

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.
724 Wolcott Avenue
Beacon, NY 12508
November 27, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Betsy Garthwaite
Mitzi Elkes
Anne Osborn
Neil Gordon
Donna Stein
Allen Gutkin
Seth Davis
Bob Alpern
Beth Levine
Henry Neale
Jeremy Rainer
Kyle Rabin
Aaron Mair (present by phone)
Ross Gould (present by phone)

Staff Members Present:

Amy Bonder
Michelle Acosta
Eli Schloss
Manna Greene

Guests:

Marilyn Elie
Alan Goldhammer

Hal Cohen

CALL TO ORDER

Betsy called the meeting to order
Neil Gordon led the group in opening song

MINUTES

10/12/17 meeting minutes will be completed soon; then distributed to board

REPORTS

Eli Schloss gave a report on behalf of the education department/Timeline Discovery Program.

- Eli gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on how to book a sail and he shared a draft version of education department's strategic plan.
- Bob Alpern suggested that Clearwater's education and environmental advocacy efforts become more aligned. Something that the program committee could help with.
- CW member Marilyn Elie said that Walkabout works with schools and might be a way to address advocacy with the students; in tandem with programs on the sloop.
- Anne Osborn noted that Power of Song, a program that Linda Richards runs, encourages students to become active on issues that concern them. Eli responded that the program still exists and that participants write "parodies" on topics of social justice and the environment.
- Eli said that more board members should join the Education committee. As of today, committee members include: Maija, Eli, Bob Alpern, Henry Neal and CW member Neall Burger.

Manna Greene gave a report on behalf of the environmental action department.

- Manna acknowledged the members of the Environmental Action Subcommittee (Bob Alpern, Seth Davis, Henry Neale, Kyle Rabin, Sarah Underhill, and Donna Stein) and noted that if anyone else is interested to please let her know.
- Manna's report covered the following advocacy work: Workforce Development and Just Transition for Indian Point workers, Decommissioning and Nuclear Waste Storage, the Algonquin
- Pipeline Independent Risk Assessment, Proposed Hudson River Anchorages, Newburgh PFOS contamination
- Sat., Dec.2 presentation titled "Climate Change and the Hudson Valley"
- EA Subcommittee Call tentatively scheduled for 12/7 at 6:30 p.m.
- See department report for more details

Mitzi Elkes gave a report on behalf of the Chefs for Clearwater subcommittee

- Mitzi noted that the subcommittee set goal to increase revenue by 10 percent for the 2018 event
- The third annual Chefs for Clearwater event is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 16, 2018, at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, from 4 to 8pm.

OLD BUSINESS

- Future Meeting Dates – next board meeting is January 22, 2018; Betsy going to check if ok to schedule most board meetings on the third Monday of each month.
- Committee appointments – reminder that members need to join committees if they haven't yet and if possible take a leadership role in those committees; reminder that committees must meet in between board meetings and report on their respective work at the board meetings

NEW BUSINESS

- 2017/2018 budget and finances - Betsy recommended we go into private session. Motion was made to go into private session by Seth Davis; motion seconded by Neil Gordon. Motion approved by board. Neil explained that the Finance committee recommended that the board approve a provisional budget for FY18 as well as a provisional festival budget for FY18. A motion was made by Seth Davis to move the provisional general budget provided by Michelle; motion seconded by Neil Gordon. Motion approved by board; Ross Gould abstained from the vote. A motion was made by Seth Davis to move the provisional 2018 festival budget provided by Michelle; motion seconded by Neil Gordon. Motion approved by board; Ross Gould abstained from the vote. Seth Davis made motion to close private session; seconded by Donna Stein and Neil Gordon. Motion approved by board.

Meeting was adjourned by Betsy.