

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA virtual (Zoom) meeting – 3/12/23

Present: Jeremy Metz: President, Jeremy Schneider: Vice President, William Edwards: Treasurer, Dan Fast, Secretary, Elliot Sokolov, Drew Orr, Rina Slavin, Mary Mahoney, Mike Brown, , John Bergherr, Natalie Solano, Russell Gordon, Reed Gillen, Abaz Nuza

Also Present: Nikola Vrhovec

Absent: Dave McDonough

Meeting called to order at 10:35 AM by Jeremy Metz: President.

1. Minutes:

The minutes of the 2/12/23 Board meeting were read by Dan Fast, Secretary, and accepted as read.

2- Financial report;

William Edwards, Treasurer, gave the Financial report as of 3/11/23 as follows:

Sterling Bank – Operating	\$ 210,594
Sterling Bank – Camp / Payroll	\$ 38,108
Sterling Bank – Water Capital	\$ 227,018
Sterling Bank – Capital Improvement	\$ 162,832
Total	\$ 625,938

There are three members in arrears. Harris and Moledo are in legal proceedings. Burgun is in lien proceedings.

3- Committee reports:

Social:

Elliot Sokolov reported that there was a committee meeting this past week and they are still interviewing vendors for the summer season.

Barn:

Drew Orr reported that he has updated bids for the construction of the new Barn back stair. One is \$9700, and the other is \$19,000. Drew is trying to get a firm start date from the lower bidder.

Mike Brown reported that he has a request from Magdalena Pinetti to use the Barn on Mondays from 4/17/23 to 6/12/23 for a home schooling class. Board members had a number of questions and Mike will get more information.

Beach:

Abaz Nuza reported that the committee is discussing installing an outdoor shower next to the bathrooms and having just a hose spigot near the entrance. They are planning to put the bulletin board in a new location, and they are discussing other Beach projects.

Lake:

Russell Gordon reported that he and Jeremy Metz met with Pristine Waters representatives this past week to discuss the disposal of the material taken from the lake.

Jeremy Metz stated that the material, except for a small amount which will be dropped inside the fence at the entrance to the volleyball court, will be removed and carted away.

Roads:

Mary Mahoney reported that the committee was planning to meet with the Highway Superintendent this past week, and the committee will be meeting this coming week.

Reed Gillen stated that the committee is looking into getting radar speed signs from the Town. The Town directed them to the police department, which handles this type of signage.

A discussion of vehicular traffic and speeding within the Colony ensued.

Sales & Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported nothing new on sales.

Jeremy reported on an email, which was sent to William Edwards by Paul Stewart-Stand, which contained a number of allegations, complaints, demands, and unsubstantiated claims pertaining to the Water System maintenance and the Board. William shared the email with the specifically named former and current Board members. The email in question, and a rebuttal to it, will be circulated to the entire Board as per Board discussion.

Water:

Dan Fast reported on his recent conversation with Zaw Thein, our current contact person at the WDOH. Dan stated that they discussed the Point Of Use system, which was recently submitted as a solution to the PFOAs problem, which was rejected. Zaw confirmed this rejection. They then discussed the ion exchange resin membrane system, which had been submitted in 11/2021, and was also rejected. Zaw stated that the WDOH would no longer require a "pilot study", but would accept the system on a 6 month trial basis, and if it passed PFOAs testing during that interval, it would be permanently accepted. Dan stated that he is working on obtaining an updated price from the company that supplied the original proposal.

Jeremy Metz reported that the next WDOH hearing is on 4/11/23.

Road 4:

Rina Slavin reported that the next issue is due out in a couple of weeks.

Environmental:

John Bergherr reported that the committee met to discuss replacing invasive plant species with native species wherever possible. They have been removing Poison Ivy, and other nuisance plants and vines from trees around the lake. They are also working on a plan for a composting plan at the Barn.

Communications:

Natalie Solano stated that the Communications committee still needs some of the descriptions of the various committees for the new GBCA website. They have had some technical problems, which they are working on ironing out.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary