

STAR ISLAND CORPORATION
Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2018 at 7 pm
Via Zoom Cloud Meeting App.

Members in Attendance:

Tom Coleman
Erik Cordes
Nick Dembsey – Vice President
Leon Dunkley
Debbie Duval
Roger Kellman
Gary Kunz (President)
Jeff Loewer (Treasurer)
Chris Palazzolo (SIUCC President)
Suellen Peluso (arrived at 8 pm)
Nathan Soule (ISAUU President)
Mary Trudeau (Clerk)
Louise Williams

Absent:

Other: Joe Watts (CEO)
Celeste Magliocchetti (Pel Liaison)

Call to Order:

Gary Kunz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm via Zoom Cloud Meeting Application.

Check In:.

Erik Cordes reported that he and Brook are celebrating the tenth anniversary of their marriage.

Tom Coleman noted that he had recently visited Ferry Beach, and reported that while it is very nice, it is not Star!

Opening Words:

Leon Dunkley read a poem by Rick Masten, a poet residing in Carmel, California. The poem is titled "The Tragic Death of Little Self" and is as follows:

i was one
who clung grimly to childhood
still playing with toy soldiers
at thirteen

my favorite
a tiny cast iron pirate
ruled the shelf
thumbs thrust in a wide belt
legs spread defiantly
scuffed and scarred
from a lifetime of adventure
he was my alter ego
and I called him my Little Self

together we lived through
the Seven Year Slingshot Wars
trials by fire
mud-slides...cave-ins
unscathed we walked away
from countless tree-fort free falls
diving to the depths
of Mr. Near's lily pond
we stalked the golden killer whae

and once
the South Pacific thundered by
as we stood unflinching
between the clamoring rails
yes my Little Self and i
had survived it all

then one fateful day
fastened securely

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to a length of twine
i flushed him down the toilet
and while winding him back to safety
the lifeline broke and he was gone
swept away
in one great resounding rush

oh
the irreversible
unfairness of it all! i wept...
rending my clothes...tearing my hair
refusing to open the bathroom door
till my frightened parents
promised to buy me a new recruit
but it was Sunday
the stores were closed tight

and by Monday it was too late
puberty had arrived
and that brazen
invincible spirit of mine
was lost forever
in a maze of subterranean pipe

Executive Session:

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to enter executive session (at 7:10 pm) to approve the Executive Session minutes from the June 12, 2018 meeting; and to discuss real estate issues on Appledore Island.

Joe Watts was invited into the executive session, as was former Board member, Josh Davis.

At 8:00 pm, the Board returned to regular session.

Review and Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2018 Meeting:

Based on a motion duly made and seconded, the Board

VOTED to approve the April 10, 2018 meeting minutes, as amended to correct spelling errors.

The vote was ten (10) in favor of approving the Minutes as amended, with a single abstention.

REPORTS:

CEO Report:

Joe Watts updated his written report, noting that the new Rye Fire Department Chief, and representatives of the new State Fire Marshall were on island for a tour on Friday. The tour was informational, and was an opportunity for the Island Staff to meet the new regulators.

Joe noted that while we are fully staffed for the next two weeks, Pels will begin leaving the island soon. The Board asked whether “we could learn from the Pel’s leaving”, and Joe responded that he was unsure that any information could be garnered from this regularly occurring end of season issue. He noted that incentives have been offered to Pels who can extend their tenure, and that this may have helped encourage Pel’s to fulfill or extend contracts.

The Board briefly discussed capacity issues for some of the larger conferences. Joe noted that staff has managed to accommodate increasingly large conferences through staffing adjustments, and the setting of additional dining room tables in the alcove area, but that bedrooms continue to be limiting. He noted that confusion during the room assignments for All Star I lead to staff and volunteer rooms erroneously being assigned to conferees. Joe reported that Mike Bray was able to intervene and solve the issue satisfactorily.

Treasurer’s Report:

Jeff Loewer reported that draws were made to the line of credit in both May and June, but that with revenues coming in from the summer, we may not need to draw again this year. Jeff noted that the Finance Committee has reviewed the capitalization policy. He noted that he is working to develop better communication tools, particularly with Key Performance Indicators (KPI’s). Jeff also commented that changes to the format of Restricted Assets will be forthcoming, and that format changes are still under discussion.

Pel Liaison Report:

Celeste reported that she has been re elected as Pel liaison to the Board, and is excited to continue working with the Board. Celeste noted that there is a Town Hall style meeting on the subject of alcohol policies scheduled with the Pel community on Thursday night, and that she believes it will be well attended. She reported that there are community wide efforts to improve mental health services for the Pel’s this summer, and while it is difficult to gauge the success of the efforts, she believes people are more comfortable reaching out to each other.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board

VOTED to approve the CEO, Treasurer, and Pel Liaison Reports.

Action Items:

There were no action items brought to the Board at this meeting.

Discussion Items:

Board Goals Update:

Erik Cordes reported that his Environmental team has made little progress since the June 12, 2018 report.

Nick Dembsey stated that the Stewardship group has expanded their scope, and is currently working on four objectives, rather than the two initially submitted to the Board.

Debbie Duval reported that the Community group has no updates, and this sentiment was repeated by Chris Palazzolo for the Economic team's progress.

Gary noted that he will continue to request updates from each group on a regular basis.

Master Board Meeting Calendar:

Gary noted that a draft Master Board Meeting Calendar has been included in the Board packets this month, and that Board members are requested to review the document prior to the August meeting.

Topics and Plans for the August Board Retreat:

Erik Cordes, Mary Trudeau and Tom Coleman all reported conflicts with some portion of the Board Meeting and Retreat scheduled for August 25, 26 and 27, 2018. Erik noted that he will be at sea on a research vessel; Mary reported that she has a memorial service to attend on the 25th; and Tom noted that while he has a conflict, he may be able to call in for some portion of the meeting.

Roger Kellman suggested that discussions at the Board Retreat could include a session to discuss how to follow up with the break-out sessions conducted with Corporation members at the Annual meeting. He noted that lots of good information is gathered at these sessions. Gary asked that Board members continue to ponder discussion topics, and to feel free to email him with suggestions.

Reflections:

Louise thanked the Real Estate sub committee for their good work, and gave a special shout out to Josh Davis for his continuing advice and expertise.

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Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board

VOTED To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Mary Trudeau, Clerk