Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.
724 Wolcott Ave.
Beacon, NY 12508
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:30pm

Board Members Present
1. Peter Capek
2. Seth Davis
3. Joan Gaylord
5. Allen Gutkin
6. Janine Napierkowski
7. Henry Neale
8. Cathy Page
9. Kyle Rabin
10. Stephen Smith
11. Donna Stein

Board Members Present by Telephone
12. Jeff Domanski
13. Mitzi Elkes
14. Arthur Jones
15. Jeremy Rainer
16. Robi Schlaff

Board Members Absent
17. Bob Alpern
18. Nancy Cincotta
19. Aaron Mair
20. Ashley Knox
21. Don Raskopf
22. Dr. Gregory Simpson
23. Sarah Underhill

Staff Members Present
1. Hal Cohen
2. Aerika Lucy
3. Greg Williams

Staff Members Present by Telephone
1. Erin Macchiaroli

Guests Present
1. Tom Chapin
2. Sue Gamache
3. Betty Harkins
4. Ben Kaminsky
5. Tinya Seeger
6. Steve Stanne
7. Rosemary Thomas
8. Roy Volpe

Guests Present by Telephone
1. Laura Selleck

Call to Order
The meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. was called to order at 6:38PM by President, Stephen Smith.

[The Conference Call was initiated at 6:31pm. Jeff Domanski, Mitzi Elkes, Arthur Jones, Jeremy Rainer and Robi Schlaff were present by Telephone]
A quorum was determined to be present.

Steve Stanne led the attendees by voice in group song, “Step by Step”.

The meeting agenda was made available online and physically on the table.

**Prior Meeting Minutes Approval**

Stephen asked if everyone had the chance to review and approve the meeting minutes.

Stephen called for a **MOTION**: To approve the meeting minutes from Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:40pm. The **MOTION** was moved by Joan and seconded by Seth. The **MOTION** was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

[At this time, Robi requested we do introductions.]

**Board of Directors New Member Introduction and Ratification**

The Executive Committee met prior to this board meeting and approved the following two board members and needs ratification by the board in this meeting.

Steve Stanne
Samantha Hicks

Stephen called for a **MOTION**: To ratify the approval of Steve Stanne and Samantha Hicks to join the board on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:40pm. The **MOTION** was moved by Seth and seconded by Neil. The **MOTION** was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

[At this time, Cathy requested we do introductions]

**2020 Event/Activity Update**

**Gala(s) Update:**
Upcoming Gala tickets are still available for March 1, 2020, please send out information on the gala on social media and by other communication as you can.

New York City Gala is proposed for June 2020 and details will be forthcoming as they are solidified.
Earth Day

Cathy stated the importance of providing information and event(s) on Earth Day each year. As an environmental organization, volunteering and being present is important for us and many others.

Tom Chapin, present at this meeting, proposed an Earth Day Concert event to support Clearwater. This particular one-day event could educate children regarding the environment and the river. In addition, this proposal could propel several different events throughout the year. We need volunteers on a committee to help as well as raise $2,500 for coordination of this initial event to provide a framework for others to come. This fee is one time and with someone Tom has worked with for over 30 years. More information will be provided regarding program details by proposal submitted to Greg to follow-up.

It was the sense of the board to explore this opportunity further and we encourage people to commit to helping us.

Clearwater Community Celebration 2020

This is the proposed smaller event this year in place of Revival. Details will be forthcoming regarding venue capacity and requirements to support this smaller event by Westchester County. The county provided us with possible “give back opportunities”, but more information will be relayed as we find out more.

Collaboration with the Folk Music Society of Huntington

The supporters of Clearwater and the supporters and the Folk Music Society of Huntington have a chance to collaborate and commit to working together. No vote was needed but a discussion and review of the proposal

Executive Director Report

Audit and Financial Report

2018 Audited financials have been posted to the website.

Fiscal Year 2019 Profit & Loss is available.

Accounts Payable as of 2/19/20 was presented and broken down through discussion in the meeting.

Top 10 Fundraising Campaigns were presented through the last three-year period.
Financial reports were requested by several members of the board for distribution on a regular basis. Request suggestions were for reports on a weekly or monthly basis, if possible. The treasurer suggested quarterly to be more meaningful and complete.

Part of the foundation for receiving assistance and donations for the organization, as stated by Hal Cohen, is to have regular financials available for submission when asked or needed.

**Sloop Maintenance Overview**

2016-2021: Final phase of the post-2008 overhaul:
- Keelson below the mast, midship futtocks
- Spars
- Rigging
- Ballast
- Aft deck & transom

2015-2016: Centerboard trunk, midships hull planks below the waterline
2012-2013: Stern
2009-2010: Bow

This winter’s maintenance cost is projected to be $800,000, of which $323,000 is covered by a reimbursement grant.

