

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, July 7, 2022, recorded by Ivy Kogan

The Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting was held both remotely (virtual) and at the clubhouse on 01/04/2022; Robert May presiding as President, with Patricia Finnerty (Vice President), Ive Kogan (Secretary) and Aaron Verdile (Treasurer) in attendance as officers. The Board of Directors included Alan Thomas, Joyce Hanson, Steve Schwartz, Tom LaBarr, Susan Berliner, Rosemary Thomas, Vince Farina, Tom Elliot, Bonnie Champion and Betty Harkins in spirit. We were joined by 40+ remote members. Ken Miller began the meeting with a warm song. Rob May brought the meeting to order at 7:33p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Aaron Verdile presented the November 2021 Profit and Loss Statement. The total balance of November 2021 was \$99,732.64. The total income for November 2021 was \$2,017.20. The total expenses for the month of November 2021 were \$2,820.39. The Net Operating Income reported was **(\$803.19)**.

Holiday Sing:

Susan Berliner spoke about the Holiday Sing. Susan thanked everyone who came to the event and the wonderful musicians who played. Susan stated that Aaron did a great job with sound and lights. All proceeds received from the Holiday Sing will be donated to Common Ground Farm. Aaron chimed-in and stated the money raised will be noted in the December report, and that the total received so far was approximately \$624.00.

Woody Report:

Steve Schwartz delivered the Woody Report. The Woody is at the Haverstraw Marina, and everything is okay. Steve hasn't heard of any issues. The new cable is in. Max Smith (Assistant Maintenance Coordinator) is doing an amazing job organizing and preparing for the spring. Steve stated there should be no excuse for people not to come down to the Marina in the spring and help get the Woody in the water for the sailing season.

Winter Lecture:

Alan Thomas presented the winter lecture series. On January 20th, Joyce Hanson is organizing a virtual video/documentary of the Story of Plastics. There will be a video link to watch the video, and afterwards a Zoom discussion for members who would like to participate. The event starts at 7:00 pm (link will be shared). On February 10th, Guy Davis is expected to come to The Beacon Sloop Club, as he would prefer to have an in-person performance. The Board of Directors is deciding if we will be holding a limited attendance event or planning to cancel due to the on-going pandemic. In April, we will host a DEC Eel program for kids; the event is scheduled to take place either on 4/2 or 4/23.

Building Report:

Vince Farina presented the building report. Vince Farina, Susan Berliner and a few members stopped the tree leak, then replaced and cleaned the light fixtures. Antony Tseng took two fire extinguishers for inspection. One requires a hydro the other was not a type that they service. Tom Labarr contacted Safeco., and they are waiting for parts

required for the upgrade to 4/5G. Steve Schwartz offered Japanese Maple wood, but it needs to be split. Steve will keep the wood at his home until needed.

Clearwater:

Steve Stanne presented the Clearwater report. Steve Stanne thanked The Beacon Sloop Club and David Eberle for the recent fundraising event held for Clearwater. The Clearwater boat is out of the water for the winter and receiving the necessary repairs for spring – located at Scarano Boat Building in Albany, NY. Exciting news: David Toman will serve as the new Executive Director; David served recently as the CFO at the Mohonk Preserve. On January 13th, at 6:30pm, there will be a virtual (remote) event – The Green Amendment: How it will change New York's Environmental Future. Clearwater is working on a strategic plan to be more sustainable and strengthen the organization for the future.

Environmental Report:

Tom Labarr stated for members to start planning their gardens. Tom Labarr emphasized the importance of growing food, as well as eating and shopping for local vegetables to reduce the carbon footprint. If you have any questions on how to set up a garden, Tom is available to speak.

Martin Luther King Parade:

Bonnie Champion presented on status but was having technical difficulties (Bonnie's audio was not working). Rob May announced that the Martin Luther King parade and meeting at the Salem Tabernacle are canceled on January 17th. Since children had already participated in the Martin Luther King essay, the review of the essays will be held at David Eberle's home on Sunday, January 10th.

Motion:

Aaron Verdile motioned the approval of the Budget presented at the December meeting. Gail Moran asked what the budget was before approving. The budget was confirmed as \$51,000. Gail second the motion and members approved the budget.

Announcements

René Vivo, a former member of the Beacon Sloop Club, passed away on December 25th. The Beacon Sloop club donated \$50.00 to René Vivo's family.

Joyce Hanson shared that The Beacon Sloop Club is still accepting donations for Common Ground Farm until January 31st. If members would like to donate, please make checks payable to The Beacon Sloop and in the memo (of the check) write "Common Ground Farm."

Hope asked if the Beacon Sloop Club would send a card to Connie Hogarth. She is not feeling well. Alan Thomas volunteered to send a card to Connie.

Ellen Kirscher asked if the sailing class will be offered soon. Rob May stated he will speak to James Malchow about the sailing class offering.

Allan Zollner shared that the Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim will be held on July 30, 2022. The event will be held mid-morning (still deciding on time). Registration will be in the spring.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Rob May adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Thursday February 10, 7:00 PM
An Evening with Guy Davis
 At the Beacon Sloop Club



A Free Event

Join us for tales, stories, and songs of his times around Clearwater and Pete Seeger.



Guy Davis has spent his musical life carrying his message of the blues around the world, from the Equator to the Arctic Circle, earning him the title "An Ambassador of the Blues". His work as an actor, author, and music teacher earmark him as a renaissance man of the blues. What music and acting have in common, he explains, "is that I don't like people to see the hard work and the sweat that goes into what I do. I want them to hear me and be uplifted. And I want some little eight-year-old kid in the front row to have big eyes and say, 'Hey, I want to do that!'."

