

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA meeting –7/24/11

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

Absent: Dorothy Shulman, Ken Finkelman, Paul Stewart-Stand, Fred Margolies

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM

- 1- The minutes of the 6/26/11 Board meeting were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.
The minutes of the April Board meeting, which had been circulated to the Board via email, were approved without corrections.

2- Financial:

- Martha reported as follows:

Assets in bank:

Checking

M&T Camp	\$119,793
M&T Checking	\$ 11,728
Total Checking	\$131,521

Savings

Regular Savings	\$ 60,082
Capitol Improvement	\$ 25,517
Water Money Market at M&T	\$ 34,605
Total Savings	\$122,204

Total Assets \$253,725

Financial Issues:

- 1- No money from Brennan yet: owes \$2537. \$2000 spent on legal fees.
- 2- DeAngelis offered \$1200 against the \$3562 owed. Not accepted. Martha explained that we are seeking legal action if the entire amount is not paid by mid-August.
- 3- The following items were unbudgeted expenditures:
 - Life vests \$536
 - Beach expenses are app. \$3600; original \$660
Budget line was \$2940
 - Second dumpster \$644
 - Pump out septic tank for beach(Halpern) \$628
 - Survey of Freedman / Colony prop. Line \$575

It was noted that the pumping of the septic tank for the beach, which must be done bi-yearly, was never in the budget, and should be added from now on.

There was discussion on the unbudgeted expenditures, and the fact that all are over the \$500 without membership approval limit. Martha suggested that the figure should be raised to at least \$1000.

- 3- Water:
- A- Ron stated that he will get bids on cutting down, and cutting into 10' lengths, the three dead trees threatening the Pump House. The Board agreed that the trees need to be removed. The work will be done in the fall.
 - B- Drew reported that the Main street well was down for a week due to a burned out motor starter. He replaced the existing starter with a new and better unit at a cost of \$700, which will come out of the Water Capitol fund.
- 4- Roads:
- A- Drew reported the Road committee meeting with Ripperger. Mr. Ripperger and his worker agreed that the "gutters" at the sides of the roads were not a viable solution to the drainage problem, and they would seek a better method.
 - B- The Hall and Main intersection problem was discussed, and Ripperger said that they could grade the road to slope away from the lake. They also discussed putting very large rocks along the road on the lake side to buttress the grading away from the lake.
 - C- The adding of drains to divert water around the beach and into the lake.
- 5- Beach:
- A- Repair work on the stone retaining walls at the beach was started, but then was stopped. Instead of an actual repair, the person doing the work was merely patching eroded mortar. Drew will get estimates on a proper repair of these walls. Discussion ensued on how to handle this work: whether to hire a contractor, or an individual mason. The Board will wait for estimates before deciding on this.
 - B- Mera stated that she was approached by Eric Stand, who was objecting to the fact that one of our WSIs was being paid to give swimming lessons to a member's children on his own time. Eric stated in an email that the WSI should not be charging for these lessons due to a membership decision at a past meeting to have swimming lessons provided to community members as part of their GBCA community charges.

The Board discussed the situation, and it became clear that the lessons were given on the WSI's own time, not on Colony time, and were therefore not a problem. The Secretary will answer Eric's email.
 - C- Jay asked what the minimum age was to be on the beach alone (without adult supervision). The answer: 12 years of age.
- 6- Barn:
- Michael reported on projects that need to be scheduled for Barn repair and upkeep:
- A- Construction of the rest of the Barn basement floor, including a separate dumpster.
 - B- Re-coating of the Teen Center floor.
 - C- Painting of Barn.
- 7- Camp:
- Jody reported for the Camp committee:

- A- Camp is going well, with kids, staff, and parents all happy.
- B- A camp out was successfully held at the 17 acres.
- D- Camp Night raised a little over \$900. Expenses were app. \$200.

8- Correspondence:

Mera received a letter from Ellen Doherty, Principal of John Jay High School, thanking the GBCA for providing the “Social Justice Award” to a graduating senior, which went to Veronica Brady this year. Veronica will be attending Tufts University this fall.

9- Good & Welfare:

Ron asked the Board members to provide an estimate of their time spent doing volunteer work for the community. He would like to present that to the membership as a way to begin a discussion of the amount of time spent in this manner, by whom spent, and whether the community can continue to function as it now does, with volunteer labor being a large part of what is needed to make that happen.

A brief discussion ensued on the subject of how to involve more people.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.