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Message from Our President:

Here we are at the beginning of February, just about midway between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. With the weather today a bit foggy and the temperature well above freezing today, it isn’t hard to imagine Spring just around the corner.

This is the time of year when we can do a lot of preparation for the days ahead. In fact, we’ve already gotten started. On Sunday, the 3rd of Feb, the Woody sailors held their annual “Block Party” where all the blocks (pulleys) for the boat were refurbished and made ready for another season on the river.

After the block party, a few of us stopped by Tom LaBarr’s garage and measured our strawberry tent. It has seen many years of service and is due for replacement. We’re in the market for a nice new tent, 24 feet by 30 feet (more or less.) We’re looking at the possibility of buying the type of tent that can be set up on a paved surface as well as on an open field. Such a tent could be used at other festivals as well as the Strawberry Festival. If you have any information or experience in such matters, please get in touch.

Our first outdoor event of the year is going to be our Earth Day Festival on April 20th. At this festival, we’re going to put an emphasis on growing our membership. If anyone wishes to work on this specific aspect of the fest, please contact Kevin Haydon.

Membership growth is going to be one of our major goals this year. We are going to try to make sure that guests at our events walk away with an understanding of who we are, and why we are doing what we do. We’re also going to try to make sure they walk away with a membership application in their hand.

Fair winds!
Saul.

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS TUESDAY, February 26th, 7:30 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, March 7th, 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? ___

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.

Mail to: Beacon Sloop Club P.O. Box 527 Beacon, NY 12508

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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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
Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2008

Saul Rozinsky, President, presiding.

Meeting started at 7:30 PM.

Treasurers Report: Jim Finnigan
The proposed budget for 2008 and current financial statement were presented. We have a balance of $21,484.99. If there are any comments or additional requests with regard to the budget, please direct them to Jim. This budget will be voted on at the March meeting.
The IRS has sent us a letter regarding taxes for 2002 and 2003. Jim and Saul will contact the IRS.

Woody Report: Gigi Fris
Work is proceeding on the Woody to get it ready for spring. Thank you to all the people who have been coming to the shed. We are averaging six to seven people every Sunday.
The block party to sand, clean, and repair the blocks will be held at Jim Finnigan's home on Sunday February 3, 2008. He is providing drinks, sandwiches, and salads.
A $1000 grant was received from the Easter Foundation to help with repairs. They were unable to make a larger grant at this time but expressed interest in a long-term relationship.

Building Report: Sue Altkin
Further work is required to clean up the children’s area. The signs have been returned to the Seeger’s. Dustin Comminici offered to help move the tents to Tom Labarr’s for winter storage.
At one time Ray the owner of Sukkethai had offered to evaluate and possibly recondition the printer/copiers. Saul requested an accurate assessment of costs before authorizing approval.
Claudine Craig expressed concern about recurrent flooding. The water level at Beacon is only 6 inches above the water level at the Battery. If global warming produces a rise in sea level, we need to carefully consider our options and make some long term decisions.
There was a discussion regarding a need to make the multrum cleaner and safer from a health standpoint. We need an assessment of as to what, if any, remedial action is required and the cost. Individual’s estimates varied widely.
Sue is organizing a Banner for Peace project. She requested each person make a panel spelling, hello, welcome, or peace in a different language. They will be sewn together to create one long banner that would go completely around the walls of the club.
The Farmer’s Market gave us two cords of split and seasoned wood because they use some of our wood during the winter. Driftwood which we collect and cut is the best wood for the fireplace. The donated wood should be used in the stove first.

Woody Fundraising Dinner: Tom Labarr
The dinner will be Saturday February 9, 6:00 PM. At the River Terrace in Beacon. Seating is limited to 100 people. So far 66 people have signed up. The crews are under-represented so Tom asked that the captains contact their crews. Cost is $50 per person. For more information contact Tom Labarr at 845-831-4267.

Festivals: Saul Rozinsky
The Festival dates were set at the executive committee meeting. Saul requested a volunteer coordinator for Earth Day April 20th, 2008 John McLaughlin volunteered. Justin and Jane Shumsky will assist. We need to know if Clearwater has any plans for entertainment. Betty Harkins asked for volunteers to assist in developing a composting exhibit for the Strawberry Festival. Justin and Shabazz Jackson will assist Betty.

New Tent
We will be replacing the large “strawberry” tent as the old one is well worn and inadequate. After the Block Party we will unfold the festival tent and measure its size, so that we can start the process for getting a new tent.

Grants and Development: Kevin Haydon
We need to focus on increasing membership as the best way to raise money. He asked every member to spread the word to friends and acquaintances.
We need to promote ourselves. For example, very few people coming to the Strawberry Festival are aware that it is the Beacon Sloop Club that sponsors the festival.
We can improve our chances of getting grants if we show volunteer activities. We need a method to document volunteer hours.
General Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Announcements:

Frank Ritter, a local photographer who works in New York will be introducing some of his friends to Beacon Saturday February 9th. He is sponsoring a Beacon Art/Music Benefit Event. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local environmental organization. This will be held from 6-10 PM at 4-6 South Chestnut Street. Bring dish of food or $5-$10 Dollars if you wish to attend. Eco Tote bags will be on sale. For more information go to www.Ritterfoto.com or call Frank at 212-725-3975 for more details.

David Cohen discussed a project to put together a comprehensive history of the Sloop Club. Mark McCarroll will help. Tom LaBarr has old newsletters back to 1980.

Cindy Cowden stated that River Pool will open July 4th. The Annual River Swim is scheduled for August 3 and rain date is August 17th. Due to the tides the pool will go in the weekend of the revival.

Clearwater, The Spring Splash Concert run by Clearwater is April 6th. Saul also wants to arrange a club sail. He will contact Clearwater.

Vane Lashua, Chairman of the Mid-Hudson Progressive Alliance passed out a petition that he will present to the Beacon City Council meeting Mon Feb. 4 at 7:00 PM.

Connie Hogarth announced a program sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Progressive Alliance and Philipstown for Democracy at 2 PM Sunday February 24th at the Howland Center. The title of the program is Whistleblowers for Justice and Peace: Hero’s of our Time.

Jacob Bernz stated that there will be a Teen Sing on Saturday February 23rd at 7:30 PM at the Beacon Sloop Club. This will be a regular event.

Tom Baldino spoke about need for paper ballot optical scan to assure accurate vote count.

Respectfully submitted,

David Eberle

Youth Coffee House: the Randolph School in conjunction with the Beacon sloop Club will be holding its 2nd “Something to Say Café” for teen performers on Saturday, February 23rd 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.

The Power of Song: at the Downing Film Center, 19 Front Street, Newburg, NY
SHOW TIMES:FRI, 15 Feb: 1:00 3:20 5:45 8:15
SAT, 16 Feb: 1:00 3:20 5:45 8:15
SUN, 17 Feb: 1:00 3:20 5:45
MON, 18 Feb: CLOSED
TUES, 19 Feb: 7:00
WEDS, 20 Feb: 7:00
THURS, 21 Feb: 2:00 7:00

web: http://downingfilmcenter.com

On PBS American Masters: WNET and WMHT Wed, 27 Feb: 9-10:30


2nd Annual Woody Guthrie Benefit Dinner: Proceeds for the Woody’s Centerboard!

Saturday February 9, 2008
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
River Terrace Restaurant
2 Beekman Street, Beacon
Tom LaBarr: 845-831-4267
At the corner of Beekman Street & Route 9 D

Cocktail Hour 6:00 – 7:00
Cash Bar, Live Music Door Prizes

Dinner Includes: Soda, Salad, Penne A La Vodka
Choice Entree: Eggplant Rollatini, Salmon A La King
Chicken River Terrace
Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Donation: $50.00 per person
The meeting was held at the Beacon Sloop Club at 7:30 p.m. with Saul Rozinsky presiding.

Secretary Dave Eberle was not in attendance, and Saul asked for a substitute to take minutes.

