

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA virtual (Zoom) & in-person meeting 11/14/21

Present: Paul Stewart-Stand: President, Jeremy Schneider: Vice President, William Edwards: Treasurer, , Elliot Sokolov, Jeremy Metz, Gerry Sircus, Drew Orr, Rina Slavin, Dave McDonough, Wendy Robinson, Mary Mahoney, Ron Arnstein, Natalie Solano, Mike Brown

Absent: Dan Fast: Secretary

Also Present: Martha Levites

Meeting called to order at 10:35 AM by Paul Stewart-Stand: President.

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 10/3/21 Board meeting were not read due to Dan Fast, Secretary, being absent.

2- Financial:

William Edwards, Treasurer, gave the Financial report as of 11/12/21 as follows:

M&T accounts (legacy)	\$ 0
Sterling Bank – Operating	\$ 27,780
Sterling Bank – Camp / Payroll	\$ 48,290
Sterling Bank – Water Capitol	\$ 133,812
Sterling Bank – Capitol Improvement	\$ 134,781
Total	\$ 344,662

There are 4 members in arrears: Harris, Moledo, Schwartz, and US Bank (formerly Rios). Harris and Moledo are in legal proceedings, as is US Bank. Schwartz made a settlement of \$10,293, which included legal fees incurred by the GBCA. 50% was paid on 10/22. Monthly installments to continue for 6 months starting 11/6, to zero balance.

3- Beach projects, Board liaisons, Cost overruns:

Martha Levites spoke about Beach projects, what was Board approved, and what was eventually spent. Martha suggested that a Board member make a motion as follows: The Board liaison shall be responsible for bringing any cost overages to the Board for approval. Wendy Robinson moved, seconded by Natalie Solano: Board liaisons are responsible for reporting any cost overages above budgeted amounts to the Board the next Board meeting.

Board members expressed their concern with allowing a committee to exceed it's specifically approved budget authority. Jeremy Schneider read from the Constitution, Article 9 Section 5, which states that the Board may authorize unforeseen emergency expenses up to \$1500, and unforeseen emergency expenses exceeding \$1500 require unanimous Board approval, and that the By Laws in Article 2 clearly state that the Board must approve all decisions taken by a committee, including selection of it's chairperson.

After considerable discussion the question was called. In favor: 3; Opposed: 9; Abstaining: 2. Motion failed.

- 4- Communication:  
Natalie Solano reported as follows: Natalie Gehrels, Chair of the Communications committee, sent all Board members 3 different proposals for upgrading and revamping the GB website. The committee recommended “Square Space & Membership Works” as the best choice, and this received the best response from the Board members. Natalie Solano Moved, seconded by Rina Slavin, to replace our existing website with “Square Space & Membership Works”. Carried unanimously.
- 5- Meeting Dates and Times:  
Paul Stewart-Stand reported that Sunday remained the best day, and suggested that the starting time remain at 10:30 AM. Paul will make up a list of meeting dates and times.
- 6- Committee liaisons:  
Paul Stewart-Stand had proposed that Committee Liaisons be reorganized. A discussion of the committee liaison situation ensued
- 7- Committee reports:  
  
Camp:  
Dave McDonough reported that the committee is looking for a new Camp Director.  
  
Legal:  
Jeremy Metz reported that in the Rios / US Bank case the judge ruled at least partially in our favor. The bank continues to delay. Jeremy described the Pasamanick situation: Judy Pasamanick died; the buyer agreed to pay the GBCA dues, but the closing keeps being postponed. If the sale falls through the bank will foreclose, and Jeremy feels that we should place a lien on the property to protect our interests. Jeremy Metz moved, seconded by Rina Slavin, to give Jeremy Metz and William Edwards the authority to file a lien on the property if there is no closing within the next two weeks. Carried unanimously.  
  
Water:  
Ron Arnstein reported that we need to try to secure low interest loans to obtain the money that will be needed to install filtering in the near future. Ron stated that the Main Street well is still failing the PFAS tests, and we are receiving violations on it, and will start getting fined. Paul Stewart-Stand reported that we have not yet received the report from Wasp Engineering, and that Bob Wasp has scheduled a meeting with CEMCO, a water management firm, for 11/24.  
  
Barn:  
Mike Brown reported that the Optimum internet connection is constantly failing, and suggested that we look into Verizon as a more reliable source. William Edwards is sending Mike the billing info from Optimum for comparison and account closure purposes. Mike stated that he will be calling a meeting of the Barn committee to discuss the Teen Center ceiling situation.

Drew Orr stated that the recoating of the floors in the Barn and Teen Center will have to wait for Spring due to the weather. Drew also stated that he is trying to get the contractor to do the Barn back stair, but may not be able to get him until next spring, but should definitely be done before Camp starts.

Road 4:

Rina Slavin reported that they are putting out issues on a regular basis.

Good & Welfare:

Gerry Sircus reported that he has located toys for younger children and wants to see if the Camp could use them, and perhaps suggest other places they could go.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary (done from Zoom recording of the meeting)