



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2020

Directors Present: Allan Baum, Gary Clinton, Tami Hausman, Chris Lovito, Jay Pagano, Tad Paul, Henry Robin, Russell Saray, Ed Schulhafer, Jeff Staadt, Matt Tague

On Phone: Greg Henniger, Chris Mai, Eric Sawyer, Jim Vandernoth

Also Present: Karen McCutcheon (Community Manager, Ken Pollard (Finance Manager)

Meeting called to order by President Jay Pagano at 10:31 am in the Fradd Theater, Whyte Hall, Fire Island Pines NY.

Tad Paul motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the July 11th Board Meeting. Chris Lovito seconded, and the motion carried.

Henry Robin motioned to approve the minutes of the August 1st Zoom meeting on the COBE recommendations, Paul Seconded and the motion carried.

President's Report

Pagano referred the board to the latest Newsletters of [July 22nd](#), [July 28th](#) and [August 7th](#) to keep themselves up to date on community affairs.

Treasurer's Report (Henry Robin).

- The June 30th mid-year budget vs actual reports are in good shape given these times.
- The Association's financial position is very positive, however July and August will be determinantal.
- A more detailed Financial report will be given at the Association meeting of September 26th.

There was a lengthy discussion on Pines Groups and their Whyte Hall use and financial contributions. Robin proposed a resolution for the 2021 season, that, if passed, will give the Board through next season the time to rethink the use and business model for Whyte Hall with clear documentation.

Robin motioned that it be Resolved: For the 2021 Season, the Pines Foundation will wave rental fees for customary annual rentals from non-profit organizations including DRA, Broadway Bares, and Women's Pride in the Pines. Other non-profit organizations will be considered if they approach the Pines Foundation with a rental request. Further resolved that the Pines Foundation will for the 2021 season, provide a "holiday" for Pines Organization who ordinarily make a voluntary user group contribution. This resolution is designed to support these non-profit organizations during a period of challenging fundraising due to the impact of Covid-19. Gary Clinton seconded, and the motion carried with Lovito abstaining.

Community Manager (Karen McCutcheon)

McCutcheon gave highlights from the [Community Manager Report](#).

- Volunteers Bob McGarity and Claude Dolet were thanked by McCutcheon for all their work around the community this summer.
- McCutcheon will be actively pursuing the hiring of an administrative assistant.
- Tami Hausman will be summarizing the emails received at 311@fippoa.org.
 - There were many emails about noise, membership questions, dogs barking, mosquito fogging and beach bins.

Hausman praised Karen McCutcheon for doing a fantastic job and asked the Board to publicize that she is working out incredibly.

Seashore Defense Fund (Russell Saray)

- The Beach has never been cleaner after thirteen Beach Bins and signage have been installed.
 - Earlier in the season SDF experimented with a single Beach Bin at Atlantic Walk and quickly realized that two would be required.
 - To address the overflow issues, signs telling of additional cans at the top of the stairs have been added where needed.
 - McCutcheon found a local contractor who are emptying the Beach Bins on Saturday and Sunday evenings.
- People have been very cooperative, picking up trash and properly disposing of it.
- Nick Ammaturo has been holding a Boot Camp on the beach and donating the proceeds to the Seashore Defense Fund.
- These funds total almost \$1,000 so far and will cover the cost of the trash pickups.

Pines Party (Allan Baum)

- All directors participated in the 2020 Pines Party.
- The Party will net about \$60,000.
 - Approximately \$70,000 in donations were received
 - Auction should net around \$30,000.
 - The journal will contribute another \$20,000

- The intention is to come back to the board next month asking for authorization to contribute \$40,000 to Stone Wall Community Foundation.
 - Previous years contribution to Stonewall has been \$50,000.
- Pines Party Committee would like to hold the 2021 Pines Party the weekend after the 2021 DRA event.

Baum motioned to hold the 2021 Pines Party on the weekend of July 23rd through July 25th. Ed Schulhafer seconded, and the motion carried.

The board resoundingly agreed that the Pines Party had exceeded expectations during this time of Covid-19 and there was a round of applause for Baum, Staadt and Schulhafer for their work on the party.

Adjourned at 12:24.