

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.

724 Wolcott Avenue

Beacon, NY 12508

**January 22, 2018**

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### ***Board Members Present:***

Betsy Garthwaite  
Ross Gould  
Bob Alpern  
Sarah Underhill  
Beth Levine  
Donna Stein  
Jeremy Rainer  
Robi Schlaff  
Allen Gutkin  
Anne Osborn  
Mitzi Elkes  
Joan Gaylord  
Henry Neale  
Peter Capek  
Taylor Vogt  
Aaron Mair (by phone)  
Jeff D (by phone)  
Kyle Rabin (by phone)  
Neil Gordon (by phone)

#### ***Staff Members Present:***

Amy Bonder  
Manna Jo Greene  
Michelle Acosta  
Wren Longo  
Eli Schloss  
Steve Lurie  
Maija Niemisto  
Capt. Aleythea Dolstad  
Capt. Nick Rogers  
MJ Wilson

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:35

Sarah Underhill led the group in singing "Manitou Bound"

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting approved and accepted

### **REPORTS**

Michelle Acosta gave the financial report

- Fiscal year 2017 audit scheduled for next week
- Overall financial situation positive, "in the black"
- Betsy acknowledged staff efforts to craft budgets and stick to targets
- Labor Department audit placed some people in salary line rather than receiving 1099s. Financial implications for first year "close to a wash"

Maija Niemisto provided education report

- Two off-season staff members, department “ramping up for spring”
- Clearwater schedule currently has approximately 50 open spaces which reflects \$70,000 in untapped revenue. Filling these openings a priority
- Planning for “March for Oceans” event
- 2019 would have been Pete’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Clearwater Investigating possibility of an exhibit at the Maritime Museum in Kingston
- Open Boat scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 p.m.
- Small grant received for initiative towards racial diversity and sensitivity training
- Betsy encouraged everyone to be aware of guest spots in schedule as opportunities to introduce potential members and donors to Clearwater
- Maija spoke of need for board members to join education committee

Steve Lurie provided festival report

- Expects to have booking finalized by end of March or beginning of April, too early for public announcements but “Clearwater family” all expected back
- Ticket sales to date about \$40,000. This is not as high as last year at this time (\$62,000) but that reflected the first year after not having a festival. In addition, the Mountain Jam is scheduled for the same weekend
- Offering new ticket options such as “youth” ticket and “either” ticket
- In response to questions, Steve shared that the park charges a fee of approximately \$70,000 for the three weeks Clearwater uses facilities. This is the same as all groups pay and compensates park for lost revenue from cabins used during that time.

Wren Longo provided development report

- Gala plans coming along; ticket sales same as last year at this time
- North Star sculpture dedication helped to raise additional money
- Year-end campaign exceeded goals by \$20,000
- Chefs event—looking at possible dates, perhaps 9/16 but not confirmed. Saturday or Sunday in September or October preferably
- Exploring opportunities related to 2019 anniversaries (May 3- Pete; May 17- sloop)
- Pumpkin sale suspended due to event being especially labor-intensive. Would be receptive to bringing it back if warranted

Captain Nick Rogers reported on sloop

- Dealing with issues presented by cold temperatures

Manna Jo Greene presented on Environmental Action initiatives

- Manna Jo will be on WAMC with Judith Enke promoting gala
- Continues to address issues related to decommissioning of Indian Point
- NYS one of several states challenging FERC, judge recently dismissed objections and case will go forward
- Algonquin pipeline-- risk assessment report regarding Indian Point not released. MJG in touch with Assembly member Sandy Galef about issue
- Anchorages—Coast Guard keeping promise regarding Harbor Safety Committee
- Exploring partnership with Hudson River Maritime Museum

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Committee updates –
  - Discussion of ways to involve larger community, perhaps preparing materials to take to small businesses or talking with companies about using sloop for “corporate team building” opportunities
  - Mitzi provided update on next Chefs event--- going forward; looking into dates and seeking sponsors for event
- Future Board meeting dates—
  - Will include a range of days of the week so as to meet the many schedule commitments of all the board members
  - February meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 22.
  - Future meetings through balance of fiscal year to be set and distributed to the board
- ED search- Betsy shared that she’d spoken with a not-for-profit organization that specializes in assisting non-profits through transitions. Expects to receive proposal in near future

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Resolution presented to accept funding. Ross moved that the board accept. Motion passed unanimously.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**