

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA 9/10/17

Present:

Rina Slavin: President, Martha Levites, Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary, Adam Huggard: Treasurer, Ron Arnstein, Mike Brown, Roman Broberg, Jeremy Metz, Fred Margolies, Carol Nordgren, Ben Goldner, Gerry Sircus, Drew Orr

Absent: Patrick dePaula, Hannah Yates

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM by Rina Slavin: President.

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 8/13/17 Regular Board meeting were read by Dan, and accepted as read.

2- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 9/9/17 was given by Adam:

M&T Bank	\$89,413
M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund)	\$20
M&T Camp Account	\$12,454(Includes \$10,000 Camp Reserve)
M&T Water Capitol	\$22,804
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$163,259
Total	\$297,951

There are currently 4 members in arrears as of 9/9/17, with 10 members on payment plans for 2017. The members in arrears are: Apter, Nuza, Rios, and Sherwood-St.John.

Adam suggested that the discussion of the proposed 2018 Budget take place at the next Board meeting. He had previously sent it to all Board members for their consideration. It was the consensus of the Board to do so.

Adam presented the pricing for internet and phone service at the Barn from the 2 available providers, Verizon and Cablevision. Verizon - \$94 per month; Cablevision - \$60 per month. Dan moved, seconded by Roman, to use Cablevision. All in favor, except Jeremy abstaining. Motion carried.

3- Committee Formation & Liaisons:

A- Camp:

Liaison: Ben

B- Beach:

Liaisons: Martha and Hannah

C- Barn:

Liaison: Mike.

D- Lake:

Liaison: Dan

E- Sales & Legal:

Liaison: Jeremy

F- Social:

Liaison: Roman

G- Road 4:

Liaison: Gerry

H- Roads:

Liaison: Fred

I- Water:

Liaisons: Ron and Patrick

J- Environment:

Liaison: Roman and Patrick

K- Communications:

Liaisons: Roman & Martha

L- Maintenance:

Liaison: Drew

M- Town:

Liaisons: Rina & Carol

N- Welcoming & Good & Welfare:

Liaison: Carol, with an assist from Gerry and Martha.

4- Committee Reports:

Camp:

Rina reported that the Camp committee is considering raising the in-Colony tuition.

Sales & Legal:

Jeremy reported that the closing on 20 Branch St. (formerly Migdail) is to occur this coming Thursday, and that the Firdman property at 8 Hillside Ave. may be on the market at somewhere between \$515,000 and \$549,000. He is trying to get further details: the owners have never contacted the community with their intention to sell, though they have posted notices to that effect.

Beach:

Martha reported that the beach cleanup was done yesterday, with a number of volunteers from the community. Martha stated that the committee is looking into improving the quality of the Beach bathrooms, improving the main path to the beach from the road to improve it's accessibility, and the creation of handicapped parking spaces.

Barn:

Mike reported that Mark Schmid was waiting on the supplier to get the Hemlock for the Barn siding, which requires a certain amount of drying time. Mike will speak to Mark to get more information about scheduling and duration of the project.

Mike stated that he has several reservations from community members for the use of the Barn over the coming weeks.

Mike and Adam will be coordinating the installation of internet and phone in the Barn from Cablevision.

Roads:

Fred reported that the Highway Dept. had tried to repair the gullies along the side of the roads in several places with the installation of dirt, which unfortunately will wash away in the next heavy rain. Fred will contact the Highway Dept. and try to get them to use crushed stone and gravel for this work in the future.

Social:

Martha reported that the Banquet was quite successful, but that there was money left over and she suggested that we ask the Membership to put it into the Scholarship fund at the next Membership meeting.

Road4:

Gerry reported that Mollie Arons had written a long article about Colony history that will be published in the next edition of Road 4.

Water:

Drew reported that a leak at the parking lot is scheduled to be repaired, that another leak at Hall Ave. and Hillside Ave. has been repaired, that the gas for the pump house emergency generator was topped off, and that the split rail fence in front of the pump house was collapsing. Drew will get pricing for the replacement of the fence and send to Adam to put into the 2018 Budget.

Environment:

Roman reported that his committee is still working on vine removal.

Communications:

Roman reported that the committee is still working on a full Colony email list. Discussion ensued on how to get information to all community members.

5- Good & Welfare:

The Board discussed the problem of some community members, who are aging and having health problems, and are living alone, and how the community might provide help. It was the consensus of the Board to bring this up at the next Membership meeting and try to form a Membership committee, which would involve a larger segment of the community.

Also at the next Membership meeting an attempt will be made to form a Colony History committee with an eye toward producing a permanent exhibit in the Barn.

Fred mentioned that there is a Primary Election this coming Thursday, and urged all to vote.

It was the consensus of the Board to create a more complete list of Nominating Committee procedures than that which exists in the Constitution and By Laws.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary