

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA 10/8/17

Present:

Rina Slavin: President, Martha Levites, Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary, Adam Huggard: Treasurer, Ron Arnstein, Mike Brown, Jeremy Metz, Ben Goldner, Gerry Sircus, Drew Orr, Patrick dePaula, Hannah Yates

Absent: Roman Broberg, Fred Margolies, Carol Nordgren

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

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 9/10/17 Regular Board meeting were read by Dan, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

2- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 10/7/17 was given by Adam:

M&T Bank	\$107,955
M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund)	\$20
M&T Camp Account	\$10,032(Includes \$10,000 Camp Reserve)
M&T Water Capitol	\$22,805
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$139,089
Total	\$279,901

There are currently 4 members in arrears as of 9/9/17, with 7 members on payment plans for 2017. The members in arrears are: Apter, Nuza, Rios, and Sherwood-St.John.

Adam presented the updated 2018 Budget, which was discussed and some minor changes made. During Budget discussion the subject of some needed maintenance work on the Water Pump House area was discussed in reference to a complaint from Andre Dukhin, who lives across the street from the facility. It was pointed out that the items in his complaint had been addressed in the Budget. Martha moved, seconded by Patrick, that she meet with Andre and discuss his concerns. All in favor except Dan and Ron abstaining. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the inclusion of several items of Beach work (improved accessibility to the beach, creation of handicapped parking spaces, beach chair hutch, and boat house analysis) which appear in the Capitol projects section of the Budget. It was the consensus of the Board to hire an engineer to make recommendations to improve accessibility and the cost of this is covered in the Budget.

After further discussion Martha moved, seconded by Dan, to approve the updated 2018 Budget for presentation to the Membership. Carried unanimously.

3- Committee Reports:

Camp:

Rina reported that the Camp committee met and discussed the impending shortfall. She stated that they are considering the reasons for the shortfall and ways to prevent it in the future. One reason is the Katonah Art Center program in old Goldens Bridge, which siphoned off a number of potential campers. Under discussion to ameliorate the situation are: raising tuition for in-Colony children, and cutting one staff position.

Adam noted that when all expenses are paid, which will occur sometime around the end of the year a shortfall of approximately \$11,000 is expected.

Sales & Legal:

Jeremy reported that he has been contacted by a broker in reference to the Firdman property, and that he told the broker that the Firdman's are not current on their taxes..

Beach:

Martha noted that the Beach situation had already been handled during discussion of the Budget.

Barn:

Mike showed the Board samples of a composite material that he had received from Mark Schmid as a possible siding alternative. Drew stated that the composite does not have the structural strength to handle the spans needed for the Barn siding work. Mark and Eric are continuing to search for viable products.

Lake:

Dan reported that the contract with Pristine Waters for the dredging work has been signed, and work is due to start at the end of this week.

Social:

Martha reported that the Social committee will be meeting in the near future.

Road4:

Gerry again stressed the advantages of receiving the newsletter by email, and stated that they will be reprinting the Barn use rules in the next issue.

Water:

Ron reported that the water is still flowing.

Environment:

Rina discussed the vine problem.

Communications:

Martha suggested that Roman be notified in advance of all committee meetings so as to be able to send email notification to the entire community in order to encourage greater community participation.

Town:

Rina and Ben reported that there is a Town meeting on the 24th and that among the items scheduled for discussion are: the Wilder-Balter project on Rt. 22, the Mercedes Benz dealership expansion, and a park proposal.

4- Good & Welfare:

Martha reported that there will be a dumpster at the Barn from Friday afternoon, 10/27, to Monday morning, 10/30 for the use of community members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary