

March 20, 2021



Monthly BOD Meeting  
Saturday, 03/20/2021, 7:30 AM  
Webconference using Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:33 AM by Ed Lentz

Board Members present:

Ed Lentz, Chair

Stacia Norman, Vice-Chair

Bob Thomas, Secretary

Rick O'Keefe, Treasurer

Alex Wing

Glenn Noto

Doug Ernst

Carla Hall

Les Hasbargen

Tom Washbon

Flo Loomis

Danielle Rhone

Exec. Director: Graham Stroh

Also present: Maggie Brenner

Peter Martin

1. Open Meeting – 7:30 AM called to order by Ed

2. Minutes from last meeting sent out via email. Motion to approve, Carla, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tom. Unanimous approval.

**3. Treasurer's report** Emailed to us by Rick, Carla moved that we accept the report and Doug 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion was approved unanimously.

**4. Strategic Planning Mtg** – Graham reported that we have completed the review process that Andrew Marietta led us through and we need only approve the plan we have created. Carla asked if we can veer off the plan if need be and Ed said that we could. Stacia moved that we adopt the Strategic Plan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carla. Approved unanimously.

Executive Director job description needs refining. Exec. Dir should help with events, promote the BVA and serve as ambassador for BVA to community and other groups. Graham should be in charge of some programs, the Butternut Creek Float and the MCS Buffer project. The Art Trail and Hospitality would be under committees running the events. Stacia says only the first category of committees is covered by that summary – more to come on this topic.

#### 4. Committees

Otsego Fair Committee – Friends of the Fair, Gary and Stacia Norman are working on it. Gary is chair of a floral hall project. There is an agreement with an engineering firm to do a building condition report on floral hall. They have \$5,000 but need 6-7,000 more. They are doing a legal review of the bylaws of the organization and have requested a review of the bylaws by a lawyer recommended by NYCON.

Educational Programs Committee -  
Trail and Recreation – more work to do.

Exec Committee – working on exec job description.

Sexual Harassment Prevention training must be done each year by October 9. If you do it as part of your job you can send Graham a copy of the training certificate. If you do it online via the NYC site you will get a certificate there that you can send in.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/law/sexual-harassment-training.page>

Program Committee –

Annual Mtg – Set for virtual meeting 4 PM on April 24. Carla wonders if we will have guests. Being a public meeting they must be allowed. Short business meeting, with short budget discussion. Have to fit in vote to elect directors to board. Only currently paid up members should be allowed to vote for directors. Have to work out details of voting still. Need to fill chairs vacated by Danielle, Norm, and Stacia. We don't have to have a "full" board. Ed asks Peter if Craig Buckbee might be interested. We need representation from north and south ends of the watershed.

Each committee chair can say a few words. Ed will give a summary of activities since last annual meeting. Danny Lapin will speak on Butternut Creek Watershed Management Plan. He is asking for list of outdoor events held in the Watershed to include in his report. Send any you can think of to him at

**Danny  
Lapin <planner@occainfo.org>**

Trail of Arts – Stacia is off this committee. Committee is waiting for grant approval from NYSCA (New York State Council of the Arts) coming through the Earlville Opera House Decentralization Program. Carla says teachers, artists, and Golden rep to walk some of the trail later today in TSSF with Maggie, Tom, Rick, Graham, John, Carla at 2 PM. Art will be displayed on 12" x 12" boards. Jay Roth says we might have 20 artists from community. Glen talked to some New Lisbon artists not yet included. Stacia said there was a plan for some demonstrators of art materials. Stacia added that the MCS art teacher was make creation of a piece to display part of students spring assignments. Many families will be attending to view the work of their student(s).

Carla asks that someone step forward to carry this to completion and adds Graham has been very helpful so far. Event is for Saturday June 12 noon to 6 PM with set up prior to noon. And Sunday 6/13 10 AM to 3 PM with breakdown after 3 PM.

Carla said Lydia Palmer could get a food truck and fiddle player to be on site. Alex offered two tents and will be there to help.

The DEC permit does not allow Trail of Arts to be close to the pond so displays should be put up along logging road.

Butternut Creek Float – a fall event, perhaps mid-Sept.

SHF – Meeting Thursday – will get budget info for SHF to Rick/Graham.

Fundraising Committee – no news

Visionary Scholar Award – Deadline for submissions pushed back to June 15<sup>th</sup> – going to try to go through school secretaries and receptionists.

Membership Com – no news

WQM – Water Quality Monitoring. Les is continuing to do sampling and reporting. Heather Grant from MCS is still sampling at the Otsego County fairgrounds.

Social Media/ Website/ Membership/ Newsletter Com – Newsletter met last week and it is near completion. NYCON grant to support website integration of fund raising and membership. Whatever shape the website takes it should serve to manage donations and membership.

Cycling Committee – Gravel Grinder first weekend in October.

Holiday Lights – nothing new at this time.

Old business –

Ed – County might yet have Community Development money – has not been announced yet.

Peter suggests that we post SUNY Oneonta Covid vaccination information to encourage people to get their shots.

Next Meeting, THE ANNUAL MEETING, via Zoom 04/24/2021 4:00 PM

**6. Meeting adjourned 9:12 AM**