

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA virtual (Zoom) meeting – 7/10//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, Gerry Sircus, Ron Arnstein

Absent: Natalie Solano

Also Present: John Bergherr, Abaz Nuza

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

- 1- Minutes:
The minutes of the 6/12/22 Board meeting were read by Dan Fast, Secretary. Corrected, and accepted as corrected.
- 2- Jeremy Schneider moved, seconded by Dan Fast, to discuss the Conflict Of Interest situation. Passed unanimously.

Jeremy Schneider stated that the fact that Paul Stewart-Stand has threatened to sue the Board and the Membership of the GBCA pits Paul against the community, creating a serious Conflict of Interest. Jeremy Schneider then moved, seconded by Dan fast, to request that Paul resign from the Presidency due to the Conflict of Interest created by his threatened lawsuit. In favor: 11; opposed: 0; abstaining: 2. Motion carried.

Jeremy Schneider moved, seconded by Rina Slavin, to suspend Paul Stewart-Stand’s authority as President under Section 714 of the New York State Not For Profit Corporation Law. In favor: 11; opposed: 0; abstaining: 2. Motion carried.

Paul Stewart-Stand stated that he will not abide by the motion, claiming that since he was elected by the Membership, only the Membership, not the Board, can remove him from office. Wendy Robinson, Drew Orr, and Jeremy Metz requested specific information and documentation from Paul regarding the Beach bathroom septic system. He did not provide it.

Jeremy Schneider moved, seconded by Ron Arnstein, to end this meeting and reconvene in Executive Session with the Vice President acting as President. In favor: 11; opposed: 0; abstaining – 1. Motion carried.

Paul refused to resign, made a series of accusations against the Board generally, as well as directed at specific Board members, and insisted that he is still President and still running the meeting.

At 11:40 AM all Board members, except Paul, left the meeting, and reconvened a new meeting, sans Paul Stewart-Stand, with Vice President Jeremy Schneider chairing the meeting. John Bergherr and Abaz Nuza also left the original meeting to attend the reconvened meeting.

The reconvened Board meeting, in Executive Session, was called to order by Jeremy Schneider, Acting President, at 11:45 AM.

All those noted above as “Present” and “Also Present”, except Paul Stewart-Stand, were in attendance at the reconvened meeting.

1- Discussion of Beach Work:

Abaz Nuza and John Bergherr spoke about the Beach committee’s proposals for work at the Beach, including the path from the gate to the Beach bathrooms, and the path from the lower beach grassy area to the volleyball court. Discussion ensued, and John Bergherr suggested that the Board must review and approve all of this work. John suggested a group of Board members with expertise in construction meet with the contractor(s) to go over any possible work. It was also suggested that Paul Milliot, who is expert in water management, be asked to participate.

Rina Slavin moved, seconded by Elliot Sokolov, to hold off on the proposed Beach work and get Paul Milliot involved as a water drainage expert, along with Drew Orr, Abaz Nuza, and John Bergherr, to address the water drainage issues at the Beach. Passed unanimously.

John Bergherr and Abaz Nuza left the meeting at this point.

2- Financial report;

William Edwards, Treasurer, gave the Financial report as of 7/8/22 as follows:

Sterling Bank – Operating	\$ 120,701
Sterling Bank – Camp / Payroll	\$ 190,802
Sterling Bank – Water Capital	\$ 182,007
Sterling Bank – Capital Improvement	\$ 158,419
Total	\$ 652,009

There are two members in arrears, Harris and Moledo who are in legal proceedings. In addition Burgun and Hicks have been unresponsive to requests for payment. William will make one more attempt to get these two members to pay up, and if unsuccessful, they will be referred for legal action.

3- PFOA Class Action

Jeremy Metz will investigate this situation further and make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

4- Camp Employee agreement:

Jeremy Metz is reviewing this for next year.

5- Committee reports:

Roads:

Dave McDonough reported that the Town has approved the placement of a 3 way Stop sign at the intersection of Pond Street and Hall Avenue, and it will be installed shortly.

Camp:

Dave McDonough reported that the Camp season is going very well.

Beach & Lake:

Wendy Robinson reported that evidence of mold was found in the playground area, so the committee called in a consultant who found that there are two types of fungus evident, and neither one poses a hazard to the children.

Mike Brown reported that Drew Orr destroyed the wasp nests on the rafts.

Drew Orr reported that the light switch in the boy's bathroom was replaced with a motion detector switch, and the receptacle was upgraded to a GFCI unit. This will also be done in the girl's bathroom after the light switch is moved from behind the door.

Water:

Ron Arnstein reported that the Main Street well is still failing the PFOAs tests (PFOA: 9.15 PPT; PFOS: 46.4 PPT), and that the DOH has been asked for help and guidance with this problem. The DOH is investigating possible NYS DOH help.

Drew Orr reported that he had Environmental Consultants come in to fix 2 leaks, and that he is doing maintenance in the Pump House involving rebuilding circulating pumps. He stated that, although the notifications to the Water Users may specify a 4 hour shutoff, the actual shutoff times are usually less than 2 hours.

Social:

Elliot Sokolov reported that the season is going well, with good turn outs for the events.

Barn:

Mike Brown reported that the picnic table on the ball field was repaired. Rina Slavin asked if there were screens budgeted for the Teen Center, which has none at present. William Edwards answered that there is money in the budget for screens. Drew and Mike will look into screens for the Teen Center.

Waste Management:

Mike Brown reported that there have been complaints of noxious odors emanating from the dumpster at the Beach. This was worsened by the missing of a pick up due to the holiday. Jeremy Metz asked about getting twice per week pick up of the dumpster at the beach for the rest of the summer season. Mike will look into it.

Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported that 43 Main Street and 322 Waccabuc Road are still on the market.

The situation with the threatened lawsuit by the owners of 14 Main Street against the GBCA pertaining to the GBCA owned septic system was discussed extensively.

Dan Fast moved, seconded by William Edwards, to get proposals for an engineering evaluation of the Beach bathroom septic system. Passed unanimously.

Road 4:

Rina Slavin reported that Road 4 is fine.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary