

As mentioned before, our water is derived from two (2) drilled wells. The source water assessment has rated these wells as having a medium-high susceptibility to microbial, industrial solvents and other industrial contaminants. These ratings are due primarily to the close proximity of permitted discharge facilities (industrial/commercial facilities that discharge wastewater into the environment and are regulated by the state and/or federal government) to the wells and the associated industrial activity in the assessment area. In addition, one of our wells draws from an unconfined aquifer of unknown hydraulic conductivity and the other well draws from fractured bedrock and a lower permeability layer exists above the aquifer. Therefore diligent source protection measures are prudent. Please note that, while the source water assessment rates our wells as being susceptible to microbial, our water is disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered into your home meets the New York State drinking water standards for microbial contamination.

County and State Health Department will use this information to direct future source water protection. These may include water quality monitoring, resource management, planning and education programs.

A copy of the source water assessment has been filed with the Board of Directors of GBCA and another copy can be reviewed by contacting Ron Arnstein. There is currently an ongoing source water contamination review consisting of inspection of the well environs for contamination sources, including septic tank failures, leakage of liquids from automotive vehicles and improper disposal of contaminants.

for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).”

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS ?

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During 2009 extensive sampling was done and the sampling showed that the drinking water was in compliance with applicable drinking water requirements.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS ?

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT ?

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;
- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions to that essential fire fighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

1. Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity.
2. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.

3. Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it up and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
4. Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community.

The GBCA Water Committee
Ronald Arnstein,
Cert.# NY0030719

2009 Lake Water Quality Assessment for Timber Lake

Timber Lake is served by the Golden Bridge Community Association Inc., also known as the Colony, founded in 1935. The association is involved in a variety of lake management social activities including:

- Summer swimming, boating (non-resident boats are not allowed), and fishing, with lifeguards on duty during the summer session
- Lake water used for firefighting
- Potable water - the lake association owns a number of deep wells, a chlorination plant, and water distribution lines (lake water not used for this purpose)
- Restrictions on dumping aquaria, and a recommended 2 week drying period for using fishing tackle outside of lake
- Beach cleanup work - the association purchases beach sand
- Invasive species education - Chinese Mystery Snails have been found in the lake

Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program sampling was conducted on Timber Lake from 1994 to 1995 and 2006 to 2009. The reports are posted on the New York Federation of Lake Associations website at www.nysfola.org.

Water quality, aquatic plant, and recreational assessments were close to normal in 2009 and none of these measures of lake perception has exhibited any clear long-term trends. Over all lake perception is summarized on the Lake Scorecard.

Note: the Executive Board has reviewed the scorecard and is pleased with the report.

BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

GBCA Board meeting minutes March 21, 2010

Present: Stand, Fast, Rosedale, Brown, Sircus, Orr, Levites, Bergherr, Eisen, Arnstein, Gordon
Absent: Callen, Shulman, Stewart-Stand, Finkelman
The meeting came to order at 10:15 am.
February Board Minutes were read and accepted into the record.
Rosedale will talk to Protus about issues with voice broadcasts.
Correspondence- none.
Committee Reports-
Finance- An updated report was distributed.
A productive meeting with the camp committee about budgets was held yesterday.
According to a payment plan established with DiAngeles, he owes \$400 by April 1 or his water will be shut off.
There are now two applicants for dues relief from the hardship fund. One application was accepted.
4 members have some outstanding dues owed. About half of dues for 2010 have been collected.
Barn- Floor will be resurfaced before camp begins. Work on the teen center will be considered in the future.
Beach/Lake- All lifeguard positions are filled. Not sure how we will staff after mid-August when lifeguards, who are also students, go to college.
Town- No report. • Camp- No report.
Environment- Colony cleanup: Bergherr will find out when the town cleanup day is. The Community will be notified by email and voice broadcast.
Hospitality/Social- Committee met. The next issue of Road 4 will contain an announcement of the upcoming art show.
Westchester Food Bank will be the charity to benefit from the proceeds of sales from the Art Show.
Folk dancing will be more expensive to run this year- so there will be one less week of folk dancing provided.
Jim Gold and the Beers will be back. The Chorus is coming together. One Saturday night drama is planned.
Legal/sales- No report. • Roads- No report.
Maintenance- The bridge on the footpath by the Lieman property may need repair or replacement. A cleaning person for the summer season is still being sought.
Road 4- is online. No new business to report.
Water- Our BOH permit has been received. We still owe them an electrical diagram. They want taps installed in the shed for water sampling and some instrumentation for flow indication.
Carol Lewis' lawyer has Finkelman's letter about property deeds, and will respond to Finkelman.
Garbage- We will opt to wait until next year for our biennial dumpster.
History- No report.
New business- Eisen brought a list of projects previously budgeted or approved.
Rafts- Have been ordered. Old raft removal is the responsibility of the beach committee.
Bathroom stairs- (Orr) in process
Camp – Paddle boats – Stewart-Stand and Ehnes are the contacts for this.
Defibrillator- Decided to rent 2, not purchase, at \$400 each (purchasing is \$2k each); Orr is handling this for the Maintenance Committee. A wall-mounted storage case for the barn will cost \$180. Stand will help arrange for training even though these devices are supposed to be "foolproof".
Beach sand- Plans for early delivery didn't work out due to snow. Orr is investigating smaller deliveries to avoid truck-related damage. Orr is the contact.
Shed for beach chairs: Rietsch and Orr are the contacts. Will try to accomplish at the lowest cost possible.
Barn back stairs- Deferred until 2011 given the significant expense of metal stairs.
Lower barn floor- 6K budget is still to be spent. Stand and Callen will work on it.
Barn box fan- We have. Fast can provide an extra if needed.
Chair rack for the barn: Will install pipes to hang the chairs on, inside the close at a cost of about \$100. Questions of capacity and dimensions will be resolved. Orr/Brown will handle.
Fire pull-stations at all barn exits: Will defer this project and get information about building classification and requirements.
Stabilizing barn stage: Orr and Stand will address. Work will come in under the originally budgeted amount.
Volleyball fence/gate: Orr will investigate with Rietsch.
Tree work at beach- see last membership minutes (1 large ash and 1 cherry to be taken down). Shulman is getting estimates. The work will be done before summer.
Handball court- Shulman is the contact. \$12,000 is the working estimate from the subcommittee. The membership will be presented with a plan, proposing to have a group of members advance this money and be paid back interest-free by the membership, at the April meeting.
Pump house renovation- About \$2,200 of the originally budgeted amount is left to be spent. Instrumentation and some equipment installation work remains.
Next tasks would be installing a data-logging system and a backup sensor in the second tank.
Playground mulch; beach committee needs mulch too. (Gordon is the contact)
Next Board meeting: April 18, 10am at the Teen Center.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 pm.

GBCA Membership meeting minutes April 18, 2010

Present: Stand, Fast, Rosedale, Brown, Sircus, Orr, Levites, Bergherr, Shulman, Arnstein, Finkelman, Gordon, Callen, Eisen
Absent: Stewart-Stand
The meeting came to order at 10:05 am.
March Board Minutes were read and accepted into the record.
Correspondence- none.
Gary Forbes joined us to discuss our insurance coverage.
Our current coverage summary was distributed. We are covered for losses beyond a deductible, even for "acts of God" like trees falling on a building.

Liability coverage is the most important. The Colony has a total of \$6 million in coverage.

Every member should have homeowner's insurance that includes "umbrella" liability insurance. This typically gives you about \$1 million in coverage for \$150-250 per year. Loss assessment coverage on a homeowner's policy is also important. This is in the case of an assessment against the entire association that exceeds our collective coverage. \$50,000 of this coverage costs about \$50/yr.

Volunteer work is covered by our insurance and umbrella liability on homeowners' policy. Personal injury doing volunteer work is covered by our workman's compensation policy; individuals' medical insurance would provide primary coverage.

We have \$825,000 blanket coverage for all Colony buildings (including the Barn).

A "crime policy" insures the Association against financial crime.

The activities we conduct bring risk- most notably Camp and Beach.

We still have our original policy in part because it is impossible to replace. Swimming, camps are too much risk for companies to cover in a new policy. If we could replace it, it would cost at least \$25,000 per year. There are changes in the ownership at the company we use that could affect premiums or renewal in future years.

The fact that the lake is so accessible does not affect our liability coverage- but if something were to go wrong, the company would probably not renew our policy.

