

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA virtual (Zoom) meeting 6/13/21

Present: Paul Stewart-Stand: President, John Bergherr: Vice President, William Edwards: Treasurer, Dan Fast: Secretary, Mike Brown, Elliot Sokolov, Jeremy Metz, Gerry Sircus, Drew Orr, Rina Slavin, Jeremy Schneider, Wendy Robinson, Mary Mahoney, Ron Arnstein, Hannah Yates

Also Present: David McDunough

Virtual Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM by Paul Stewart-Stand: President.

1- Minutes:
The minutes of the 5/16/21 Board meeting were read by Dan fast, Secretary, and accepted as read.

2- Financial:
William Edwards, Treasurer, gave the Financial report as of 6/12/21 as follows:

M&T accounts (legacy)	\$ 0
Sterling Bank – Operating	\$ 121,664
Sterling Bank – Camp / Payroll	\$ 159,453
Sterling Bank – Water Capitol	\$ 133,806
Sterling Bank – Capitol Improvement	\$ 134,775
Total	\$ 549,698

There are 4 members in arrears: Harris, Moledo, Schwartz, and US Bank (formerly Rios). Liens have been placed against all. In addition Pasamanick has been unresponsive to all communications. However, that property is being sold, and it will be insured that all community charges are paid at closing.

3- Dave Mcdonough spoke, representing a group of community members living in the area of the intersection of Pond Street and Hall Avenue, about the problem of speeding vehicles traveling up Pond and around the corner onto Pond from Hall. This is a safety issue, particularly with the increase in the number of younger children on these roads. Dave proposed that the Town be asked to put a 3 way stop sign at the intersection of Hall and Pond on the basis of the safety issue. Discussion ensued. Dan Fast moved, seconded by Jeremy Schneider, to write a letter to the Town requesting a 3 way Stop sign at the intersection of Hall Avenue and Pond Street. Passed unanimously. Paul will write a letter to the Town with this request.

4- Committee reports:
Camp:
Mary Mahoney reported that the Camp preparations are going well, and that the committee is working with John Brgherr on insurance issues. Still no permit from DOH due to their delays. AED units are needed. Drew stated that the company we have been renting them from for a number of years will not supply them this year. Drew, Mary, Rina, and Wendy will work on obtaining AEDs ASAP so that Camp can open on 6/28. Rina reported that the Camp still needs 3 counselors.

Beach:

Wendy Robinson reported that there will be wristbands required, no Beach manager, users will have to sign in on a sheet, non-vaccinated people will need to wear masks. For those who are vaccinated masks will be optional. Beach clean up is proceeding this weekend. Two lifeguards have been hired. First aid and fire kits have been purchased. Need a cleaning person, which Drew will be handling. Sexual harassment training has been completed for most Beach employees.

Social:

Elliot Sokolov reported that a full schedule is planned, with most events at the Lake. Friday night Folk Dancing will be in the Barn, with the same rules in place as those for the Beach. Elliot reviewed the schedule of events, which will be posted on the Goldensbridge.org website, and will appear in Road 4. Elliot requested an additional \$500 for the Social season to be added to the Budget. Elliot Sokolov moved, seconded by Dan Fast, to provide the additional \$500 to the Social committee. Passed unanimously.

Barn:

Mike Brown reported that the fire extinguishers have been inspected, and the kitchen is almost complete. Drew will do the required plumbing work for the kitchen this week.

Lake:

John Bergherr reported that the contractor who repaired the cracks will attempt to stop the seepage at the east end of the Dam where the concrete meets the rock when he returns in a few months to check on the repairs. He will do this without charge even though it was not part of his contract.

Social Justice:

Jeremy Schneider reported that the committee has been meeting and discussing issues to work on. They will be reaching out to the community for ideas, and they are planning to do articles for Road 4.

Sales & Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported that we need to discuss how to handle 3 properties in arrears. He spoke to George Calcagnini, our attorney, about the problem and was advised that the liens lead to going to court to obtain a judgement against the property, which usually is effective in getting the arrears paid, including all costs to execute the judgement. This has been done successfully in the recent past.

Jeremy then described the Pasamanick situation. Pasamanick's current dues have not been paid. The property is in contract. Jeremy will get a letter from the buyer promising to pay the dues owed on the property at the closing, and will then agree to waive our option.

Discussion ensued on the Harris and Moledo properties and it was the consensus to proceed with obtaining judgements on both. Jeremy Metz moved, seconded by Dan Fast, to proceed with perfecting the liens, with George Calcagnini as our attorney, on all properties in arrears. Carried unanimously.

Jeremy mentioned the Rios property situation, stating that we are hopeful of a successful resolution by year's end.

Roads & Town:

Paul Stewart-Stand reported that he attended a Town meeting about the Master Plan, and will continue to attend these meetings and participate in order to protect the communities' interests in the area.

Jeremy Metz stated that the shrubbery on the corners at Pond & Hall and Pond & Hillside prevents visibility and needs to be trimmed.

Environment:

Hannah Yates stated that she personally supports efforts to slow traffic on our roads.

Road 4:

Rina Slavin reported that the next issue is coming out on 6/23.

Maintenance:

Drew Orr reported that water has been turned on at the Teen Center and the Beach.

Water:

Ron Arnstein reported that the Main Street well again failed the PFOA / PFOS tests. Westchester DOH issues violations each time the well fails even though the well is shut down. Dan Fast noted that a solution involving combining the well outputs and testing the output to the community at the Pump House was rejected by DOH, who still refuses to provide any guidance on a solution to the problem.

Waste Management:

Mike Brown reported that Saturday pick up resumes next week on 6/19/21.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary