

Board Meeting Minutes Sept 14, 2023

Attending in Person: Ariel Shanberg, Dan Hust, Jane Roth, Heinrich Strauch, Hester Greene

Attending on Zoom: Rachel Gordon, Leif Johansen, Ken Sable, Lilly Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

No opening remarks

Review of Minutes: Minutes amended to change Catskill Brewery to Big Eddy Brewery and to add Ness to complete Leslie's name.

Motion to accept minutes as amended made by Heinrich, seconded by Hester.

Executive Director Report-full report distributed. The following are highlights.

BEFF- festival schedule has been finalized. BEFF website up and running with complete information re scheduled events.

Excellent turnout for Big Reveal at Bar Veloce last thursday-film makers, sponsors, audience

FINANCIALS-continue to be in good shape.

MEMBERSHIP-net gain of 16 members from previous year; membership revenues increased due to enrolling higher level of memberships.

PERFORMING ARTS- Full schedule for the Fall in Tusten Theater

Shop DVAA- Facade painting completed. In process of moving to shopify for pos. Summer Retail sales up 37.4% over previous year.

Treasurer's Report /Finance Committee - Full report distributed. The following are highlights.

Current assets cover 5.8 months of operating expenses. No problems noted or anticipated that would jeopardize financial status.

Finance committee will explore best investment opportunities in local markets and report to Board.

Executive Director and Treasurer will sign IRS 990 Short Form Tax Filing for 2022 July 1,2022-December 31, 2022.

Executive Committee-minutes distributed. The following are highlights.

Dan reiterated need to identify more potential Board members. Dan will meet with K. Stratton, potential Board member this week.

Executive Committee recommended \$5000 increase in Ariel's annual salary based on Ariel's performance in the following areas: stable staffing; good financial situation including fully realizing grant opportunities; good standing in the community;implementation of full schedule of DVAA activities in performing arts, visual arts, special events, eg. Riverfest, BEFF and Ariel's involvement in state and national level activities further benefitting the DVAA.

Motion to approve salary increase made by Rachel, seconded by Ken and unanimously approved.

Facilities Committee-nothing to report.

Fundraising Committee-minutes from meetings on Aug 2 and Sept. 6 distributed.

Collectors' Closet postponed until 2024. Nov 28 will be launch date for End of Year Appeal.

Communications Committee-Minutes from August 10 meeting distributed.

Capital Campaign

Grant application submitted. Award notification expected by end of the year.

Motion to adjourn made by Rachel;seconded by Ken.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Roth, Sec'y