

Membership meeting minutes:
July 31, 2011

The meeting was convened at 11:30 AM.

Present: 30 voting members and approximately 10 other community members.

1- Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the May 22, 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- Proposed Changes to the Constitution and By Laws:

Dan Fast, Secretary, read the proposed changes:

The GBCA Board of Directors is proposing to amend the Constitution and By Laws as follows:

- 1- Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution shall be changed to read: "A "Member" is an individual who is the owner of record, or shares in the record ownership of property within the "Colony", and in the case of joint or multiple ownership is the designee of the majority of the owners. The owner of record, or a majority of the owners of record, may designate as the "Member" a spouse, domestic partner, or adult family member."

Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution presently reads: "A "Member" is an individual who is an owner of record, or shares in the record ownership of property within the "Colony", and in the case of joint or multiple ownership is the designee of the majority of the owners."

This definition of "Member" has not been adhered to for at least the last thirty years. The definition of "Member" has been extended by custom to include any family member residing with the actual "Owner". This presents the problem of persons serving on the Board who are not, according to the Constitution, "Members" of the "Colony". The Board wishes to change the Constitution to reflect established practice, and remove any possibility of a legal challenge.

- 2- Article IX, Section 5 of the Constitution shall be changed to read: "Expenditures of over \$500 will require the approval of the membership. The "Board" may authorize expenditures of up to \$500, or in the case of the Water System up to \$3000, toward any single unforeseen non-budgeted item. Any emergency expenditure above those amounts would require approval of the majority of the

Officers of the Board. These expenditures must be reported at the next general membership meeting.”

Article IX, Section 5 of the Constitution presently reads: “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”.

This change is recommended to bring the Constitution into established procedure dealing with the water system. The cost to repair a major leak in our aging water system often runs close to \$3000, and is often undertaken immediately, on an emergency basis by the Water Operator. It should be noted that the Water Operator is constrained by law to repair major leaks as close to immediately as possible. The procedure that has been followed is: the Water Operator repairs the leak and reports on the expenditure at the next regular Board meeting. In the case of the loss of a well pump, at approximately \$6500, the Water Operator lets the Executive Committee know the situation, and then proceeds with the repair. All emergency repairs have always been reported on to the membership at the next regular membership meeting.

- 3- Article V, Section 1 of the By Laws shall be changed to read: “A member of the Board of Directors who provides goods or professional services to the Association for a fee or other compensation shall submit a disclosure statement to the Board. No Director shall vote on any matter in which they have such an interest. The interested Director may participate in any discussions regarding his or her exclusion.”

Article V, Section 1 of the By Laws presently reads: “No official of the Association or Member of the Board of Directors can be employed by the Association.”

This has not been rigorously adhered to in the past, and at the present time the Board has a member who at times does work for the community for compensation. When this occurs this person bills the community at a reduced rate, often saving the Colony a good deal of money. It should be noted that this person also does a very large amount of work for the community on a volunteer basis. Once again, the Board wishes to bring the governing documents into line with established practice. The Board feels that the disclosure and voting exclusion requirements provide adequate safeguards for the Community.

Minimal discussion on Item #1 ensued, and then voting commenced.

On Item #1; 22 for, 2 opposed, 3 abstaining. Item #1 accepted by the membership.

On Item #2: 25 for, none opposed, none abstaining. Item #2 accepted by the membership.

On Item #3: 25 for, 2 opposed, 1 abstaining. Item #3 accepted by the membership.

3- Nominating Committee:

Mike Brown, Chair of the Nominating committee, reported:

The Nominating Committee has fielded the following slate:

For President: Ron Arnstein, Paul Stewart-Stand

For Vice President: Mera Eisen

For Treasurer: Martha Levites

For Secretary: Dan Fast

At Large: There are four openings:

John Bergherr

Mike Brown

Cynthia Hicks

Drew Orr

Georgann Stewart

There were no nominations from the floor.

4- Committee reports:

A- Beach committee

A discussion ensued pertaining to the matter of Brandon Orr, who is one of the WSIs, giving private swimming lessons for pay to a community member's children.

Brandon is hired by the Camp as a WSI, and works a 37 ½ hour week. The lessons were given on Brandon's own time, outside of his regular hours. It was noted that at this time we have two WSIs: the Aquatic Director, also required for the Camp, is also a WSI. We must Have an Aquatic Director, who must be 21 or over, for the Camp. Brandon is not yet 21, so we had to hire a person who is, and has Aquatic Director certification, and also happens to have WSI certification.

A discussion ensued, and a letter from Maggie Hayes on the subject was read, in which she also noted that we have two WSIs, questioned the need for both, proposed that "30-50% of the second WSI hours be switched to non-camp time, including some Saturdays and Sundays", and suggested that the other lifeguards could fill in the gaps.

It was explained that we are not paying two people as WSI. The Aquatic Director happens to be a WSI, but is not being paid as such (different pay scales), and that she is giving swimming lessons to Camp children during her regular working hours because she has the WSI, although she is not being paid extra to do so.

Martha Levites moved, seconded by Mera Eisen, That we have a WSI available to the community to give swimming lessons, and that the policy be sent back to the Beach committee to implement. In favor: 18, Opposed: 1, Abstaining: 5. Motion carried.

B- Social Committee: Report by Pearl Klainberg:

There have been changes in the social schedule. Pearl described the changes, and noted that the updated calendar is on the "goldensbridge.org" website.

C- Beach Committee: Report given by Mera Eisen:

- 1- We are waiting for bids on the retaining wall repairs.
 - 2- We need to budget \$25,000 for the repair / rebuilding of the boathouse.
 - 3- We need to budget money for the lake improvement.
- D- Lake Committee: Report given by Eric Stand:
The suction dredging of the beach area, which was not done this past year due to budget constraints, should be done in the Fall.

5- Finance Report, given by Martha Levites, Treasurer:

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 @ M&T \$ 36,605

Total Savings: \$ 122,204

Total Assets: \$ 253,725

6- Good & Welfare:

- A- It was reported that the Camp cookout at the Ballfield was disturbed by a large dog belonging to Joy Radulovic running unleashed and uncontrolled around the field. When the person with the dog (not Joy, but apparently a friend) was asked to control the animal they were unresponsive. The Camp Director will be instructed to immediately call the police should such an incident reoccur.

Denise Cossu stated that there is an Animal Control Officer in Lewisboro to whom such problems would be referred, and that the Officer was quite responsive to this type of problem.

- B- Paul Stewart-Stand Thanked Eileen Rietsch for running the Camp Night, and the Eisens for providing wine tasting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM