

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Message from Our President:

It was a joy to begin our meeting this December with an exuberant rendition of Phil Ochs's "Draft Dodger Rag." In your face activism, often delivered with a touch of tongue in cheek humor, is a hallmark of Clearwater and the Beacon Sloop Club. Just to round things off, we have a group that is bucking the recommendations of a number of environmental groups, not to mention the Governor, in regard to the Crossroads Ventures' proposed Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park. Hey, maybe there is life in the club after all. I have my opinions and you have yours. Let's express them civilly come the January meeting and throughout 2008.

Great to learn that we are now straight with the IRS and on the way to reestablishing ourselves with the New York Bureau of Charities. We have a healthy bank account (and many needs) and we have an active group of members working to build on the hard work of the past to make our environmental message even stronger at festivals and on Woody sails. We are working alongside Clearwater, Scenic Hudson, and the City of Beacon to make the Beacon Harbor a green center of waterfront activity.

The floor is flat and the roof is fixed in the club house, the Woody has a new deck and a new motor and a great team of grant writers is at work to try to get the funds to meet her ongoing needs. Last Friday I was privileged to work in the snow alongside several new members and six club stalwarts to get in a new supply of wood for the fireplace.

Much that is good has been accomplished, and much is left to be done. Let's all pitch in to help Saul Rozinsky and the incoming team with the many things that make for a strong organization. Many hands make light work!

John McLaughlin

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS TUESDAY, December 18th, 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, January 4th, at 7:30 p.m.

Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

BSC Membership Form

Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State ____ ZIP _____ - _____ Phone ____ - ____ - _____ Email _____

Amount Enclosed \$ ____ . ____ Renewal ____ New Member ____

Are you a Clearwater member? ____ Would you like information regarding a Clearwater membership? ____

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The **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.** is a non-profit, volunteer environmental education/action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the **Hudson River** and its environs. Our main focus is the **Beacon, Fishkill and Newburgh** area.

Members meet the first Friday of every month at the **Sloop Club Building** located just across from the Beacon train station. Look for the building with the Norway spruce tree growing out of the roof! A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. The general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour or so. The meeting is followed by a sing-along.

The Beacon Sloop Club and newsletter are accessible from the web:
www.beaconsloopclub.org.

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by the 1st Monday after the Friday general
meeting each month
to lindaby@verizon.net**

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes December 7, 2007

John McLaughlin, President, presiding.

Meeting started at 7:35 PM.

President John McLaughlin opened the meeting and asked if there were any new members/guests. There were 6.

- **Celia St. King**, Kingston, NY
- **Anthony Antonecchia**, Fishkill, NY
- **Maureen Shane**, New Jersey.
- **Brett & Megan** – no location provided.
- **William Erickson** – no location provided.
- **Maureen van der Merwe** – Cape Town

Special thanks were made to people who helped chop wood for the Club House Friday afternoon.

Membership: **Tom LeBarr** stated membership renewals are due Jan 1st. Membership runs from Jan 1st. of current year through to Jan 1st of following year. Renewals made in October and after count towards the following year. The suggested membership donation is \$25. (This amount is tax deductible).

Building: **Sue Altkin** named the following:

- Firewood Chairperson – **Pete Seeger**
- Shed Storage in Spring – **Kurt Hauck**
- Trash – **Peter Rosenberg**
- Scheduling work parties – **Claudine C.** (?)
Claudine reported that the first meeting had been held and she wanted to remind people that help was needed at the end of meetings in clearing and cleaning room.
- Tree maintenance – David Cohen
- Upstairs multrum maintenance – **Bonnie Rosinsky**
- Grounds maintenance – **Mark McCarroll.**

Simone Williams, coordinator of the Farmers' Market, has offered to apply for a grant which could benefit the Farmers' Market and the BSC. The lighting in the club house could be improved and/or funding obtained to assist with construction of a storage shed.

Woody Sailors: **Jim Birmingham's** report is detailed on page xx. Maintenance parties have started and information is posted on Beacon Sloop Club's web site <http://www.beaconsloop.org> and at the Yahoo group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/woodsailors/>

A question was asked by an audience member about what had happened to the motor at the end of the season and Jim Birmingham responded that the old motor was not functional and that a new motor had been purchased.

Jim Finnegan / Gigi Fris announced that the **Block Party** would be at Jim Finnegan's place on Sunday February 3rd in New Hamburg, NY at 10 AM. Directions will be sent out to Woody Sailors.

Mary Schmaltz asked the following question – when she gets phone calls in the summer – one of the frequent questions was “How do you become a Woody sailor ?” Jim responded that you should show up and then be consistent in showing up on a particular night to become a crew member with that night. You don't have to be a trained sailor since we educate people as we go along as we are a teaching organization.

Pete Seeger asked if a group of high school students wanted to form their own crew – could this be done on a weekend? Jim responded that weekday night's had proven to be the most effective for scheduling and weekends are difficult to schedule. However, there is the possibility of working with the students who would need to have a Captain to sail with them. The suggestion was made that Captains could rotate.

Ron Bell then asked the rough cost for planned repairs. Jim estimated (with **Gigi Fris** assistance) that the batteries, frame repair, and center board replacement would be approximately \$24,000.

William Erickson asked to be involved in the bidding out process and he will contact Maintenance coordinator **Gigi Fris**.

Tom LeBarr announced that there would be a **2nd Annual Woody Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday February 9**. It would follow the same format as last year and be held at the “Riverside Terrace”. The cost is \$50 with an estimated \$25 going to the club. We filled the restaurant to capacity (100) last year, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Grants: **Kevin Haydon** is serving as Chairman of the Grants Committee. **Gigi Fris** asked that the name of the committee be “Grants and Development”. Gigi Fris and **Steve van der Merwe** serve on the committee. Kevin encouraged all club members to contact him if they have leads on grants. We are now in a much better situation because of the work that Linda and John did in fixing up the fiscal reporting to the IRS and NY Bureau of Charities. **(Continued on Page 4)**

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Tom LeBarr announced the Club has received a letter dissolving any fines/fees or fees against the BSC. There was much cheering and applauding.

Harbor: John McLaughlin detailed a plan, adopted this past Wednesday in a meeting with **Mayor Elect Gold, John Cronin** of Beacon Institute, **Jeff Rumpf** from Clearwater, **Cindy Cowden** from River Pool, several government officials and the engineering firm hired to do the planing, for docking facilities to be placed in the south Beacon Harbor. John characterized the meeting as extremely good and productive. He noted that there was a very good working relationship with the City of Beacon and the Beacon Institute. The DEC was present but didn't stay long.

Steve Gold made it very clear that the BSC will be an important part of this plan and John Cronin was also very insistent that the Woody be included. Nothing is planned north of the Ferry dock and we will continue to operate in this area much as we do now. Jeff Rumpf, (Exec. Director of Clearwater) was a strong voice on behalf of BSC. Jeff Rumpf is working on moving operations and Clearwater's berth down to Beacon.

David Cohen asked how this development would impact parking. John replied that MTA will be giving some of the parking back and that MTA is building a 4 story parking garage east of the tracks.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$18,261 in bank account. John McLaughlin thanked all who donated personally and/or got grants. John said that we are in better shape now than we were in this time last year when we needed a new deck and a new floor.

Spring Splash: Dan Einbender reported Clearwater is trying to get Paul Winter or Natalee Merchant or both as feature performers. He said that help was needed and he hoped that BSC volunteers would step forward to assist.

Dan also spoke about the BSC **Education Committee** (Dan, **Gigi Fris** and **Edmund Fitzgerald**) plans to have a series of classes / briefings for Woody sailors during the winter months. He will try to find out the best dates (Saturday or weeknights). The classes will focus on Biology, Environmental action and History of the area presented through a series of lecturers by experts in these fields in order to present a substantial program to guests as they sail on the Woody.

Riverpool: John McLaughlin said that they had their annual meeting at Boudoin Park on 18 November and had an election. The board has been expanded from 11 to 12 people. There new officers are: Cindy Cowden, President, John McLaughlin, VP, Michael Gersh, Treasurer, and Nancy Yambem, Secretary.

Newsletter: Linda is stepping down as editor and for December John McLaughlin will put the Broadside together. Eighty persons have signed up to have the Broadside delivered electronically; 200 people continue to receive a paper copy sent through the mail. Tinya Seeger will make copies of the December newsletter for mailing. John anticipated that there would be a collating/folding/stamping party on Wednesday Dec 12 or Thursday Dec 13. Electing to get the newsletter electronically takes the burden off volunteers, save postage, is environmentally friendly.

Volunteer Recognition: Sue Altkin said that back in October it was decided to have an award for "unsung heroes". This was inspired by work done by Kurt Hauck while working on the tree\roof. The c "Unsung Heroes" would have no official title but had given extraordinary effort.

First honoree was **Mary Schmaltz** -- Sue spoke about how she often sleeps overnight guarding the festival sites and cleans up the clubhouse when everyone else has gone home. She is a tireless promoter of the BSC to local publications and historical societies and organizations such as Music in the Park. She also is constantly rounding up donation to send to the BSC's coffers (such as the grant she got from Wal-Mart) and she is noted for her famous beloved Pumpkin Costume. Wappinger Falls Business Association has also nominated her as "Volunteer of the Year".

Next up was **Ron Bell** who Sue called a man of many talents and a rugged individualist. He became aware of the BSC during a monument dedication to Martin Luther King Jr. He has tirelessly shared his resources such as his vacuum, wood splitter, compressor. He is an artisan who has build covers for the toilet seat in the multrum. He was a major help with the concrete floor pouring and is constantly looking out for safety concerns around the club. Edmund Fitzgerald added thanks to Ron for all the equipment he has given the Environmental Committee such as seines, crab traps, throw nets, etc. Ron has also become famous for his culinary efforts and he is our official "Fritter Critter" with his excellent apple fritters, apple ciders and fruit cocktails.

General Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Mark McCarroll was the third honoree who also sleeps outside guarding the festivals. He is BSC's archivist going back 25 years documenting everything with his camera and video camera. Sue noted that many in the club have gotten over their camera shyness thanks to Mark and that Mark was making a record of the history being made here in the Beacon Sloop Club. He has donated much of his art and sales proceeds to the club. He also mows the lawn outside and takes care of the grounds.

Congratulations to all three of these wonderful "Unsung Heroes". It was agreed would be a good tradition to continue this award.

Election of 2008 Officers:

The Nominating Committee consisting of Edmund Fitzgerald, Mary Schmaltz and Connie Hogart presented an unopposed slate of: Saul Rozinsky, President; David Cohen, Vice President; Jim Finnigan, Treasurer; Dave Eberle, Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was adopted without opposition.

The outgoing officers were thanked for their efforts and the audience acknowledged this through applause.

Sol Rozinsky in his capacity as president-elect thanked the members for their confidence in him and asked for continued assistance from the "people who make this club work – like Mary Schmaltz and Ron Bell." He complimented **Liz Newell** on the signs as they are "fantastic". He went on to say that this club is made up of many groups of people – the people who make the music, the people who make the Woody run, the people who put the festivals work, , the people who guide us on ecology, environmental and social justice – everyone of thee people help keep the place going.

John McLaughlin then opened up the meeting for announcements and new business

Connie Hogarth reminded the group of the National Day of Action against Global Warming. Event, cosponsored by BSC to be held Dec. 8 in Beacon at the Tabernacle of Christ – Hispanic Church next to Howland Cultural Center. Also a film in progress on Greenland's exposure to PCBs and global warming will be shown between 2 and 4:30. Following this will be a Street Sing from 5 – 6 with Pete Seeger. All is free.

Mark McCarroll – gave details on the Save the Mountain Effort in Belleayre, NY. This has been going on for many years. Sierra Club is one of the remaining 5 groups fighting this effort.

Mark gave a brief overview and a local resident talked about the impact this huge development would have on the area. The Club agreed to have Sierra Club come and make a presentation on this topic at the January meeting.

Seasonal Sing: This will take place next Friday @ 8 PM. This tradition is getting bigger and bigger and the club is usually filled to capacity. David Bernz and Sue Altkin passed a sign up sheet and asked for help with several details of the sing.

This will be a pot luck – focusing on mainly deserts but also salty snacks – nuts and crackers and dip. Participants are asked to bring gifts for "Toys for Tots" and donations for Clearwater and other worthwhile efforts.

Additionally, if anyone has any old instruments – please bring them as Mel and Vinnie will be collecting them for the Feelgood Tour which takes instruments down to schools in New Orleans.

The meeting closed @ 8:59 PM.

Happy Holidays to all BSC members

Respectfully submitted:
Steve van der Merwe

NOTE FROM DAVID EBERLE:

I would like to express my gratitude for being elected to the position of Secretary of the Beacon Sloop Club.

I take on this responsibility and plan to become an active member of the board and full participant in the Club's many activities. I must apologize for not being able to attend the meeting. I was delayed in coming back from Connecticut and didn't arrive until after 9 PM. I promise that I will be present from here on out. I am looking forward to serving the club.

Sincerely
David Eberle

The Woody Report

The Woody was hauled out on November 12th and is on its stands at White's Marina. The winter cover frame was built and tarp cover was put up on November 18th. I would like to thank all who worked so hard during both work parties. The winter maintenance season is off to a very good start thanks to the cooperation of all the Captains and many of the Woody sailors.

A Captains meeting was held on November 25th to discuss the priorities for this year's winter maintenance and was attended by the 6 active Captains and the Maintenance Coordinator. As the Woody ages there are several concerns and issues that need to be addressed to keep the boat in safe and working condition. Among the conclusions reached were priorities to replace blocks, lines, centerboard, batteries and mounting of the foredeck cleats and to address repair of several frames, butt blocks, centerboard truck rot and recaulking the hull and locating hull leaks. We decided not to address replacement of the cabin top and replacement of the centerboard trunk but may look at replacement or repair of the seating benches although it is not considered a priority. Scarano boat building who replaced the deck frames and deck last winter will be contacted to discuss issues with the deck leaking.

We received estimates to build a new centerboard, fix the frames and replace the cabin top. Grants for supplies and professional services are being applied for by Gigi Fris and Kevin Haydon. A battery replacement bid from a dealer in this area was received for around \$8,200. Maintenance parties are already starting. A detailed list of tasks is being created along with a schedule. We plan to award the centerboard build to Goergen Woodworks.

As a reminder, all active Woody Sailor's are expected to contribute 30 hours towards the maintenance of the boat each year. Sailors should contact their Captains and Maintenance coordinator (Gigi Fris) for specifics on work parties and other maintenance activities. Announcements are often made on the Woody Sailors group web site on Yahoo. Please consider joining the group by e-mailing info@beaconsloopclub.org. The task list will also be updated on the BSC web site along with announcements as appropriate. Many hands make light work!

Jim Birmingham

**WOODY SAILORS BLOCK PARTY – SUNDAY FEB. 3RD 10 A.M.
'TIL 3 P.M.**

AT JIM FINNIGAN'S YELLOW CHURCH AT 9 DIVISION STREET IN *NEW HAMBURG*

THREE BLOCKS NORTH OF WHITE'S MARINA

DIRECTIONS / QUESTIONS: 845-297-9347

Announcement:

The Editor has resigned and a new Editor is needed. If you have any interest in applying for the Editor position, please contact Linda Beatty, lindaby@verizon.net, or Jim Birmingham, jbirmingham@hvc.rr.com. Volunteer assistance is also still needed for printing the newsletter and preparing it for mailing.

BEACON SLOOP CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2007

Submitted by Linda Beatty on December 7, 2007

		<u>Festivals</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
11/1/2007 Account Balance	\$ 17,666.23		
INCOME			
11/19/07 - Alternative Energy Festival vendors	\$ 250.00	\$250.00	
11/19/07 - Pumpkin Festival vendors	\$ 540.00	\$540.00	
Total Income	\$ 790.00	790.00	
EXPENSE			
11/5/07 - Jason Hahn - Small boats maintenance	\$ 40.00		\$40.00
11/19/07 - Hattie Hess - Pumpkin Fest vendor reimbursement	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
11/19/07 - M. Wheeler - Pumpkin Fest vendor reimbursement	\$ 55.00	\$55.00	
Total Expense	\$ 195.00	\$155.00	\$40.00
11/30/2007 Account Balance	<u>\$ 18,261.23</u>		

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Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday,
December 17th, 7:30 p.m.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday
of the month: next meeting January 4th –
potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

African Drumming Classes with Kazi Oliver
Fridays at 7 p.m. except the 1st Friday of the
month at the BSC.

Farmers Market every Saturday, 10-4 p.m., at
BSC.

Woody Work Party most Sundays at White's
Marina. Contact a Captain.

Beacon Sloop Club Annual Seasonal Sing,
December 14, 8 p.m. at the Beacon Sloop Club
clubhouse. Free admission—bring a new gift
toy, make a donation to Clearwater, bring your
favorite finger food to share.

Vigil for Peace every Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the intersection of Rts. 9 and 9D opposite Staples and at the corner of the South Hills Mall.

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

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