Committee Reports-

Finance- An updated report was distributed.

We are now using a regular business savings account to make those funds more accessible.

The hardship fund has \$1,550 in it. Records of disbursement from the fund are confidential.

18 members have not yet responded to bills; 6 are on the water system. May 1 is the deadline to pay. Levites will send out bills stamped "second notice" or "final notice".

Barn- There was a general discussion of rules for using the Barn. The Association should reserve the right to refuse any application to use the Barn. Serving alcohol should require a licensed/certified bartender to protect us from liability (for example, serving intoxicated or underage persons). A deposit against loss, damage or cleaning should be collected for all uses. Orr, Stand and Finkelman will help Brown draft a revised agreement document.

Beach/Lake- Gordon went with Camp Director to the county-mandated aquatics information session. Wristbands with swimming levels were displayed.

An aquatics director candidate has been interviewed. May 1 at 10am will be the beach cleanup, including spreading mulch, removing debris, and spreading beach sand. A canoe will be replaced.

New rafts will be delivered first week in June. Camp starts 6/28.

Bridge by the Lieman property is OK.

Town- no report

Camp- no report

Environment- The original plan for the existing handball court was to remove the wall, resurface the slab, and install 2 basketball hoops. Only one estimate has been received, and a competitive bid is needed. The wall will be taken down this year. More work will be planned for next summer. Budget is under development. \$1500 is the estimate to take down the wall (has been budgeted for this year). The additional \$3500-\$4000 for two hoops would need to be budgeted next year. Future years' budget might include resurfacing.

Cleanup: Disposable gloves and garbage bags to be distributed at the April membership meeting.

Hospitality/Social- A draft of the calendar will be ready for the April membership meeting. The Committee hopes to publish the final version by June 1.

May 1 at 11am in the Teen Center- there will be a meeting to discuss the Banquet Show.

Highlights- Clearwater singers- 7/10; Up South Twisters (Zydeco music)- 8/14; Albie Gorn: 4 x 1-act plays on 7/17. More announcements will be coming at the next membership meeting. 8/21 will be a cabaret night with jazz group.

Legal/sales- Finkelman received a letter from Carol Lewis. He has spoken to her lawyer. Her lawyer finds no evidence that an exchange of deeds ever took place. Finkelman will find out what kind of agreement is necessary to close the matter, so we can perform restoration work. Stand will follow up with Lewis.

Everyone on the list of potential home buyers has or will be notified about the Elias and Delgado houses for sale; Becker's may be for sale as well.

Roads- No report

Maintenance- Beach sand has arrived. Hay bales are in place. Mulch is on the way. Tree removal at the beach is done.

Options for defibrillator storage were discussed.

Stand looked at the lower barn floor with a mason. He suggested installing a curtain drain along the back of the barn. Stand and Orr are working on trouble-shooting and resolving drainage issues.

Brown and Orr drove out to look at the new rafts. Decking and siding samples were distributed.

Road 4- The summer Social Calendar will be published in the next issue. An article about some of the performers may be included. Joe Rabushka just published a book. Sandler's fiancée, Nora Rawley-Baskins, is writing children's literature. Articles about wildlife, a short piece about our insurance coverage, and images of Brown's old postcards of Goldens Bridge are possibilities for inclusion. This year's scholarship winner can be announced. Material is due by May 20 in order to be included in the next issue.

Water- Work detailed in the agreement with Carol Lewis is to be done. Stand has the agreement letter.

Garbage- No report

History- No report

New business- Moved (Fast): The Colony will employ DiAngeles to clean for the summer season if his wages are applied against his debt. Seconded (Finkelman). 6 in favor, 5 opposed. Passed. His water can be turned back on if he meets the terms of his payment plan.

Next Board meeting: May 23 10am at the Teen Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.

[GBCA Board meeting minutes May 23, 2010](#)

Present: Stand, Rosedale, Brown, Sircus, Eisen, Shulman, Finkelman, Stewart-Stand, Callen, Fast, Arnstein,

Absent: Gordon, Orr, Bergherr, Levites

The meeting came to order at 10:05 am.

April Board Minutes will be reviewed and approved by email.

Correspondence- none.

