

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA virtual (Zoom) meeting 2/13/22

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

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

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 1/30/22 Board meeting were read by Dan Fast, Secretary, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

2- Financial:

William Edwards, Treasurer, gave the Financial report as of 2/12/22 as follows:

M&T accounts (legacy)	\$ 0
Sterling Bank – Operating	\$ 184,341
Sterling Bank – Camp / Payroll	\$ 33,263
Sterling Bank – Water Capital	\$ 182,000
Sterling Bank – Capital Improvement	\$ 158,413
Total	\$ 558,017

There are 3 members in arrears: Harris, Moledo, and Schwartz

Harris and Moledo are in legal proceedings. Schwartz has been making regular scheduled payments.

William described the proceedings of the Finance committee meeting, stating that in prior years the Camp budget was approved by the Board, and that the Camp has been directed to provide their budget to the Board, and that this budget will be sent to the Board for review prior to the next Board meeting.

3- Pristine Waters Lake Dredging contract:

Jeremy Metz raised the question of why was this contract only looked at by the President and Treasurer, signed by the Treasurer two days before the Board and Membership meetings, and never presented to the Board until it was a fait accompli. Several other Board members pointed out that the contract is essentially one sided, with the contractor having many advantages and the GBCA having very few. Jeremy Schneider pointed out that it was a mistake for the Board to have been bypassed in the signing of this contract. William Edwards, who actually signed the contract, admitted that it was a mistake to do so, and promised that it would not happen again.

4- Wasp report on Water System and CEMCO Operation proposal:

The Board received the Wasp Engineering report on the Water System along with the Pristine Waters contract and the CEMCO proposal before the meeting. A brief discussion of the report ensued.

Drew Orr reported that he is doing work for the company that is putting in equipment for filtering PFOA/PFOS compounds in residential systems locally and municipal systems further upstate, at State expense, and that he had information on a state contact person for that program.

The CEMCO Water System Operation and Maintenance proposal was discussed. William pointed out that for many years, up to and including the present, the cost of water to those in the community on the Water System has been at extremely low rate, and that this must change in the very near future.

A special meeting will be called after the Wasp report is sent out, at which Mr. Wasp will be in attendance to answer questions, etc.

5- Committee reports:

Camp:

Dave McDonough reported the Camp is fully registered for the summer, there will be 75 Campers per session, all Campers and Staff must be fully vaccinated, budget approved for the coming summer, traffic problems in community are being addressed, working with the Beach committee to hire waterfront staff. Camp has for some time extended it's service outside the GBCA community, most recently to include the Community Center of Northern Westchester. The Camp committee has formulated questions for the community on the future of the Camp: what is the value of the Camp to the community? And what might be the features of an optimal relationship between the Camp and the community going forward?

Water:

Drew Orr reported that he had dried out, serviced, and tested all controls in the Main Street well pit, tested the operation of the well, and all is functioning properly with that well ready to be put into service if needed.

Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported that, due to the judge having signed off on the Moledo lien recovery, and we can now subpoena Moledo to provide full financial information. Since we can now legally suspend water service for non-payment we now should send thirty day shut off notices to Moledo and Harris

Beach & Lake:

Wendy reported the Beach committee and the Camp committee have been meeting to formulate job descriptions for waterfront personnel, and have been looking at resumes of candidates for these positions.

Wendy and Hannah Yates have been meeting with other representatives of lakes in Lewisboro and talking about available funding for lake issues shared by all. The Lewisboro Lakes group is looking into various ways of obtaining grants for all of the lakes.

Social:

Elliot Sokolov reported that the committee sent out surveys to the community requesting interest for summer events and that they will be evaluating the returns and reporting back to the Board.

Road 4:

Rina Slavin reported that the committee is working on the next issue, which will be come out in 2 ½ to 3 months.

Roads:

Paul Stewart-Stand reported that he will be speaking to the new Town Supervisor about the maintenance of our roads.

Good & Welfare:

Gerry Sircus reported that he has collected a number of items that may be useful to the Camp.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary