

Minutes of Clearwater Board Meeting May 14, 2018

Present at the meeting:

Board: Anne Todd Osborn, Robi Schlaff, Allen Gutkin, Henry Neale, Neil Gordon, Donna Stein, Taylor Vogt, Kyle Rabin, Mitzi Elkes, Seth Davis, Sarah Underhill, Don Raskopf, Peter Capek and Ross Gould and by phone: Beth Levine, Jeremy Rainer, Aaron Mair, Bob Alpern and Jeff Domanski

Staff: Hal Cohen, Manna Jo Greene and Captain Nick

Guests: Marty Cohen and Craig Page (potential future board member)

Annie opened the meeting at 6:40 after Sarah led the group in song. Don talked about the book “The Golden Thread” about Pete Seeger and Jeremy followed up after the meeting with a video about the book https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_VcFOxuUS4 Some members expressed disappointment that the May meeting agenda and reports were not distributed until the day of the meeting, and that the minutes from the last two meetings had not been distributed for approval.

Staff Reports:

Manna Jo talked about the \$100/pp fundraiser for the Article 78 case, “Sail for Renewable Energy” May 26th at 3:00, leaving from Cold Spring. Seth informed the board that the motion to dismiss the Article 78 case was defeated. Manna is collaborating with Maia on the “March for the Hudson June 9th from 10 – noon at the Cold Spring dock, and they are looking for a scientist to talk about oceans and climate change. The first meeting of the Citizen Oversight board for the closing of Indian Point is May 29th at the Hendrick Hudson Library from 6-8PM. Congrats to Mitzi and Manna on the pesticide event held at Pocantico.

Don read the Education Report on behalf of Maija – there is a full schedule of schools but there are empty slots on weekends and evenings during the school year and many openings in the summer and fall. The board was challenged to have each member book a sail. There are three youth empowerment sails this summer. This is the final season for the Mystic Whaler that will be for sale.

Hal and Mitzi – Chefs Event is going strong. Sponsorship packages will be mailed to 1,000 sponsors. Glen Vogt joined the committee; a meeting is scheduled with potential underwriters for substantial sponsorship. Beth has auction items from Henckels and more auction items are needed. The event is October 14th at 4:00 PM.

Neil gave the finance committee report – executive director and development director positions need to be filled ASAP. The cumulative effect of not having an executive director affects the cash flow as there is a gap of a leader to meet with potential donors. There is no cushion and the finance committee has recommended to raise some money short term that board members volunteer at the ticket area at festival to meet people for potential membership and donations.

Festival -Don and Robi will send out requests for volunteers for the festival. The theme for the festival is climate solutions. Steve Lurie will donate tickets to potential donors – board members should email him directly. Guest Marty Korn offered to assist with connections – martybstone@gmail.com

Mitzi - update on the executive director search process – 42 resumes were received and members encouraged the committee to start interviewing as soon as possible.

Peter reported on the 50/100th – there have been several productive meetings; they are looking for a music producer and will meet again shortly to plan out the year.

Ross – Nominating committee – Ross and Annie have each served on the board for nine years and will be off this year. There is one candidate for board who came to the meeting and Ross asked the board to reach out to others and send him names.

Seth presented three resolutions that are attached to the minutes:

- The first resolution to increase or credit line at Ulster Savings Bank was moved by Annie and seconded by Robi, with unanimous approval.
- The second resolution to extend the lease of Arm of the Sea was moved by Robi and seconded by Don with unanimous approval.
- The third resolution to indemnify Steve Lurie and include him on our insurance was moved by Annie and seconded by Beth with unanimous approval to assure that Steve will be protected by Clearwater's insurance after his work with Clearwater ends.