

FRIENDS OF SCHODACK ISLAND STATE PARK INC.
Annual Meeting Monday August 5, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dan O'Dell, Toni Gatto-Chinery, Karen Kaufmann, Scott Monthie, Chris Monthie, Andy Orhin and Ken Stokem.

Dan called the meeting to order at 6:51 pm

Dan indicated that Ed Scevonie, who is coming off as a Board member is not able to attend as he is away on vacation, but that he has been awarded a plaque in thanks of his service to the Friends and to the Park.

Ken moved that we approve the minutes of the last meeting (February, as there was no May meeting due to a lack of a quorum), and Karen seconded. A voice vote was taken, no nays or abstentions. Motion passes.

ELECTION OF BOARD 2013/2014

The slate of candidates for the 2013/2014 Board are as follows:

Dan O'Dell, President
Ken Stokem, Vice-President
Karen Kaufmann, Treasurer
Toni Gatto-Chinery, Secretary
Jim Bult to a term expiring 7/31/15
Andy Orhin to a new term expiring 7/31/16
Ed Secovnie to a new term expiring 7/31/16

Ken moved that the Secretary cast a single ballot in favor of the slate, Karen seconded, a voice vote was taken. No nays or abstentions, motion passes.

Toni cast a single ballot for the slate of candidates.

The 2013/2014 Board is as follows:

Dan O'Dell, President
Ken Stokem, Vice President
Karen Kaufmann, Treasurer
Toni Gatto-Chinery, Secretary
Scott Monthie (class of 2014)
Leah Taylor (class of 2014)
Chris Monthie (class of 2015)
Jim Bult (class of 2015)

Andy Orhin (class of 2016)
Ed Secovnie (class of 2016)

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Recap of I Love May Park Day.

A Resolution thanking Chris Torey for all her work as Treasurer from 2010 to 2013 was read (copy attached).

Dan went over the status of the website development - see attached handout.

TREASURERS REPORT: See handout attached.

PARK STAFF REPORT: Kathy indicated that the Fall Festival will be on Saturday 10/5 from 12 to 5. Both Vendors and Volunteers are needed. Contact Kathy in park office if you can help. The Friends will have a booth, so contact Dan if you can help.

Karen moved that we adjourn and hear about the camping sites planned for the park from representatives from the regional office in Saratoga, Ken seconded, a voice vote was taken, no nays or abstentions. Motion passes, and meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Toni Gatto-Chinery, Secretary

AGENDA

FRIENDS OF SCHODACK ISLAND STATE PARK

AUGUST 5, 2013 – Annual Meeting

- 1) Approval of the minutes of the February meeting – copy attached
- 2) Annual Election of Officers and Board Members

Nominated officer candidates:

Dan Odell - President,
Ken Stokem - Vice President,
Karen Kaufmann - Treasurer,
Toni Gatto-Chinery - Secretary
(All officer terms are for one year expiring 7/31)

Nominated board member candidates:

Jim Bult - to a term expiring 7/31/15 (this was Ken Stokem's term.) Jim is a life long Schodack resident, raised on the family dairy farm. He is a graduate of Maple Hill High School and attended Cobleskill Ag & Tech. He works for Hannaford in Schodack and is a 35 year member and Chief of the Schodack Valley Fire Company. He is a current member of the Schodack town board. He and his wife Renee have three children.

Andy Ohrin (whose current board member term is expiring) to a new term expiring 7/31/16

Ed Secovnie (whose current board member term is expiring) to a new term expiring 7/31/16

Note: The bylaws provide that where there is a single slate of officers and board members for election, upon a motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the Secretary may cast a single ballot. (FYI - Regular board members serve three year terms with staggered expiration dates. Other current board members and the expiration of their terms: Scott Monthie 2014, Leah Taylor 2014, and Chris Monthie 2015.)

3) Presidents Report

- Thanks to those who volunteered for I Love My Park Day on May 4th
- Resolution thanking Christine Torey for her service as treasurer – copy attached
- Website Development - copy of interim report attached

4) Treasurer's Report - See attached

5) Park Staff Report - Schodack Island Fall Festival October 5th - Kathy Meyer

6) Adjournment

Next Meeting November 5, 2013

FRIENDS OF SCHODACK ISLAND STATE PARK, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm. Board Members present were, Leah Taylor, Dan Odell, Chris Torey, Toni Gatto-Chinery, Karen Kaufman, Andy Orhin, and Ken Stokem. In addition Joe Scandurra from the staff at SISP was in attendance.

Toni moved to approve the minutes from the 11/05/2012 BOD meeting. Chris seconded. A voice vote indicated all in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. Motion passes.

REPORTS:

Dan presented the President's Report for the year 2012. See Exhibit A attached. He also thanked the other members of the executive committee and the board for their work throughout the past year.

Chris presented a Treasurer's Report through 12/31/2012. The current balance of the checking account (through 11/30/2012) is \$2,459.00. See Exhibit B attached. Dan reminded the Park Staff to think of items they may want the Friends to purchase for the park, as we have a budget item for this.