In September when the boat is removed from the water, $500,000 needs to be raised to begin the maintenance. Hal raised the question about fundraising and asked what our plan is to raise the funds needed with less coming from our programs during this time. Stephen stated it wasn’t a board decision as to when the boat comes out of the water and is the Executive Director’s decision and a collaborative approach with the Sloop Committee would be best for this decision.

Executive Director Report can be reviewed further, [See Addendum A]

**Environmental Action Report**

Greg reviewed the Environmental Action Report in Manna Jo Green’s absence. [See Addendum B]
**Policies and By-laws: Committees**

Stephen addressed the importance of committees and participation in such committees.

Stephen suggested a “sunshine” drive for positive things that we are doing be established and sent so people can upload those accomplishments and ideas. [SEE ACTION ITEM]

**New Business, Old Business and Open Action Items**

Cathy stated that she will be following up with an Open Action Items list from previous meetings that have not been completed for resolution. [SEE ACTION ITEM]

**Adjournment**

Stephen called for a **MOTION**: To adjourn this meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2020 at 8:58pm. The **MOTION** was seconded by Cathy. The **MOTION** was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**ACTION ITEMS (For Immediate Action or for completion by next scheduled meeting)**

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Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Page, Secretary, 2/25/2020
 Agenda

- Gala 2020 Update
- NYC Event Update
- Clearwater Community Celebration (C³) 2020 Update
- Audit, Financial Reports and 990
- Sloop Maintenance
- Environmental Action Report
Gala 2020 Update
Celebrating Tom Chapin’s 75th Birthday

- 63 tickets sold vs. 76 same time last year
- 13 board members attending vs. 13 last year
- Invited Lee Kyriacou to attend
  - Will invite him to introduce Tom Chapin if he accepts
NYC Event Update

- Funding covering securing venue pledged by anonymous donor
  - Venue contract to be signed when funds received
- Still working on securing committee chair
Clearwater Community Celebration 2020

- We have notified Westchester County of our decision to use [redacted] to decide whether to rent the southern part of the park (Orange).

- Planning for a Festival in the southern part of the park proceeds with:
  - Staff
  - RPC
  - Jon Lee Rucker (Permajam)
  - Traveling Musicians’ Union
  - Volunteers
“Give Back Projects” Under Consideration:

- Tree planting
- Paint park office or outside of public block bathroom
- Split rail fence at the pavilion 2
- Scrape and stain south side of the mess hall
- Scrape and stain one or two cabins not the whole cabin just the sides that are in the constant rough weather
- Vine cutting
- Wood chipping
Audit, Financial Reports and 990

- FY 2019 P&L Available
- FY2018 Financial Audit and 990 Completed and Posted to Web Site
- Accounts Payable as of 2/19/2020 Include:
  - Total Payables: $225,211
  - Total Festival-Related Payables: $69,138
  - Total Payables Owed to Clearwater Staff: $69,356
- Latest Forecast Shows Payroll Covered through March
- Complying with Updated Accounting Regulations Remains Challenging
Top 10 Campaign Performance
Select Campaign Performance

![Bar graph showing campaign performance](image)
Sloop Maintenance

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Sloop Components
Sloop Parts cont.
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Environmental Action Report

- Manna Jo Greene
Proposed Danskammer Expansion: Coalition opposing this is making great progress; we participate in weekly organizing calls. 16 municipalities, including the City of Beacon and the City of Newburgh, the Village of New Paltz and Town of New Paltz have passed resolutions opposing this foolhardy project to burn fracked methane in an expanded facility on a flood-prone peninsula. Over 100 elected officials have signed a letter in opposition. A Just Transition Forum is planned in Newburgh in March, date TBD.

National Nuclear Power Decommissioning Program: Clearwater EA continues to work on the decommissioning of Indian Point and Oyster Creek, and to help coordinate a national discussion on safe, equitable decommissioning of nuclear reactors affecting ~ 90 reactor communities in the US.

Indian Point License Transfer Application (LTA) and Post-Shutdown Activities Report (PSDAR): Entergy is in the process of seeking a license transfer application for Indian Point to Holtec. Manna prepared consensus comments for the PDSAR and is working with Steve Kent of KentCom LLC to prepare comments now due March 25,2020. As a result of the Clearwater-sponsored Fall 2019 Regional Nuclear Decommissioning Forum and collective efforts of IPSEC, Unity for Clean Energy Coalition and many other area activists there is a noticeable change in elected officials, members of the Indian Point Closure Task Force and the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizen Advisory Panel (NDCAP). People are very leery of the prospect of Holtec becoming the decommissioning company because of their lack of experience and fiscal surety. Recent requests from Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and others have resulted in a month-long extension for submitting public comment and a public hearing to be scheduled. Riverkeeper and the NYS Attorney General Letitia James have filed contentions to intervene in the NRC proceedings. Clearwater will be sending an Action Alert asking people to oppose the LTA tomorrow. Please watch for it and take action.