Financial Report
Jim Finnigan presented a preliminary financial report for January. Our current balance is $18,450.67. It was announced that the IRS has sent letters regarding the 2002 and 2003 taxes. Saul and Jim will contact the IRS.

Jim proposed Treasury Operating Procedures, which go into more detail than the by-laws, and include requirements for tax filings and grants. A motion was made to adopt the procedures, with an amendment suggested by Kevin Haydon, and the motion was adopted.

Jim presented a proposed operating budget for 2008, with some supporting materials. Cash flow of over $60,000 is projected for next year. The budget will be presented to the members at the February general meeting and published in the newsletter. It will be voted on at the March general meeting.

Building
We received notice from Safeco, our alarm company that they will need to upgrade the system to digital technology, for a fee. Several members questioned the effectiveness of the alarm, citing some incidents that they knew of. It was suggested that a test of the system be conducted, with advance notice to the police. It was agreed to go ahead with the upgrade, which will be coordinated by Jim Finnigan and Tom LaBarr.

The following Festival Dates were set:
- Earth Day Festival, in conjunction with Clearwater: April 20
- Riverlovers Shad Festival: May 11
- Strawberry Festival: June 15
- Clearwater’s Great Hudson River Revival: June 21-22
- Fourth of July: will be a Sloop Club General Meeting day
- Corn Festival: August 17
- Alternative Energy and Apple Festival (to be renamed) / Go Zero Kayak Race / Hudson River Ramble: September 21
- Pumpkin Festival: October 19

Committee Structure:
Pete Seeger remarked that there were seven building committees, and someone countered that there was one committee with seven subcommittees.

Kevin Haydon presented a proposal for a new committee structure, to help facilitate better communication and make committee members feel more empowered and responsible.

David Cohen volunteered to be the coordinator of various Community Relations efforts, including waterfront planning, and coordinate with volunteers who liaison with local government and foundation boards.

Edmund Fitzgerald, numbers III and IV, will be the coordinators of Environmental efforts. Saul said that he will have a discussion with Betty Harkins about having one Environmental tent in future festivals. After some suggested changes to the organizational plan, Saul said that he will review it and get back to the Executive Board.

The Woody:
Gigi Fris presented the current status of the Woody. The centerboard is being worked on at Jim Goergen’s shop in Newburgh. Scorano’s are supposed to re-inspect their work to determine why the deck is still leaking. A proposal for addressing some deteriorating frames and butt-blocks is being developed by an experienced boat builder, and pricing may be “per frame”, to allow for work to be contracted for in stages, as funds become available. Final priorities for maintenance / restoration are still to be decided in an upcoming Woody Captains meeting, so the Executive Board deferred further discussion.

The Strawberry Tent:
A new Strawberry Tent is needed; Saul and Tom will coordinate measuring the old one to provide specifications for the new one.

The Newsletter
Kevin remarked that it is not a good resource to use for grant writing and development purposes. Several people suggested that this is because it is primarily used to publish the meeting minutes. Tom said that the by-laws require that the minutes be published to the members, but that they do not necessarily have to be in the newsletter.
Executive Meeting Minutes

A proposal was made by Saul and others to research publishing the minutes to members by other means. This would allow more freedom to make editorial decisions as to what should be published in the newsletter, and make it into a better tool for community outreach.

New business:

Saul reported that he had a discussion with Simone, the coordinator of the Farmer’s Market, and that she said that the Market will cooperate with us by changing their site plan to allow us to better use the edge and skirt of the pier as a stage during our festivals.

Kevin Haydon presented a proposal for a Campaign for Membership Growth and Audience Development, and asked that this be made one of the Executive Board’s priorities for this year. Some of the elements of the plan include increasing awareness of the Sloop Club’s sponsorship of the various river festivals, emphasizing the benefits of joining the club, having members-only sails, and developing new web features to enable joining, paying, and making Woody reservations online. A motion was made and approved that the Campaign will be a priority for the Sloop Club for this year.

In attendance: Saul Rozinsky, David Cohen, Jim Finnigan, Tom LaBarr, Kevin Haydon, Gigi Fris, Edmund Fitzgerald, Ron Bel, Liz Newell, Pete Seeger and Justin Riccobono.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Finnigan
Education Committee Report

Greetings from the Beacon Sloop Club Environmental Committee: The First Sloop Woody Guthrie Sailors Winter Seminar was held on Friday January 25th. Over 30 people were in attendance for Dave Conover’s presentation of “The Hudson Before Hudson: Native American and Natural History. Why Does the River Flow Both Ways?” Much knowledge was shared on a wide range of topics from the Laurentian Ice Shelf, to the native and introduced flora and fauna of the Hudson Valley, and the cultures and economies of the Native Americans and the arriving Europeans. With the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson’s sail up the then “Muhheakantuck” river coming in 2009 this was a most timely subject.

In closing we would like to thank Dave Conover and end this column with the quote that Dave ended his presentation with “WE END, I THINK AT WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED THE STANDARD PARADOX OF THE 20TH CENTURY: OUR TOOLS ARE BETTER THAN WE ARE AND GROW BETTER FASTER THAN WE DO. THEY SUFFICE TO CRACK THE ATOM, TO COMMAND THE TIDES. BUT THEY DO NOT SUFFICE FOR THE OLDEST TASK IN HUMAN HISTORY: TO LIVE ON A PIECE OF LAND WITHOUT SPOILING IT.” Aldo Leopold, River of the Mother God and other essays

Winter Seminars: 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 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 McTamaney, 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

Dave Conover, Education Director, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, delivered the first lecture in the Winter Seminar Series to an enthusiastic crowd at the Beacon Sloop Club.

Young sailors explore life in the river, and educate the public at the environmental education tent.
Profs Hold Green 'Teach-In' to Encourage Environmental Action

More than 1,500 universities participated in what was billed as the nation's largest-ever "teach-in." The event was directed at raising awareness of students in a wide range of fields and to "Focus the Nation".

Pete Seeger kicked off a local event at the Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center. The event featured panelists, Manna Jo Greene, Environmental Director of Clearwater, Les Hulcoop of Dutchess Co. Cooperative Extension, and Prof. Lucy Johnson, environmental archeologist and sustainability coordinator at Vassar College, and a webcast of "The 2% Solution".

There were several Beacon Sloop Club members in attendance. If you missed it and would like to view the webcast it is available at:

www.focusthenation.org

Additional environmentally focused webcasts are available at:

http://www.earthdaytv.net/

The Woody Report

Thanks to all the participants of at the February 3rd Block Party! It was a very successful event with 41 Sloopers attending and volunteering their time to help prepare the blocks for the Woody's rigging. Having this task completed so early in the season will ensure the blocks get repeated oiling, which preserves their lives. It was great to see a bunch of new faces joining in!

Thanks to captains Jim Birmingham and Tom Baldino for keeping the sanding, oiling and reassembling going smoothly! Special thanks go to Gigi Fris for helping with the pre-planning and for the chicken and fondue and to Scott Hubbard for the jambalaya. A special shout out to Jim Finnegar for letting use his house and for the delicious sandwiches and salads provided. Thanks for all the tasty pot luck contributions, too!!

We're glad that everyone had a good time, and learned a little something too. It was great to see all of the crews together.

Winter maintenance continues in the shed at White's Marina in New Hamburg every Sunday morning. We have been sanding and oiling the wooden fixtures and preparing the floor boards for priming and painting. Please come and help. A log book is provided to track your hours. It is organized by sailing night.

(combined input from Gigi Fris, Jim Finnigan, and Jim Birmingham)

Woody Guthrie sailors and volunteers refurbishing the wooden blocks for the rigging at the Feb. 3rd Block Party.
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Saturday 9 A.M. to 6 E.M.
Sunday 10 A.M. to 6 E.M.
Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, February 26th, 7:30 p.m.
Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting March 7th – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

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

The Power of Song at the Downing, Feb 15th-Feb 21st.

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

Youth Coffee House February 23rd, 8 p.m. at the Beacon Sloop Club clubhouse

Winter Seminars every other Friday’s February 8th, 22nd starting, 7:30 PM at the BSC

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

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