

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA meeting – 11/21/10

Present: Ron Arnstein, Mera Eisen, Dan Fast, Chris Rietsch, Michael Brown, Ken Finkelman, Jody Folster, Fred Margolies, Jay Martin, Drew Orr, Dorothy Shulman, Paul Stewart-Stand

Absent: Martha Levites, John Bergherr

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM

- 1- The minutes of the 10/17/10 Board meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.
- 2- Insurance:  
John Bergherr, who was unable to attend this meeting, reported via email, on his findings re: our insurance. Per Leo at Forbes Agency:
  1. We have abuse coverage of \$5 million under our umbrella policy.
  2. There is a boating exclusion. We apparently have no coverage if someone is injured in one of our boats. John suggested that we have Gary Forbes, our insurance agent, come to our February Board meeting for our annual insurance review to discuss this, and any other exclusions that we may have.

A general discussion of this possible problem, and boating ensued. Jody Folster will contact other camps in the area to find out if they have any sort of boating coverage. We will test our life jackets next summer.

- 3- Beach:
  - A- Rafts: Mera moved, seconded by Jody, To purchase the third raft, with the composite top surface, at a cost not to exceed the \$6500 allotted in the Budget. Passed unanimously.
  - B- Mera will schedule a Beach committee meeting in the near future.

- 4- Barn:  
Leadership project:  
Mike reported on the recent "Leadership Group Work Project" which was a project organized by a group run by David Arnstein, Ron Arnstein's son. The project was the volunteer demolition of the next section of the lower Barn in preparation for the concrete construction of the floor. The work was only partially completed, and Ron suggested that the group return in the near future to complete the task. He stated that David had requested that they be given the chance to finish the project. It was the consensus of the Board to approve their request.

Barn Tables:

The Board briefly discussed the purchase of new tables for the Barn. Mike described plastic tables that he had researched, stating that they would probably be good for outdoor use, such as the barbecues at the beach, where tables are sometimes left out overnight, and the existing wooden tables suffer weather and dampness related damage.

He also mentioned that the plastic tables are a little cheaper than the wooden units. Dorothy moved, seconded by Jody, that Mike be authorized to purchase 4 plastic tables. Motion carried unanimously.

5- Roads:

Fred reported that he had met with Mark Schmid, who is our community liaison to the Town. Mark raised the question of whether there was money in this year's budget for removal of trees that are threatening the roads. The Environmental committee will identify trees for removal and/or pruning.

Mera moved, seconded by Ken, to authorize the Environmental committee to use the \$1400 budgeted for tree removal for this purpose, at the discretion of the committee. All in favor except Dorothy opposed. Motion carried.

Fred stated that Mark had suggested during their meeting, that the Colony Handbook be given to all incoming people. It was noted that the Handbook is supposed to be on the website.

The subject of people hunting on Colony property was discussed. It was noted that all Colony property, such as the 17 acres, is or should be, posted with signs forbidding hunting.

Mera described an article in the Lewisboro Ledger in which Mr. Ripperger, the Roads Supervisor, stated that budget cuts will necessitate the reduction of all services, including snow removal, and that "dead end" roads (which includes all Colony roads) will be plowed last. Ron will speak to Ripperger about this for additional clarification.

The problem of people parking on the roads in spots where they partially block the road was discussed. It was suggested that those observing the problem try to talk to the offending parkers.

6- Camp:

Paul reported on the recent Camp committee meeting.

- The meeting was well attended.
- Some changes will be made in Camp:
  - Nursery dismissal is moved to 1:30 PM
  - Camp maximum to be 70 campers, with the proviso that this can be exceeded for Colony children.
  - Camp Night is to be re-instituted.
- The committee is hoping to be able to hold tuition at last year's level, or lower.
- Paul requested that the Beach committee obtain Camp Lifeguard information as soon as possible.
- The next Camp committee meeting is scheduled for 12/17/10 at 7:30 PM in the Teen Center.

7- Road 4:

Gerry reported that they have received very little material, and are planning an 8 page issue.

8- Water:

Ron reported on the upcoming Annual Board of Health inspection. We expect that it will go relatively smoothly.

Ron raised the subject of emergency procedures in the event of a possible future drought. It was noted by Ron and several other Board members that, during this past summer's dry period, there were a few Colony members who incessantly watered their lawns and washed their cars with hoses. A preliminary set of procedures for drought, or near drought, conditions has been drawn up by the Water committee. It includes penalties which include fines and water shut off.

It was noted that the GBCA is the owner of the water system, and can authorize and /or direct the Water Operator to shut off water, if necessary.

A general discussion of the procedures to follow in various water related situations ensued. No final resolution was reached, and discussion will be resumed at a future Board meeting.

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