National Grassroots Radioactive Waste Summit and Strategic Plan: There is also strong national opposition to Holtec, which manufactures thin-walled, unmonitorable canisters and has a history of practicing "quick and dirty" decommissioning that will allow them to keep any unspent decommissioning trust funds, and ultimately to get paid to store huge amounts of high-level nuclear waste on site, or -- worse -- to send it across the country to their proposed Consolidated Interim Storage (CIS) facility in New Mexico. While CIS may be proposed as temporary storage, it is likely to become permanent. Cross-county transport by road, rail or barge of high-level nuclear waste is extremely dangerous. There is a coordinated national campaign to stop CIS and an unsuitable national repository at Yucca Mountain, and to support First Nation treaties that would protect the land and honor the principles of environmental justice. Clearwater hosts biweekly National Decommissioning Working Group calls, alternating with Indian Point and Oyster Creek calls, is on the National Strategic Planning Committee and the Legislative Task Force, each of which also has weekly or biweekly calls.

Article 78 Challenge to NY Nuclear Subsidy: After a lower court ruled against us, Clearwater et al recently filed a Notice of Appeal to allow us to pursue our claim that the NYS Public Service Commission's $7.6 billion, mandatory 12-year nuclear subsidy Is Illegal and Improper, and not a good use of ratepayer dollars. It is likely we will need to withdraw from this important challenge due to lack of resources.

Coeymans Creek Research Project: Working as fiscal sponsor with a law firm and a science team to gather data regarding possible contamination of the Coeymans Creek and Hudson River from nearby Industrial Park. Sampling by scientist, Jeremy Dietrich has been completed and next steps will be discussed shortly.
Regional Renewable Energy Implementation Planning Process: Working with the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Coalition and the MH Climate Solutions Network to convene a brain trust to create an implementation plan that answers the question, “How do we get from here to there?” – to the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) that was passed in June and has been signed by Governor Cuomo. The utilities, especially Central Hudson and NYSEG, and State agencies are being very supportive of this initiative. A brief White Paper is being prepared to outline steps, seek funding and implement this groundbreaking roadmap.

EA Interns: SUNY/New Paltz senior, a Sustainable Business major, Marlee Lawless, has stayed on from the summer through the fall and now winter/spring 2020, and is actively working on the Regional Renewable Energy Planning team.

KEY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- Thurs., Jan. 30  NYS Indian Point Closure Task Force Meeting, Cortlandt
- Fri., Jan. 31  Pre-meeting of Stewart Air National Guard PFOS Restoration Advisory Committee, Newburgh
- Sun., Feb. 2  Unity for Clean Energy Convergence Meeting, Stony Point
- Tues., Feb. 4  Stewart Air National Guard Base Restoration Advisory Committee (RAC), Newburgh
- Thurs., Feb. 6  Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Coalition meeting, Newburgh

Met with Sen. Gillibrand’s Indian Point staff, Geri Shapiro and others, NYC

SAVE THE DATE:

- Thurs., Feb. 20, 7:00 pm  Beacon Sloop Club’s 2020 Winter Lecture Series Presents: Ensuring Safe Nuclear Decommissioning with yours truly, Manna Jo Greene.

- Mon., Mar. 2  Climate Action through Zero Waste at SUNY New Paltz: 3:00 p.m. Tour Peregrine Dining Hall Zero Waste and Composting program. 4:00 p.m. Zero Waste Presentations, SUNY/New Paltz Lecture Center 102. 5:00 p.m. Planet or Plastic? Moving Beyond Plastics by Judith Enck, Founder, Beyond Plastics at SUNY New Paltz, LC-102 co-sponsored by Clearwater, SUNY/New Paltz Office of Sustainability and many others. There is no cost for this event, but please register at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZeroWasteForum

- Weds., March 4, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Training Course at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 232 Plaza Rd., Kingston, NY. $20 per person. To prevent harmful pollutants from being washed or discharged into surface waters, some municipalities are required to obtain MS4 Permits and develop Stormwater Management Programs (SWMPs). Registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/municipal-separate-storm-sewer-systemms4-training-course-tickets-92764602423. Information: Rob Ferri at shale845@aol.com

Respectfully submitted,

Manna Jo Greene, Environmental Director