

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA virtual (Zoom) meeting – 6/12//22

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

Also Present: Natalie Gehrels (for Communications discussion)

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

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 5/15/22 Board meeting were read by Dan Fast, Secretary and accepted as read.

The minutes of 6/1/22 Special Board meeting were read by Dan Fast, Secretary and accepted as read.

2- Financial:

William Edwards, Treasurer gave the Financial report as of 6/11/22 as follows:

Sterling Bank – Operating	\$ 153,330
Sterling Bank – Camp / Payroll	\$ 175,196
Sterling Bank – Water Capital	\$ 182,006
Sterling Bank – Capital Improvement	\$ 158,418
Total	\$ 672,950

There are 2 members in arrears: Harris and Moledo. Both are in legal proceedings William stated that Burgun and Hicks have fallen behind in their payments. Other Board members will try to help resolve the situation..

3- Committee Reports:

Communications:

Natalie Solano stated that Natalie Gehrels, who has been working on the new GB website, would be attending later, at which time we could return to communications.

Welcoming:

Natalie Solano stated that, due to personal time constraints, she is unable to follow up on this, and asked for help from other Board members. Several other Board members stated that considerable welcoming of new members is being done on an informal basis.

Camp:

Dave McDonough reported that the committee has been working on Camp orientation, finishing hiring staff, and has hired a Camp cleaning person six days per week. Dave also reported that the basketball court has been power washed. Dave also noted that a community member wanted to build a compost setup for the Camp near the Barn, which cannot be done due to DOH regulations. When it was suggested that the composting be done on the old Nursery acre (which contains the Main Street well) Dan and Drew stated that DOH had already opposed a garden, and would not want the composting there either.

Dave read a document detailing problems that had arisen in the hiring of waterfront personnel for the Camp, which was being handled by a combined Camp and Beach subcommittee, stating that it was proving to be problematic, thanking the Beach committee for their hard work on the hiring, stating that there was a disconnect between the objectives of the two committees, and stating that in the future the Camp must return to the previous policy of the hiring of all Camp staff, including waterfront. The document that Dave read was circulated to the Board before the meeting.

Wendy Robinson read a letter from Nik Castronova, which disagreed with the above, and contained a series of personal attacks on a Camp committee member. Wendy added comments on the subject noting that all lifeguards were hired in time for the start of the summer season, and in time for the start of Camp.

Drew Orr pointed out that the hiring of staff for the Camp, including waterfront staff, has been an ongoing problem for many years.

Paul Stewart-Stand stated that he wants to see all GBCA employment contracts, including the contract for the Camp Director from last year, and that they should be sent to all Board members.

At this point Natalie Gehrels joined the meeting to describe the new Colony website that she and the Communications committee have been putting together. Natalie showed screenshots of what the new website would look like, described how it would work for community members and person outside the community. There will be private and public sections. Natalie took questions and comments from Board members

Water:

Drew Orr reported that 3 leaks were repaired this week, and Environmental Consultants was called in to repair two of them which required machine digging. Environmental Consultants is the company that the Special Water committee has recommended to take over the management and repair of our water system when Ron Arnstein's license expires at the end of 1/2023.

Ron Arnstein reported that the Main Street well failed the recent PFOAs tests (PFOS: 56.2 PPT; PFOA: 13.2 PPT). The DOH has been notified.

Social:

Elliot Sokolov reported that the summer schedule is set. Elliot asked about the status of the bulletin board at the Beach. The old one had fallen down due to the hardware rusting out. Elliot stated that the Social committee would like it replaced. Dan Fast moved, seconded by Rina Slavin, to put the old bulletin board, or a unit the same size, back in the location where it was. In favor: 9, opposed: 0, Abstaining: 2. Motion carried.

Barn:

Mike Brown reported that the Teen Center ceiling has been completed, the Barn floor has been refinished, the pallets left by the dumpster by a community member must be removed.

The erosion of the path leading to the ball field is being addressed, and the basement screen doors are being repaired.

Drew Orr stated that the cost to repair the path to the ballfield would be \$420. Drew Orr moved, seconded by Mike Brown, to repair the path to the ballfield at a cost not to exceed \$500. Passed unanimously.

Legal & Sales:

Jeremy Metz reported that 322 Waccabuc Road is on the market for \$599,000, and 43 Main Street is on the market for \$600,000.

Road 4:

Rina Slavin reported that the next issue will be out this coming week.

Town:

Paul Stewart-Stand reported that the Town Board, although supportive of the idea of a 3 way Stop sign at the intersection of Hall Ave. and Pond St., is still awaiting additional information from the Highway Dept.

Environmental:

Paul Stewart-Stand reported that the tree work has been completed, and stated that he wished to thank Mark Schmid and Eric Stand for their efforts in marking trees and dealing with Red Oak.

Good & Welfare:

Gerry Sircus stated that he is resigning from handling this item for health reasons.

Other business:

Mike Brown stated that, due to the large amount of dog excrement being placed in the garbage cans at the basketball court during the off season, he wishes to lock these cans during that time. Mike Brown Moved, seconded by Jeremy Metz, to lock the garbage cans during the off season. Passed unanimously.

Jeremy Metz moved, seconded by Rina Slavin, to create a formal committee to maintain Colony owned septic systems. In favor: 9, opposed: 0, abstaining: 1. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary