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Serving Hudson River Sloop Clearwater with Pride for 35 Years

Message from Our President:

There is certainly a lot going on at the BSC. We had a great Earth Day festival. This was only the second time we've done one in recent years, and this one was bigger and better than last year's. Now, we're looking forward to our participation in the Riverlover's Shad Festival on May 18th at Croton Point Park. Our Solar Trailer will be there, powering the stage, and we'll be selling the best vegetarian chili in the Hudson Valley.

On June 15th, we'll be holding our biggest festival of the year, the Strawberry Festival. We have a brand new strawberry tent, with a little more floor space than the old one and lovely strawberry-and-whipped-cream coloring. Phyllis Newham is coordinating this festival. Please call her if you want to find out what you can do to help make it a success.

We are trying our best to get local berries for this festival. We planned to buy from a group of farmers in Ulster County, but a couple of frosty nights has put that in some doubt. We are checking out other fairly local sources. Berries from distant growers will be used only as a last resort.

It looks like we have been given the use of part of a building at the University Settlement Camp site, to use for BSC storage. The space is just about ideal for our needs, but it is going to take some cleaning and minor "home improvement" before we move our stuff in. A couple of people have already volunteered to help, but we can use a few more hands. Over the next few weeks, we'll be working on a new trailer for our big strawberry cooler. We'll be working on getting the ovens ready to bake about 2000 biscuits for shortcake. If you've got some energy and time to devote to the club, this is the time of year to do it!

The Woody is in the water and by the time you read this, the mast will be rigged and in place. The start of sailing season isn't far away. If you haven't sailed on the Woody recently, make a date to get out on the river. A lot of work has been done on our boat, and she is looking better than ever.

> See you at the river, Saul.

Inside this issue:

The Woody's back in the water, the return of the rainbow stripe, Earth Day , and much more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS TUESDAY, May 27th, 7:30 p.m. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, June 6th, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

BSC Membership Form

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Secretary:

volunteer environmental non-pront, 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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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting each month (early submissions are much appreciated)

to acthoma@yahoo.com

Input requiring scanning must be in 1 week in advance to Alan Thomas PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537

Saul Rozinsky, President, presiding.

The meeting began with singing happy birthday to Pete Seeger, founder and member, who has been around almost as long as the hills and the river itself championing nature and the rights of the common man. A birthday cake was presented to Pete and shared with all.

Visitors were acknowledged. There was quite a contingent from New Jersey.

Betty Harkins was recognized for being an active member for 35 years.

Condolences were expressed for the passing of Captain Ben Mazer's father and Jim Birmingham's father.

The meeting was then called to order by Saul Rozinsky.

Treasurer's report was presented. We made \$750 dollars selling food at the Spring Splash and over \$400 from Earth Day.

Woody Guthrie report was presented by Gigi. The new center board crafted by Jimmy Goergen was inserted and the Sloop is now in the water and fully swelled. The water leaks of last year seem to have been fixed. The sloop looks great with a new racing stripe. The mast is scheduled to be stepped back into place Sunday morning and then Tom LaBarr will install the batteries and new motor. The spars will be installed Wednesday. The rigging is being completed by Kip, John, and Tom Baldino. We will need help in installing the rigging. Great work Kip and Gigi!

Gratitude was expressed for the generous support of Donny White and family.

Building Report: Danny Serles has installed some signs from the Sojourner on the rafters.

Harbor Report: We will have a cleanup of the Harbor (breaking up old unrepairable docks) Saturday 9:00 AM. Strawberry Festival June 15th

As usual we need lots of volunteers to do this festival. Contact Phyllis Newham 831-6962

There was a frost this week which will delay the ripening of local berries. Tom LaBarr will be looking for alternate sources.

18th annual Shadfest Sunday May 18th at Croton Park at Croton on the Hudson. We are invited to volunteer. 914-423-3112

. **Marilyn Elie** spoke about the status of the battle against Indian Point Nuclear Plant. The State has joined with county and local governments in raising contentions about the plant and demanding a complete review. It is now in the review stage. She requested people to call or write our state representatives to keep the pressure on. Contact Marilyn Elie 739-6164 for more information.

Jim Cunha from Connecticut talked about a flaw in the Medicare law which specifies 50% payment for illnesses of the brain but 100% for illnesses of the body. He is

working with the Conn. Attorney General to bring about a lawsuit to rectify this. He suggested that we should also try to work with our State's attorney to do the same.

The mayor of Beacon, the honorable Steve Gold was introduced. He held a brief open forum. Several good issues were raised, including having the ferry run during festivals, putting benches in the riverfront park, and improving parking space at the Beacon end of the bridge for bridge walkers. The mayor recognized Sloop Club member and DEC Urban Forester Lou Sebestia for his work saving the trees along Main Street. He is a valuable community asset.

Singer/songwriter Bill Hudson spoke about the Feel Good Tour which takes musical instruments to school children in New Orleans. If you have any old instruments to donate please call 540-366-7290. An organ is being donated.

Nora Gallardo announced a packing party for Pastors for Peace will be held Saturday June7th 4pm-8pm at Nora and Eugene's Plattekill house. Donations are appreciated, Please call 845-542-0557 for more information.

Sandra Kazam spoke about the effort to save 7000 acres of land from development which culminated in the creation of the Stewart State Forest. A community bike ride is being held Sunday June 8th. There are 9, 16, and 18 mile long trails. Pre-event registration is \$25 to support the activities of SPARC to maintain and preserve the land. Contact Ralph Grimaldi 845-496-9487 for more information.

Monmoth County Friends of Clearwater will be holding their annual traveling environmental festival August 16-17th contact <u>info@mcclearwater.org</u> or go to <u>www.mcclearwater.org</u> for more information

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse Saturday May 10th is Phil Ochs Song Night featuring: John Flynn, Greg Greenway, Kim & Reggie Harris, Magpie, Pat Wictor Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave., White Plains, NY, Audience songfest at 6:45pm - Concert begins at 7:30pm.\$20 at door / \$17.50 online - children 6-12 \$10

Mel Healy created a digitally re-mastered CD of original Broad Old River recordings by the Hudson River Sloop Singers. The first set sold out but they are creating a new CD with additional songs. Proceeds are to be split between Clearwater and the Beacon Sloop Club.

A series of six limited edition framed matter photographs by Econosmith singed by Pete and Toshi Seeger are for sale. They can be viewed at the Clearwater web site. Contact Mel Healy for more information about the CD or Prints at <u>melhealy@yahoo.com</u> or 845-744-5483 or mhealy@frontiernet.net.

Respectively presented,

David Eberle, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

In attendance: Saul Rozinsky, Steven Van der Merwe, Gigi Fris, Mary Schmalz, David Cohen, Ron Bell, Kevin Haydon, Phyllis Newham, Jim Finnigan, Rick Price, Edmund Fitzgerald

The Meeting was called to order by Saul Rozinsky President at 7:30 pm.

The Woody: Gigi Fris

The boat will be launched on Friday, May 3,at 3:30 PM. Work on the centerboard trunk and ribs has been completed.

A motion was introduced to authorize payment of 2 bills for work on the centerboard trunk and ribs. Motion passed.

Earth Day Results : David Cohen

The signage was not adequate, signs should have been larger..Discussion followed relating to large wooden signs that need refurbishing or replacing. Saul proposed putting large banner on BSC chimney and also repainting signs for roadways into festivals. He will ask for help with this at general meeting.

Art Project Status:

Gigi Fris explained that grants from Dutchess Council on Arts and the Puffin foundation totaling \$1850.00 have been received toward a mural to be completed and displayed in City of Beacon. A discussion followed regarding BSC responsibilities for documentation, insurance, additional fundraising and other issues related to the grants and the project itself. Gigi stated that she will be responsible for any additional fundraising.

A sample of the planned project was available for the board to see. Some questions arose about its portability which were resolved.

Jim Finnigan and Saul discussed a contract with Rick Price. Jim submitted a contract to Rick for his review. Saul stressed to Rick that if he found any problem with the contract he would be glad to change or rewrite in a simpler format. It was agreed that when a signed contract is in place Jim will write Rick a check according to the grant stipulations.

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Greetings from the Beacon Sloop Club Environmental Committee:

Our Earth Day festival exhibits were well received and much knowledge was shared with the public. The River Life displays consisted of a Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) and Hogchocker (*Trinectes maculates*) compliments from a trolling trip by the Sloop Clearwater. A Brown Bull Head Catfish (*Ameiurus nebulosus*) and a yellow green adult American Eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) were caught in the harbor in an eel pot baited with bones from a left- over chicken dinner. A trip to a local stream also provided us with fine examples of an elver (juvenile American Eel) and two crayfish (*Decapoda*) one large and one not so large. The aquatic larvae getting the most attention in the macro-invertebrate exhibits were the Crane Fly (*Tipula*) and Stone fly (*Plecoptera*) and a pair of Hellgrammites (*Corydalus*).

The River Observation exhibit was up and collecting data detailing the fluctuations and effects of tide, current, and water chemistry. Our first attempt at solar powering our bubblers/air pumps went off well enough using batteries that were re-charged via a solar battery charger but this is a work in progress and we look forward to improving on this concept and making it more

of an educational opportunity. Thank you to all those who assisted in making this event a success and all those who took the time to attend. To learn more about our Hudson River or the animals detailed above, or the physical cycles and conditions of the river.



Please visit our tent at the June Strawberry Festival. We close with a quote that was mentioned by an attendee at the BSC monthly meeting on Friday that is worth repeating here

Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money. ~Cree Proverb.

Sat. May 10 8pm CLEARWATER SONG CIRCLE Roots Music Coffeehouse in Danbury CT. 8-9 open mike/ round robin followed by two shows: Great Blue and Mel and Vinnie with Susan Lang and Bill Wisnowski. For details <u>melhealy@yahoo.com</u> 845 744 5483 Tickets \$10, a portion goes to Clearwater.

www.rootsmusiccoffeehouse.com/clearwater.cfm The Broad Old River fundraiser photos will be available that night.

May 26-28 Mel and Vinnie will be in New Orleans bringing an organ to a church. We'll be posting more words and pictures about post Katrina relief efforts at <u>www.melandvinnie.blogspot.com</u> Common Ground Relief asked to talk and sing about what Clearwater does in the lower 9th Ward.

Special Executive Meeting Wednesday 30th 2008

Called to order by Saul Rozinsky Item of discussion: Beacon Mural Art Project Saul gave a summary of the history of the project.

Last fall the grants committee presented the proposed project to the Executive Committee. It was discussed but no formal vote was taken. The project was for the creation of a mural to go on the side of a building on Main Street is Beacon. The mural would be created by artist Rick Price. The total cost of the mural was \$10,000. A private donation was given to the artist thus reducing the needed funds to \$8500.

The arts council had approved the project for funding, but could not give the funds directly to the artist but needed to give the funds to a non-profit organization that would be responsible for the project and contract with the office. This is where the Beacon Sloop Club enters the picture as the grants committee was asking if the Sloop Club would act as this intermediary.

What was not clear is that by agreeing to do so the Sloop Club would be responsible for contracting with the artist and for raising the remainder of the funds (\$8500). The Sloop Club then signed an agreement with the arts council and received a grant of \$1000 dollars. An additional grant of \$850 was received from the Pippin Foundation. However, the Sloop Club had no contract with the artist. And concerns were raised about the obligation to raise additional funds. In accepting the funds we had obligated ourselves but had no contract to assure that the artist would fulfill our obligations. There were other concerns about the obligations of ownership including insurance and repairs if needed.

Since we had already obligated ourselves the general consensus was that we should move to fulfill this obligation and establish a contract between the Sloop Club and the artist. This contract will specify that this mural will be displayed on the wall for two years after which it can be relocated. We have elected to transfer ownership to the City of Beacon. The Sloop Club will be responsible for raising the additional funds (\$8500). A potential contract was reviewed and some amendments were suggested. A motion to proceed with the amended contract was made by David Cohen and seconded by David Eberle. The vote was 10 in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstainer.

Although the contract does obligate us to raise \$8500, there is an open ended time to do so (indefinite time). With the payment of the \$1850 already received, the artist will proceed with and complete the mural. The committee was also made aware of the fact that the Arts Council had stated that there is another grant of \$3000 dollars available. This would leave us with a balance of \$3850 to raise (\$8500 -\$1850 -\$3000).

There was also some discussion about some aspects of the mural and these features will be discussed with the artist.

Sincerely,

David Eberle Secretary

The 2008 festival season began with **Earth Day** on April 20th. An enthusiastic crowd came to the waterfront to celebrate and learn.



Volunteers sold apple fritters, chili, and beverages, and ran the environmental education displays.

The Clearwater offered tours and was very popular with the young visitors.

An all-star line-up of members and friends kept the crowd well entertained.



STRAWBERRY FEST AHEAD...



Plans are in the works for our annual Very Famous Strawberry Festival which happens Sunday June 15. But first...A gathering of all folks interested in producing a fabulous festival will be held on WED MAY 14, 7pm at the Sloop Club. The Agenda--We'll be reviewing all the plans in place so far- the music, the children's area, the E-tent, park permits, publicity, vendors, site plan, signs, ovens, the new tent, membership booth, strawberry updates, transportation, set up and clean up, ideas for making the park look even more inviting and festive, and of course Other and All Else.

If you can't make it to this meeting but have a report or an idea please drop me an email or give me a call at 845-831-6962.

Phyllis



Cheers,



Executive Committee Meeting continued from page 5.

There were many questions concerning the grant and how it will be reported. A discussion followed with input from Ed Fitzgerald, Jim Finnigan, Kevin Haydon and others.

Storage space at Settlement Camp:

Saul is discussing issues with Mayor Gold.

Memorandum of Understanding:

David Cohen noted that we should be discussing a memorandum of understanding with COB to include our continued presence in Beacon Harbor, availability of electric, water and sewer and a standing membership on the Beacon Waterfront committee.

