

## **GBCA 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.