Hudson River
Sloop Clearwater

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.
Board Meeting (Virtual)
Tuesday, May 13, 2026 at 7:00pm

Board Members
~~Sarah Armour~~
Peter Capek
Stuart Findlay
Joan Gaylord, Executive Comm. At Large
~~Peter Gregory~~
Samantha Hicks, President
Gareth Houghman
Arthur Jones, Vice-President
Aaron Mair
Neall Burger
L.A. Kauffman
Lyndsey Cooper
Jillian Maresco
~~Jennifer McMillan~~
Tom Murphy, Treasurer
Jeremy Rainer
~~Dan Riesel~~
Larry Rothbart
Gabrielle Spielberg
Steve Stanne, Executive Comm. At Large
Adenike Bamgboye, Secretary
~~Julia Wilson~~
(~~strike through~~ indicates absence)

Staff Members
David Toman, Executive Director
Jen Benson
Meg Mayo
Erin Macchiaroli
Emily Marcet
Rory Kane (captain)

The board meeting was called to order by Samantha Hicks at 7:00 pm, with a quorum of 16 members, and opened with the song "Sweet Baby James".

Minutes Approval:
Samantha moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting. Larry Rothbart moved the motion, seconded by Arthur Jones. 1 abstention by Gareth Houghman.

Operations Update:

- Sloop Project Update - Rory
    - Good rapport established with Randy King Jr at King Marine in Buchanan (barge)
    - Aug 5 onto barge at Scarano then down to Kingston
    - Wood will be moved to HRMM within 2-3 weeks
    - Shipwrights Chris O'Reilly & Dylan Kane engaging within 2-3 weeks; begin procurement, working on logistics
    - More wood in CT to replace (stolen) green heart
    - Line(s) of credit: $100k now, $300k in July; 12 month period; paid with OPRHP remittances
    - A bunch of returning shipwrights and new trainees are coming to work on the sloop

- Financials - March Reports - David
    - $100k at the community foundation in the endowment; a small additional contribution and $25k from other potential donors are in discussion
    - Debt decreasing; will continue progress. Current status: $337k -> $150k SBA EIDL, $150k Ulster Savings line of credit, $37k credit card. All private loans are cleared as of Dec, 2025
    - Income statement - at 4 months through the year, we're 28% of our revenue (running surplus of $136k), but only 22% of our expenses
    - More money came in the front end of the year from year-end giving, and Gala v. 2025
    - 2025 audit in the works; reports expected for review by June

- NYS Museum - Temp Agreement / Resolution needed for final agreement
    - Initial drop off 5/14
    - Will need a formal resolution
    - Oct 2026 -Apr 2027 mini CW exhibit

- Music & Celebration update / Folk Picnic
    - Folk Picnic date change 8/22
    - Steve Earle concert was a success
    - Earth fair venues well attended; music quality and diversity was great;thank you to Jeremy and Steve Stanne
    - Tommy Sands in New Paltz - 2.5 hours; rousing evening, well-attended
    - Next up - Jenna Nichols Saugerties 7/11 at the Local

- Education programs update - Emily
    - June onboard education programs: 53 sales, 4 dockside programs
    - Shore-based: 35 Tideline programs, 11 in-class programs
    - Established new locations for two youth empowerment programs
    - New Fall homeschool drop-off programs in Nyack; 2 cohorts, 10-week each
    - Mudlark week-long summer camp program at Long Dock Park filling up
    - Working with the Maritime Museum to start mapping out educational programming
    - Portside docking in Brooklyn approved
    - Focus on land and community-based programs from the end of July forward through the end of the year.
    - Sailing in the Sail 250th and New York Harbor – 25 passengers
    - 27 public sales to date - $22.5k

    - 3 charter sales - $5.5k

- Fundraising Updates – Meg
    - Over projections as of April
    - Several grant activities are in the works
    - Gala final results - over by a 10% increase from the prior year
    - Capital campaign - $25k from The Wood Dock Foundation, another $25k from a potential donor that can be matched by board members
    - A $7k donation from a potential donor is expected
    - Tom M. chartering sloop to raise funds
    - Hudson Valley Gives Day - May 20

Executive Session - Moved by Larry Rothbart, seconded by Steve Stanne, 1 abstention, Aaron Mair

The board meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:15 pm; moved by Aaron and seconded by Steve.

Respectfully Submitted,
Adenike Bamgboye, Secretary