

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving The Hudson River Sloop Clearwater with Pride for 35 Years

Message from Our President:

We had a great crowd at the Jan 4th meeting. There was excellent food and interesting speakers. This is an exciting time for the club. Clearwater is coming to Beacon with plans to make Beacon the home port for the "mother ship." There are also plans for possible winter facilities for the Woody right in our own backyard.

And, an old friend of the club is the new mayor of Beacon. Steve Gold mentioned us, and the tree that grows through our clubhouse roof, in his inaugural speech. He said we "take our environmentalism seriously." What better recognition could we ask for?

I'd say the year is off to a good start. We have a lot of exciting events coming up while the weather is still cold. There will be a series of classes during Jan, Feb and Mar conducted by Clearwater at our clubhouse. The purpose of these classes is to "train the trainer." We want to have an informed environmental speaker on each public sail of the Woody. If you sail on the Woody and would like to be the environmental speaker now and then, please check out these classes.

The Woody dinner is coming up in February. There are only 100 seats at this event. Details are elsewhere in this issue of the Broadside.

Finally, we have a job open in the club. We'll call it "conveyance and delivery of recycled material." This job has to be done at least once a month, on the Saturday morning following meeting night. At the end of the meeting, all the trash and recyclables have to be separated and bagged up. Then, the next morning, someone has to take the bags to the Beacon transfer station. The transfer station is only about 2 miles from the clubhouse and it is open from 7:00 AM until 2:30 PM. This job requires a commitment of about 3/4 of an hour, once a month. It is perfect for someone who lives in the Beacon area. Any volunteers?

See you soon,
Saul

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS TUESDAY, January 22nd, 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, February 1st, at 7:30 p.m.

Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

BSC Membership Form

Name _____ Street Address _____

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

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter in printed format or in e-mail format? _____

Please include your e-mail address if you want your newsletter e-mailed to you.

Membership suggested donation \$25.00. Minimum of \$10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!
If you can't afford the minimum, the fee may be waved.

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The **Beacon Sloop Club Broadside** is the official monthly newsletter of the **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.**

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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Beacon Sloop Club Broadside
by the 1st Monday after the Friday general
meeting each month
to acthoma@yahoo.com**

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes January 4, 2008

Saul Rozinsky, President, presiding.

Meeting started at 7:30 PM.

The 2008 officers were introduced: President **Saul Rozinsky**, Vice President **David Cohen**, Secretary **David Eberle**, and Treasurer **Jim Finnigan**.

Boat Ramp Lawsuit: Our attorney was instructed to remove River Pool as a party in the lawsuit.

Education Committee:

A series of **Winter Seminars** has been scheduled to provide environmental and historical instruction for Woody Sailors and the general public. They will be held every other Friday at 7:30 PM at the Beacon Sloop Club. Details will be published in the newsletter.

Clearwater Report: Dan Einbender

Spring Splash will be 7:30 Sunday April 6, 2008. We need volunteers to sell food for the BSC. Last year we made over \$1200.

Jeff Rumpf the new Executive Director of Clearwater spoke about the Clearwater's Mission (providing an experience and educating children about the environment), and about the increased potential to fulfill this mission through partnership with the Beacon Sloop Club. Volunteers are needed to help with winter maintenance on the Sloop Clearwater. Contact Dan Einbender for more information.

Woody Report: Gigi Fris

We have done \$165,000 in repairs over the last several years but need to do another \$42,000 in repairs. The Dyson Foundation turned down our Grant application. We are still applying for other grants. We are also looking for a new shipwright.

The annual **Block Party** will be in New Hamburg at Jim Finnigan's home Saturday February 3 to perform maintenance on the tackle and blocks. Contact Jim or Gigi for more information.

We will be doing maintenance work on Sunday mornings at White's Marina in New Hamburg beginning around 9:00 am. Volunteers are welcome.

Woody Fundraising Dinner: Tom LaBarr

The dinner will be Saturday February 9, 6:00 PM. At the River Terrace in Beacon. Seating is limited so be sure to make your reservations early.

Deadline is January 26th. Cost is \$50 per person. For more information contact Tom Labarr at 845-831-4267.

New Tent

We will be replacing the large "strawberry" tent as the old one is well worn and inadequate.

Treasurers Report:

We have a balance of \$18,007.73 in the bank. Committee Chairpersons should get their 2008 budget requests in ASAP. If you have not paid your Annual Dues Please send them to Tom LaBarr.

Newsletter:

Alan Thomas has agreed to put together the newsletter. He can be contacted at acthoma@yahoo.com. We need people to collate, fold and staple. There are now three ways to get the newsletter: on the website, by personal e-mail, and by postal mail. Postal is the most expensive and takes much volunteer effort, so please consider changing to electronic delivery.

Unsung Hero Award's: Plaques were presented by Sue Altin to **Ron Bell**, **Mark McCarroll**, and **Mary Schmalz**.

Building Committee: Sue Altin

We need to clean out Children's Area for the winter meetings. If you wish to leave or donate an item please speak with Sue first as space is limited. We also need a Storage Shed which hopefully will be built this spring

David Cohen and John McLaughlin are looking for potential storage space at the University Settlement Camp

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General Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Announcements:

Cindy Cowden River Pool's New President: Hopefully the **River Pool** will open July 4th. The Annual River Swim is scheduled for August 5th.

Gigi Fris: Rich Price a local artist will be painting a mural on the side wall of the Hudson Glass Building using funds from a grant to the BSC. It will include individuals who have played prominent roles with regard to the Hudson River Environment.

Mark McCarroll: There is a real battle going on with regard to the proposed Belleyare Mtn. development. Several environmental groups have signed off on an accord but other groups are fighting this accord. The proposed development is to include 629 units, 2 hotels, 10 retail stores, 5 restaurants, an outdoor amphitheater, tennis courts, 18-hole golf course and pro shop. The DEC is now holding a Scoping Session to gather public comment to determine what issues are to be reviewed. Scoping is the legally-mandated detail of public concerns about all possible impacts of the proposal. The DEC has extended the public comment period until January 14th, 2008. For more information go to www.savethemountain.net or contact Mark McCarroll.

Rich Parisio, Environmental Ed. Program Coordinator of Stony kill stated that there will be a public forum Wednesday January 30th 7:00 PM. The program includes a webcast "2% Solution, Focus the Nation: Raising the Profile of Climate Change", a sing with music by **Pete Seeger**, and a panel of local experts to answer questions.

Bill Hudson is leading a feel good tour taking musical instruments to New Orleans. Donations of Instruments are welcome. Contact Sue Altkin for more information.

Dan Einbender asked that donations be taken up to help the husband of Helen Crobicinski who died recently. He is in a nursing home with severe dementia.

The meeting ended with the circle of Song, led by Dan Einbender, Michael Scolnick, and others.

Respectfully submitted,

David Eberle

The Woody Report

The Woody is continuing its winter hibernation under the tarp up at Whites Marina in New Hamburg. Sailors have been coming to the Sunday maintenance parties directed by our Winter Maintenance Coordinator Gigi Fris.

The focus last week was cleaning up all the BSC junk around the work shed. Ice was also cleared off the boat.

We are in the process of investigating possible methods to deal with a few of the boat frames that have been identified as needing repair and we are moving forward with our plans to have the centerboard rebuilt. I also understand that there were a couple of eagles spotted fishing off the ice flows near the Woody.

(Editor's note: They were magnificent)

Please join in the fun of winter maintenance. We have lots to do to get the boat in the water for her 30th season serving the Hudson River. Contact your Captain or Gigi

Jim Birmingham

Woody Guthrie Sailors' Winter Seminars:

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater will present a series of lectures/presentations designed for volunteer crewmembers of the Sloop Woody Guthrie. The series will provide information, teaching tools, and techniques on a variety of Hudson River topics. This program is free and open to interested members of the community. All programs will be held at 7:30 PM, at the Beacon Sloop Club. Directly after each meeting the Woody Sailors developing the Boat Bag will meet to determine what information will be incorporated.

Friday January 25th "The Hudson before Hudson: Native American and Natural History. Why the river flows both ways!" with Dave Conover, Director of Education for Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

Friday February 8th "Hudson River Issues: Threats and opportunities" with Manna Jo Greene Clearwater's Director of Environmental Action

Friday February 22nd "Estuary Overview: Water quality monitoring" with Eli Schloss Clearwater's Tideline Education Director at Esopus Meadows Environmental Center

Friday March 14th "Newburgh Bay: From an Historical Perspective" with Bob Murphy and Mary McTamane, Town Historians of Beacon and Newburgh

Friday March 28th "The Living River: Plants and animals of Newburgh Bay" with Chris Bowser of NYDEC's Rivers and Estuaries Program

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes December 18, 2007

Discussion of Lawsuit:

There was a detailed discussion of the lawsuit. John McLaughlin moved (Saul Rozinsky 2nd) that our lawyer be instructed to remove a suit brought against River Pool by the Beacon Sloop Club. Motion passed without objection. John indicated the suit had been filed by our lawyer through a misunderstanding.

Woody Guthrie Restoration:

\$165,000 has been spent over the last few years to restore the Woody Guthrie. Additional needed repairs will cost an estimated \$40,000-\$50,000. Currently plans are being initiated to obtain grants for at least part of this work. Any support from members would be appreciated. We would like to have Woody ready to go for Earth Day April 20th but this is not likely.

Need for Development Plan: (Kevin Haydon)

There is a direct relationship between membership growth and generating funds for the BSC's public programs and maintaining/restoring the Woody Guthrie. Currently, there is no formal plan or structure to draw new members and revenue is derived primarily from events. However, the number of events can strain volunteers. Kevin proposed evaluating BSC activities from a membership standpoint and investing more in activities that attract and educate members.

There was a discussion of ways to increase membership. Suggestions included: try to encourage people who attend festivals to join by setting up a table at entrance and soliciting support, asking friends to join and/or support, improve public exposure and public relations. Kevin will be presenting a draft development proposal at the next meeting.

Discussion of Beacon Sloop Club future in regards to other organizations located in Beacon.

There is a need for a structure for interaction with other entities, such as the Beacon Institute, City of Beacon, Scenic Hudson, MTA, Rivers and Estuary Center, and Clearwater. We will look at establishing a committee to communicate and interact with other organizations.

Discussion of presentation by Sierra Club Re: Belleayre Development

Consensus was that we need to hear from both sides in the debate before making any decision with regard to supporting one position or the other

Respectfully submitted:
David Eberle

Youth Coffee House: *The Randolph School in conjunction with the Beacon sloop Club will be holding its first **Teen Music Night** on Saturday, January 26th starting at 8 pm at the Club. Those who are interested in volunteering or playing a song or two in a coffeehouse style setting should e-mail David Bernz at davidbernz@verizon.net.*

Green News Items:

New York kicked-off the new year with a green version of the Times Square New Year's Eve ball. The ball was lighted this year by 9,576 energy-efficient LED bulbs that use about the same amount of electricity as 10 toasters.

The Italian village of Torraca declared itself the first "LED city". The village installed new LED street lights that use one-eighth the power of conventional bulbs and last for ten years.

A study by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory of the Energy Department suggests that if households have digital tools to set temperature and price preferences, peak energy usage could be trimmed by up to 15 percent. Over a 20-year period, this could save \$70 billion on spending for power plants and infrastructure.

Using software developed by IBM, households and utilities bought and sold electricity every five minutes, adapting as the supply and demand on the grid changed. "Your thermostat and your water heater are day-trading for you," said Ron Ambrosio, a senior researcher at the Watson Research Center of IBM.

**Public Forum on Climate Change at
Stony Kill Farm Environmental
Education Center:**

On Wednesday, January 30, from 7 - 10 pm, NYS DEC's Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center, in partnership with the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, will host a special public forum on the most urgent environmental challenge of our time, global climate change. This program is part of a national teach-in, the largest in U.S. history, which will help to prepare millions of students to become leaders in the largest civilizational challenge any generation has faced.

Pete Seeger, famed folk singer and environmental activist, will join a panel of Hudson valley environmentalists and scholars at the event, and will kick things off at 7 pm by leading us all in song. Each of the panelists will make a brief presentation before a webcast, called "The 2% Solution", focusing on what individual citizens can do, will be aired at 8 pm, in Stony Kill's geothermally-heated learning center.

There will be a discussion and question-and-answer session following it, at 9 pm.

The panel will also include:

*- **Manna Jo Greene**, Environmental Director of Clearwater and an environmental leader in the Hudson Valley for many years.*

*- **Les Hulcoop** of Dutchess Co. Cooperative Extension, who currently works with farmers to produce biomass crops to be used for heat and power.*

*- **Prof. Lucy Johnson**, environmental archeologist and sustainability coordinator at Vassar college*

Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center is located on state route 9D, about two miles north of the Beacon-Newburgh bridge. For more information on this and other environmental education programs, call Rich Parisio at 845-831-8780, ext. 302.

For more information, please visit www.focusthenation.org.

**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:

Beginning with this issue I have taken over as editor. I would like to thank Linda for her assistance and advice, and ask all to bear with me as I learn the system. I much prefer electronic input but can handle hard copies if I get them well in advance. Volunteer assistance is also still needed for printing the newsletter and preparing it for mailing. Thank you for your patience.

Alan Thomas

BEACON SLOOP CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2007

Submitted by Linda Beatty on January 4, 2008

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Woody</u>	<u>Festivals</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
12/1/2007 Account Balance	\$ 18,261.23			
INCOME				
12/10/07 - Membership	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00
12/10/07 - Elco Electric Launch - reimbursement of sales tax	\$ 249.23	\$ 249.23		
12/10/07 - Pumpkin Pies	\$ 711.00		\$ 711.00	
Total Income	\$ 1,110.23	\$ 249.23	\$ 711.00	\$ 150.00
EXPENSE				
10/10/07 - Service charge for September	\$ 19.75			\$ 19.75
12/10/07 - Royal Carting dumpster - Pumpkin Fest	\$ 232.88		\$ 232.88	
12/12/07 - White's Marina - Woody Maintenance	\$ 177.19	\$ 177.19		
12/12/07 - White's Marina - Woody storage & work	\$ 544.00	\$ 544.00		
12/12/07 - Gigi Fris - Reimbursement, Woody Maintenance	\$ 389.91	\$ 389.91		
Total Expense	\$ 1,363.73	\$ 1,111.10	\$ 232.88	\$ 19.75
12/31/2007 Account Balance	\$ 18,007.73			

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Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday,
January 22nd, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Block Party, February 3rd, 10:00 at Jim
Finnigan's

Woody Work Party most Sundays at White's
Marina. 9:00 AM-Noon , Contact a Captain.

Youth Coffee House January 26th, 8 p.m. at
the Beacon Sloop Club clubhouse

Winter Seminars every other Friday starting
January 25th, 7:30 PM

Woody Dinner, February 9th, 6:00 PM, at the
River Terrace, Beacon

Forum on Climate Change, January 30th,
Stony kill Environmental Education 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: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org