A staff report was given by Joe. Saratoga asked him for a list of wishes and wants. He had 14 items which included, 1) Dredging the boat launch, 2) new shoulders on the roadway, 3) 150' of bulkhead at the boat launch, 4) a warming hut for winter activities (skating and snowshoeing etc...) 5) a pole barn to replace the "tents" at the maintenance shed. Many of the things on the list will be done in the next few months. Camping is coming to Schodack Island. They intend to put in a loop between the bike path and the roadway, time frame tbd. The skating rink is being worked on. Hopefully we will be able to have more than one night of skating this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

In July there will be a Native American Heritage canoe/kayak trip down the Hudson from Albany to NYC (2 row wampum commemorating the 400th anniversary of the treaty between the native peoples and the Dutch settlers). They will be camping along the way. The first night will be spent at Schodack Island, and there will be a need for volunteers to help with meals etc...

Dan presented a proposed 2013 budget (see Exhibit C attached), which includes the \$1,000.00 awarded by Parks & Trails NY for website development (we did not get the Gordon fund grant). Karen made a MOTION that we approve the budget as submitted, Leah seconded. A voice vote was taken. No nays. The motion passes.

In order to receive the money under the Parks & Trails grant the signed contracts need to be

returned by 2/27/2013. A 6 month status report must be submitted and a final report is due by 02/04/2014. Ken made a MOTION to authorize Dan to sign the contract. Karen seconded. A voice vote was taken. No nays. Motion passes.

Dan requested volunteers for a website development committee.

I Love My Park Day is Saturday May 4, 2013. Dan will be out of town, and would like someone to coordinate. Toni volunteered.

Chris made a MOTION to adjourn. Toni seconded. A voice vote was taken. No nays, motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Toni Gatto-Chinery, Secretary

Friends of Schodack Island State Park, Inc.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Christine V. Torey has faithfully served as the elected treasurer of the board of directors of Friends of Schodack Island State Park, Inc. from August 2, 2010 to August 5, 2013, and

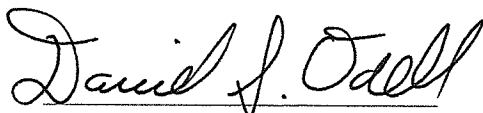
WHEREAS, her service has always been performed in a most professional and fiscally responsible manner, and

WHEREAS, she has brought to the position previous experience as a treasurer, an understanding of the importance of finances in supporting a not-for-profit organization, a strong concern for welfare of Schodack Island State Park, and a sincere desire to preserve, protect, and promote the park's unique natural and recreational resources,

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of her dedicated service, by a motion duly made, seconded, and passed by the board of directors of the Friends of Schodack Island State Park, Inc. at a regular meeting of said board, be it resolved that we hereby express our gratitude and appreciation to our colleague for her service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these sentiments shall be entered into and preserved with the official corporate records of the board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be presented to our colleague Christine V. Torey, as a lasting memento of our sincere appreciation for her support of Schodack Island State Park.



Daniel S. Odell, President

August 5, 2013

**Friends of Schodack Island State Park, Inc.
Capacity Building Grant Program Six Month Report
July 19, 2013**

Media Relations

Upon notice of receipt of the \$1,000 grant to help develop a website and related materials, we worked with the Public Affairs Bureau of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to develop and distribute a joint press release (copy attached). The Albany Times Union published an article based on the release which appeared on page one of the Business Section in the print edition (copy attached) and also on the paper's website. Social media publicity included posting a photo of board members receiving a giant check (copy attached) on the "Save Schodack Island State Park" facebook page.

Website Development

In February our media relations consultant, Connect and Engage, LLC (which is donating its services at no cost) contacted the website vendor, Bravery Transmedia, to begin the process of selecting a theme (which is essentially the look and feel of the website) which will use Wordpress. Five prototype themes were provided to the website committee for review. In March the website committee met and discussed the five themes and one was selected.

Website Content

In April and May text content for the website was finalized including pages for: About, Our Mission, Join-Donate, Blog News (first blog posting), Rob Taylor Memorial, Birds of Schodack Island and History of Schodack Island. In June a photographer from Connect and Engage, LLC visited the park with a high resolution camera to take photos for use on the website.

Financial

The initial grant payment of \$600 was received and deposited to our checking account. No expenditures have been made as all services related to this project to date have been donated. Expenditures are expected to be in line with the project budget.

Respectfully submitted by: Dan Odell, President, Friends of Schodack Island State Park, Inc., 1 Schodack Way PO Box 7, Schodack Landing, NY 12156 (518) 944-0141

Treasurers Report – August 5, 2013

Balance as of 12/31/12	\$2,482.52
Receipts to date	975.00
Expenses to date	307.36
Balance as of August 5, 2013	\$3,150.16*

*\$650.00 of the balance is part of a grant from Parks and Trails NY and is restricted for development of a website.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine V. Torey
Treasurer