Committee Reports-

Finance- No report

Barn- Brown read an amended version of the Barn usage agreement. The Board suggested that we strengthen language in the agreement relating to financial responsibility. Also considering including requirement for an alcohol insurance policy and a deposit against potential damage.

Lower barn floor work is done.

Brown has a list of small projects needing done with volunteer labor.

Beach/Lake- Mulch needs to be spread.

Town- No report • Camp- No report

Environment- Schmid will supervise the demolition of the wall at the handball court. Next, the basketball hoops need to be put up and finally masonry work will need to be done to finalize the resurfacing.

The Handball Subcommittee recommends two hoops, on sale for \$1,499 each at Sports Authority. Installation is \$400 each. This corresponds to the amount approved at the April membership meeting.

Hospitality/Social- No report

Legal/sales- Lewis has changed the language of the agreement regarding the well and property arrangements. The revised text was read to the Board, and appears to satisfy both sides.

Roads- The new state speed limit on our roads is posted, and enforceable, at 25mph.

Maintenance- No report.

Road 4- Publication of next issue is imminent.

Water- The Board would like the Committee to investigate purchasing a backup generator to keep the system running in the event of a power outage.

Garbage- No report.

History- No report.

New business- A very large tree fell into the lake near the dam and must be removed. We have an estimate to remove it but there are options to remove it all or leave logs behind. Difference is only about \$100. Motion (Stand)- contract with Corbett Stone to remove the tree and logs. Seconded, passed unanimously.

Constitution amendment committee is to be ready for the June board meeting and announced as part of the invitation to the July meeting.

Next meeting: June 27, 10am at the Teen Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

GBCA Board meeting minutes June 27, 2010

Present: Drew Orr, Dorothy Shulman, Paul Stewart-Stand, Martha Levites, Mike Brown, Dan Fast, Gerry Sircus, Ron Arnstein, Eric Stand, Ken Finkelman, Jim Callen, Mera Eisen.

Absent: Russell Gordon, Jeff Rosedale

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 PM.

Because of the absence of the Secretary, review of the May minutes was deferred until the July board meeting.

FINANCE

See attached financial report.

There are just a few members who have not paid their dues yet.

Motion: Letters to be sent (tomorrow, by Arnstein) to those Colony members that have still not paid their dues (Gecaj, Cubides, Delgado) informing them that their water will be turned off on July 5th due to non payment of dues.

Motion passed unanimously.

The finance committee met and will be making some changes to the budget process which it hopes will lead to more accurate annual budgets and improved cash flow. The billing for the annual dues will be moved up to January with payment due February 1st.

The Colony and Camp finance committees will meet in August to agree on cost splits. The Camp budget will be included in the annual Colony budget.

MAINTENANCE

The summer cleaning person just resigned. They were scheduled to do their first cleaning today. A new person must be found ASAP.

Question: Should the beneficiaries of the hardship fund be asked to do it.

Sense of the Board: NO

LEGAL

Papers have not yet been filed for Brennan small claims suit due to lack of forms. Stand to provide these forms to Finkelman.

BARN

Changes to the barn use agreement were discussed.

Motion: Board has the right to reject any application for barn use.

Not passed

For: 5—Against: 6

Abstaining: 1—After further discussion,

Motion: The barn is available for private use by a Colony member in good standing subject to the following provisions: 1. if dues were not paid within 60 days of the due date in two of the previous three years, a \$1,000 security deposit, to cover damages and cleaning, will be required and 2. The Board retains the right to refuse the use of the barn to anyone.

Passed

For: 7—Against: 6

ROAD 4

The next issue will contain the annual water report. It will be out by the end of the summer.

Question: Are community members allowed to place ads in Road 4?

Sense of the Board: Road 4 is a service for the community so one time ads are ok.

PROJECTS

Eisen reviewed a list of projects (capital improvement and equipment purchases) to ascertain their current status. (Report is attached)

Barn back stairs – moved to next year

Chair rack in the barn – done

Fire Pull Stations in the barn – on hold

Stage Stabilization – next week

Barn floor – done

Defibrillators – Drew has these (more on this below)

Purchase of paddle boat – not being done

Beach chair shed – to be done

Gate in Volley ball court – next year

Tree trimming at the beach– done

Basket (hand) ball court – needs some masonry work and a power washing

Pump house renovation – ongoing

All lifeguards are certified to use the defibrillators. Drew will ask Scott Moore if he can teach community members how to use them.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Folk dancing starts July 9.

