

Minutes of the Clearwater Board of Directors
Annual Meeting -- September 29, 2018

Present:

Board Members

Bob Alpern	Mitzi Elkes	Aaron Mair	Robi Schlaff
Peter Capek	Betsy Garthwaite	Henry Neale	Donna Stein
Nancy Cincotta	Joan Gaylord	Anne Osborn	Sarah Underhill
Seth Davis	Neil Gordon (phone)	Kyle Rabin	Taylor Vogt
Jeffrey Domanski	Ross Gould	Jeremy Rainer	
	Allen Gutkin	Don Raskopf	

Board Candidates

Bruce Ginsberg	Arthur Jones	Craig Page	Jason Samel
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Staff and Members

Greg Williams	Betty Harkins	Susan Berliner	Rosemary Thomas
Manna Jo Greene	Eliza Goldberg	Victoria Christof	Moraya Seeger
Hal Cohen	Charles Goldberg	Dave Conover	DeGrew
Nancy Jane Blake	Roberta Goldberg	Noel Kropf	Polly Arnow
Allan Goldhammer	Gigi Rapetti	Ajax Stavis	Jay Arnow
Emma Hathaway	Tracy Berwick	Steve Schwartz	Lydia Adams Davis
Liam Henrie	Scott Berwick	Gail Moran	Stephen Smith
Eli Schloss	Tinya Seeger	James Malchow	Vince Ferri
Vince Farina	Talbot Katz	Thom Duffy	Meryl Marcus
Gary Schechter	Robert Reardon	Nancy Allen	Jim Finnegan
Susan Schechter	Beth Partridge	Alan Thomas	

Call to Order:

Betsy called the meeting to order at 10:00.
Sarah Underhill opened with a song.

Approval of Minutes:

-Don made the motion: "I move we accept the minutes of the August 20th meeting as distributed by Joan."
-Robi seconded the motion.
-Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Betsy introduced Greg Williams, Clearwater's Executive Director.
Greg introduced the new board candidates and asked those present members who had not voted to do so.

Staff Reports

Manna Jo Greene presented the Environmental Advocacy report:

- Update on Hudson River PCB remediation; no certificate of completion issued yet to GE.
- Indian Point still on track to close in 2020/21.
- Hudson River anchorages postponed indefinitely.
- “Keep it in the Ground” initiative to transition to renewables.
- A new initiative addressing storm surge barriers for New York Harbor is under discussion.

Maija Niemisto presented the Education report:

- Themed sails have been very successful.
- Introduced new staff: Keene Morrow and Lindsay Yoder.
- Need more sails booked, requested board to address opportunities.

Thank you

The Board thanked outgoing board members Annie Osborn and Ross Gould for their many years of service to Clearwater. Betsy announced that voting on new board members was officially closed.

Presentation of Sloop Club Charters

New one-year charters were presented by Betsy to the following Sloop Clubs:

- Walkabout Clearwater
- River Lovers
- New York City Friends of Clearwater
- North River Friends of Clearwater
- New Jersey Friends
- Brooklyn Sloop Club
- Beacon Sloop Club

Election Results

Betsy announced that the following people had been elected to 3-year terms on the Board starting September 29, 2018:

- Seth Davis
- Mitzi Elkes
- Bruce Ginsberg
- Arthur Jones
- Craig Page
- Jason Samel
- Donna Stein

It was noted that Craig Page had withdrawn.

Committee Reports:

Peter Capek reported on planning for 50/100 celebration

- Goal is to make events fundraisers, and also increase awareness of the CW agenda and increase membership.
- Series of concerts is in development. Some other kinds as well, including a possible essay contest.

Motion to adjourn

Don moved, Ross seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30.

After a short break, Betsy introduced guest speaker, Paul Gally, president of Riverkeeper, who spoke for about 15 minutes.

SEPTEMBER MEETING (New Board) CONVENED

Call to Order

Betsy called the meeting to order at 12:05. The new board was present.

Vote to approve the Executive Committee

Betsy read the proposed slate for the Executive Committee for the 2018-2019 year:

Betsy Garthwaite, president
Robi Schlaff, vice-president
Neil Gordon, treasurer
Peter Capek, secretary
Seth Davis, at large
Mitzi Elkes, at large
Joan Gaylord, at large

Sarah moved to accept the slate. Donna seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote to elect Nominating Committee

Betsy read the proposed slate for the nominating committee for the new year:

Susan Underhill, chair
Don Raskopf, member

Donna moved and Kyle seconded to accept the slate, and the motion passed unanimously.

Schedule of future board meetings

A motion was made by Henry to set board meetings for the fourth Thursday of the month. Seth seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Betsy read the list of meetings thus scheduled:

October 25, 2018
November 20, 2018 (a Tuesday so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving)
December- no meeting
January 24, 2019
February – no meeting
March 28, 2019
April – no meeting
May 23, 2019
June – no meeting
July 25, 2019
August – no meeting
Annual meeting: September 22, 2019.

2019 Festival planning committee

Seth moved that “The Board announce its intent to hold a festival in 2019”, Don seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Greg proposed forming an *ad hoc* committee of the board to explore options and to coordinate with RPC. Members who expressed interest included Mitzi, Peter, Sarah, Don, Donna, Jeff, Taylor, Bruce, Jeremy, and Jason.

Don and Peter are to co-chair the committee.

New Business:

- Henry made motion: “Resolved, the Board thanks the Mayor of Beacon for his contributions to Clearwater”
- Robi seconded, motion passed.
- Don Raskopf suggested that the citation be presented to the mayor at Pumpkin Festival.

Adjourn

Henry moved that we adjourn the meeting. Don seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Gaylord and Peter Capek