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A Free Event

Thursday January 20, 7:00 PM
Virtual Screening and Discussion
 To Register and receive links

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lecture-series-the-story-of-plastic-post-viewing-discussion-tickets-243629591667>

Please view the film prior to the discussion.



Join Policy Director at Beyond Plastics Megan J. Wolff, Ph.D., MPH, for a discussion of the film and the "wedge" issue of the proliferation of plastic, drawing together so many of the problems of extraction, overproduction, emissions, toxins, and waste that threaten the biosphere and those who inhabit it.

She is a medical historian by training, and prior to joining Beyond Plastics she worked as an administrator and policy researcher at Weill Cornell Medical College. Megan holds a B.A. in English from Wesleyan University and an MPH and Ph.D. in Public Health from Columbia University. In addition to lectures and classroom teaching, she worked for many years as a walking tour guide in New York City.

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We are absolutely thrilled that Blues Legend, Guy Davis has agreed to come to the Sloop Club for a very special event. However, with the current surge in Covid sweeping the area we are closely monitoring the situation and may need to make adjustments to our plans, Stay tuned.

Please join us for a virtual screening of the documentary film, "The Story of Plastic" followed by a panel discussion led by Megan Wolff, Policy Director of Beyond Plastics.

Watch the film online and then join the Zoom meeting for the discussion and Q&A. The event is free, but you must register to receive the viewing and Zoom links. Please film prior to the event and join the Zoom promptly.

To Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lecture-series-the-story-of-plastic-post-viewing-discussion-tickets-243629591667>

The film's runtime is 96 minutes, so please leave enough time to view it prior to the discussion.



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**THE GREEN AMENDMENT:
 HOW IT WILL CHANGE NEW YORK'S
 ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURE**

January 13th, 2022 6:30 pm ET

In 2021, voters chose to add the Green Amendment to the state bill of rights making the right to clean air, water, and a healthful environment now a part of our constitution. What will this actually mean for the legal process?

With opening remarks by NY State Senator Pete Harkham, our featured speakers will explore the concrete ways in which the green amendment will change New York's environmental quality.

Maya K. van Rossum



Maya K. van Rossum is the founder of Green Amendments For The Generations, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring a movement to amend state constitutions to recognize and protect environmental rights on par with other inalienable civic and political freedoms.

Nicholas Robinson



Nicholas Robinson has developed environmental law since 1969, when he was named to the Legal Advisory Committee of the President's Council on Environmental Quality. He founded Pace's environmental law programs and serves as Legal Advisor to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

Seth Davis



Seth A. Davis has practiced environmental law for over 40 years in corporations, law firms, and now as a solo practitioner. He is a former Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Law, and is a member of the ABA House of Delegates representing that section.



Finishing 2021 with 16 of his bills signed into law, **Pete Harkham** was elected to the New York State Senate in November of 2018. Prior to his election, Pete has had a distinguished career in public service, most recently having served in the Administration of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo from 2015-2018.



GREEN AMENDMENTS FOR THE GENERATIONS



Current Calendar



Please Note:

While we much prefer to have in-person events and meetings, we are carefully monitoring the Covid situation, rules, and recommendations. All events are subject to change. Check your email and the BSC website for updates.

[The Green Amendment: How it will Change New York's Future](#)

Jan. 13, 6:30 pm
online

The MLK parade and live events have been canceled due to Covid concerns.

Jan. 17th
Please honor the memory of Dr. King
in your own way.

BSC Lecture Series: The Story of Plastic
Thursday, Jan. 20

7:00 pm
Online

Film available for viewing 72hrs before.
[Register Here](#)

BSC Executive Committee Meeting

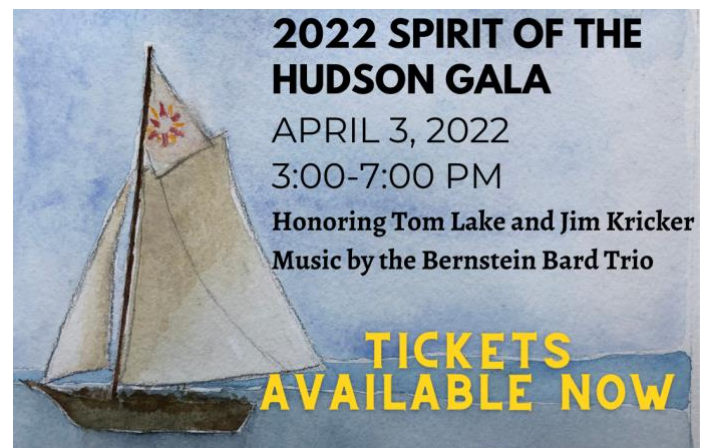
Tuesday, January 25
6:00 – 8:30pm
At the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, February 4 · 6:30 – 10:00pm
At the clubhouse

Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or James Malchow to sign up. No experience is required. We will train you.

**BSC Lecture Series:
An Evening with Guy Davis
Thursday, Feb. 10
7:00 pm
At the Clubhouse**



Clearwater is currently collecting valuable auction items for our upcoming *Spirit of the Hudson* Gala. They are looking for unique experiences, collectibles and antiques, locally produced items, gift certificates or community services. If you'd like to contact them with questions or to donate items, please email Ann Mellor at ann@clearwater.org.

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org