The August 25th movie in the barn will be “Juno”.

We need a pianist for the chorus.

Per Finkelman, there will be a basket ball tournament at the new basket ball court on July 4.

WATER

The water system is up to current code. Some labeling needs to be done. Wiring diagram is not done yet.

Lewis & Leathers to be hooked up to the new main after camp is finished.

Hall Avenue’s old main will be used until it fails.

RENTAL & SALES

Finkelman has not received the contract for the Becker house so he has not informed prospective purchasers on the list of its sales price. People on the list have been notified of the pending Delgado house sale.

The Decaudin house on Branch Street is empty. Martha will contact owner for payment of dues.

BEACH

Two new aluminum rafts are in the water.

Bathrooms are clean and the water is on.

Lifeguards started today.

Orr will work up the hourly split between Colony and Camp lifeguard costs for the treasurer.

A consensus on how to enforce rules at the beach has not been reached.

Drug vials have been found at beach and the basket ball court.

ENVIRONMENT

All projects up to date.

A new tree at the beach may be considered.

Afternoon sun at the beach is still considered insufficient by some.

A fence at the Basketball court was discussed. It was thought by some that the fence would prevent balls from going into wetlands and children getting injured there while retrieving them.

CAMP

All is going well. Camp starts tomorrow.

ROADS

The roads were graded prior to camp opening.

They will not be graded again until camp is over.

BY-LAWS CHANGE

It is the opinion of some community members that the current by-laws concerning emergency expenditures may not be practical for water system emergencies. A committee was formed to suggest changes.

Current By-Law:

Expenditures of over \$500 will require approval of the membership. The Board may authorize expenditures of up to \$500 toward any single unforeseen non-budgeted item. An emergency expenditure above that amount would require approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the board. These expenditures must be reported at the next general membership meeting.

After much discussion it was decided to table a vote on the amended by-law until the July meeting. The following amended emergency expenditure by-law appeared to have the support of a majority of the board. At the July board meeting a vote will be taken to determine if the following, revised by-law should be recommend to the membership.

Proposed By-Law change

The Board may authorize expenditures of up to \$500 toward any single unforeseen non-budgeted item. In an emergency, expenditures above that amount can be made with the approval of three of the four members of the executive committee. In the case of a water system emergency, the threshold for requiring executive committee approval is \$3,000. Emergency expenditures will be reported at the next Board & membership meetings.

There being no new or old business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00, noon.

Membership meeting minutes: April 25, 2010

The meeting was convened at 11:17 AM.

Announcements:

Reading of the Minutes: Board minutes from January, February and March were read into the record. A motion to approve was made and seconded-carried unanimously.

The Nominating Committee will be Brown, Fast, Stewart-Stand, Martin and Halpern.

Committee Reports-

Barn- 2 private parties are scheduled in June. Lower barn floor work may get done this week.

Finance- The April report was shared with the membership.

Our financial situation becomes clearer in the fall, since most expenses come over the summer.

A calendar year fiscal cycle would be easier to maintain but this would require a change to our operating rules. Stand suggested a committee of the

membership look at constitutional change to reinstate a January membership meeting. Bergherr will represent the finance committee on this group. Stewart-Stand and Eisen will also work on this. Proposed amendments must be communicated to members at least a month before voting.

We will try to reach those members who have not responded to their dues notices before the beach opens. Second notices will be sent, certified mail, at an expense of about \$70.

GBCA is beginning to bring suits against those who do not pay dues in small claims court.

Garbage- No report.

Water- Preparing for annual inspection- adding taps for testing, color coded pipes, and directional arrows. The system is working well. Water testing for the camp will take place in May.

Beach/Lake- Next Saturday at 10am is the beach cleanup. Rain date is Sunday. Bring a shovel, rake, or wheelbarrow. Sand and mulch will be spread.

Rafts should be delivered during the first week in June.

Town- No report

Legal/Sales- No report

Camp- Preparations are on schedule. We have a new Program Director. Most of the staff is hired including the aquatics director. Activities will include hiking, community service, a circus, camp-out, and ceramics. We need donations of yarn, yogurt containers, large-mouth jars, and molds for frozen juices. If anyone has split wood for camp-outs, please contact Rina Slavin.