Parking for boaters is also an issue, especially for boaters with limited mobility who need to park close to the river. Saul suggested that boater parking should be further south near Scenic Hudson property so boaters do not have to compete with commuters for parking spaces.

Lawsuit:

Saul reported that the lawsuit our attorney proposed against Riverpool has been dropped. The lawsuit against BSC and the City of Beacon continues, however.

Strawberry Festival: Phyllis Newham

The Strawberry Festival is on track so far. We need to get ovens, trailer, strawberry cooler box. Permit fees for use of the park have increased dramatically.

We are discussing these fees with the city for appropriateness and accuracy. A strawberry committee meeting will be held soon. The date will be announced at the general meeting.

New Business:

Mary Schmalz- presented proposal to participate in the Hudson Valley Ramble again this year. The Executive committee agreed. The event will be on Sept.21st to coincide with the Go Zero race.

Phyllis Newham suggested that we need time following the general meeting to speak with other club members and guests. Saul will ask Pete if the aftermeeting music could be delayed or played acoustically to accommodate other member needs.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully,

Phyllis Newham, acting Secretary

Woody maintenance continued in high gear under the direction of maintenance coordinator Gigi Fris, culminating in the launch April 25th.

Activities this month included the final sanding and painting of hull and trim and installation of the new centerboard.

Liz Nedwell and Nate Binzen did a great job resurrecting



Photos by Beverly Dyckman, A. Thomas

Rechargeable Battery Recycling

When the battery can no longer hold a charge, it can and should be recycled. Consumers simply drop off their used rechargeable batteries at participating retail stores or community collection sites. After you drop off your rechargeable batteries, they are shipped to a recycling facility. Recyclable rechargeable batteries include Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) and Lithium Ion (Li-ion).

To learn more about the non-profit, public service Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) and its Call2Recycle program, visit their website at <u>http://www.call2recycle.org</u> or call toll free 800-8-BATTERY or

877-2-RECYCLE



Tom LaBarr

BSC TREASURER'S REPORT 05/02					
Submitted by Jim Finnigan					
BSC General Fund	Amount	Membership	Woody	Donations	Festivals
04/07/08 - Festival Income - Clearwater Spring Splash	\$720.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$720.50
04/16/08 - Check - Festival Expenses - Ron Bel - chalk marking wheel	(\$144.72)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$144.72)
04/25/08 - Festival Income - Earth Day (as of 05/02/08)	\$442.00	\$101.00	\$0.00	\$93.00	\$248.00
04/11/08 & 04/25/08 - Checks - Tentbuilders.com - Festival Expenses - Strawberry tent	(\$1,823.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,823.00)
04/25/08 - Deposit - Donation for Woody	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Monthly Income & (Expenses)	(\$455.22)	\$101.00	\$350.00	\$93.00	(\$999.22)
OPENING BALANCE 04/02/08	\$35,005.21				
Closing Balance	\$34,549.99				

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Broad Old River Resurrection Committee offers

signed photos for sale March 1, 2008 Coming Soon!! 1000 digitally mixed Broad Old River CDs with photos, lyrics and bonus tracks. The project's funding comes from friends of the Broad Old River Resurrection Committee out of pocket and pro bono, with a stipend only to John Guth for the phase 2 digital mix from his original 8-track masters. All proceeds from the sale of this CD benefit both Clearwater and Beacon Sloop Club to support Clearwater and Woody Guthrie, our Hudson River sloops to save the waters. Soon to be on <u>www.clearwater.org</u>. Limited edition, \$475 each. Six 16 x 20 framed, matted photographs by Econosmith www.econosmith.com Each one signed by Toshi and Pete Seeger

To order contact Mel Healy <u>melhealy@yahoo.com</u> 845-744-5483 **Executive Committee meeting**, Tuesday, May 27th, 7:30 p.m.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting June6th – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., at the Beacon waterfront

River Lover's Shad Festival, Sunday, May 18th, Croton Point Park, Croton on Hudson.

Strawberry Festival planning meeting, Wednesday, May 14th at the Beacon Sloop Club Clubhouse

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse, Saturday, May 10th, at the United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave., White Plains

Strawberry Festival, Sunday, June 15th, River Front Park, Beacon





Something to Say Cafe May 10th, 7;30 p.m. at the Beacon Sloop Club clubhouse, *davidbernz@verizon.net.*

Clearwater Song Circle, Saturday, May 10th, at the Roots Music Coffeehouse, Danbury, CT.



Woody Work Parties: , Contact a Captain to complete specific tasks.



Fishin' the River at Norrie Point, Saturday May 17th 3-5 pm at Norrie Point Environmental Center

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: <u>www.beaconsloop.org</u>, or <u>www.beaconsloopclub.org</u>

Current Calendar