Maintenance- Sand delivery is done; chair shed at beach is under construction; polyurethane will be applied to the barn floor in early June. The water in the barn is on.

Environment- \$1,200 is budgeted for handball court refurbishment this year. The Membership voted in January to take down the wall at the handball court and create a basketball court for the Community. The area could include tables and a barbecue. A subcommittee to develop a plan has met about four times this year. Installing two adjustable hoops was suggested. \$1,500 estimated to remove the wall, \$3,500 for the two hoops. Space between slabs, after the wall has been removed, will need filling for about \$1,000. This means an advance of about \$4,800 to get this done.

This construction may require a wetlands activity permit from the Planning Board of Lewisboro.

We need an estimate in writing to confirm amount to take the wall down.

Motion (Bergherr): The Recreation Area Subcommittee is authorized to spend \$4,800 to take down the wall at the handball court and install 2 basketball hoops. This sum will be repaid to the Subcommittee interest-free in the 2011 budget per Levites.

Discussion: Stand- This is changing a Colony institution. Levites: We need to be open to change so as to attract more members into community life.

Camp concern about maintaining a handball court needs to be expressed through a formal request to the Board. They do like the idea of a basketball court.

More uses for the area could be developed as the project takes shape.

Broken glass on the back side of the wall, and vandalism, are downsides of the current design.

There was some concern that cost of this work could exceed the amount anticipated by the Subcommittee. Anyone interested in discussing that should contact Finkelman and join the subcommittee.

18 voted in favor, 3 against, 1 abstention. Passed.

Garbage bags and gloves were distributed for Colony cleanup.

Tree work at the beach is done.

Proposed- A shade tree at the beach should be added to next year's budget. Could be in honor of one or more past members.

Roads- Grading should happen soon.

Road 4- Hopes to go to press by 5/20. Upbeat submissions would be nice, to balance the last issue with all the obituaries.

Social/Hospitality- A sign-up sheet for activities was distributed. Committee met yesterday.

Weekdays: Chorus- Carol Paterno is the director. Scheduled for Monday nights 7:30 starting 7/5.

There will be a meeting on May 8 for prospective chorus members in the teen center.

Tuesday children's movies are on the calendar but need someone to make it happen. Ehnes cannot run children's movies this year but can help someone else take it over. Doing so would involve Barn setup, cleaning up afterwards, and selecting titles.

Movies for adults are set on the following Wednesdays: 7/14- Precious; 8/4- the Upside of Anger; 8/25 title not decided.

8/11: Ellen Adelman will run a book discussion: David Benioff- City of Thieves.

Friday folk dancing begins 7/9. Jim Gold will host, except for 8/6 and 13 when the Beers will perform.

7/3 will be a Water Carnival. Stand will organize but he needs collaborators to organize teams and plan events. 7/3 is also the opening barbecue- as with last year, people are encouraged to bring a dessert or a side dish.

7/10 the Clearwater singers will perform at the beach.

7/15 Albie Gorn is coming back with four 1-act plays.

7/24 is the Art Show. Westchester Food Bank will benefit. The art show is open to friends of community members. There will be ceramics, a fiber artist, and a jewelry maker. Contact Judy Fast, Adriana Broberg, or Martha Levites if you know someone who wants to contribute their own artwork. Donations of artwork will be evaluated for a raffle.

7/31 Trio con Brio will perform with a bassoonist!

8/7 is the volleyball competition and barbecue at beach

8/14 Upsouth Twisters will perform zydeco music with topical and political lyrics.

8/21 is open; possibly Cabaret night with Lisa Haas.

The Barn is closed on 8/28.

9/4 is the banquet. Marty Adelman and Ricky Cousins are starting on the banquet show early. Next year, we might consider working with Big Apple Playback Theater. Playback Theater is a technique that uses stories from the audience to inspire improvisational performances. There will be a Playback Theater workshop at Manhattanville College in Purchase this summer. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend public shows of Big Apple Playback Theater in New York City on June 4th and 5th. Information is at www.bigappleplayback.com

Chess nights will continue. All are invited.

The social calendar will be published soon.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm.



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