

# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 44 Years

### A Message from Our President

Thank you to everyone who came out to the February meeting. We had what seemed like a very large turnout for a cold winter night.

It was heartening at the meeting to hear all the announcements about people becoming more active in Beacon and the surrounding area and also across the country. Lots of club members attended the Women's March in January in Washington, New York, Beacon, Poughkeepsie, and elsewhere. Subsequent demonstrations have also had a strong BSC contingent. Of course with all the inspiration that these events have brought there is also, at least for me, a lot of apprehension about the state of the country and particularly the environment. But that's also why I, and probably you, also keep volunteering - to be able to play a hands on role in making a positive difference.

It's only February but as usual the club has a busy season coming. Before long festivals will be on the horizon and the Woody restoration should be wrapping up.

We will need a very strong effort by all our sailors and regular club members as well to get the boat ready to sail once the shipwright work is finished. Stay tuned for information about a block party, sailors meeting, and larger work parties as we get through February and into March and April.

#### ***Inside this issue:***

FDR lecture moved to May, our wonderful volunteers, oil trains update, and much, much more....



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING TUESDAY., Feb. 21, 7:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, Mar. 3, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Save Our Sloop Fund donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 waived.

Newsletter format (check one): Printed  E-mail  Please consider e-mail it saves money and paper.

Additional Members at this address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like information on Clearwater Membership?  How did you hear of us? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Link to Online Renewal: <http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html>**

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](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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# Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, Feb. 3, 2017

February 3, 2017 – General Meeting Minutes recorded by Antony Tseng

Start 19:30

Song lead by Lydia Adams and company

Welcome: First-timers introduced themselves and were welcomed

Treasurer's report by Aaron: Grants: \$29,606; Total income: \$32,105; Total expenses: \$36,765; Deficit -4460 (See Aaron for full treasurer's report)

Woody Report by James:

Work is continuing. Almost up to planking the boat. Centerboard, samson post, etc work is getting done. Gale mentioned that we need volunteers, more than the regular volunteers. James said that the next workday this Sunday at Kingston. Alan said that there is a lot of work coming that we have to do ourselves, like painting. Steve and James mentioned that there will be a block party to try to get the sailors back into shape for the season. James said this is the best opportunity to get involved to join a crew for a sail through the work that needs to get completed. Sailing classes will resume on Wednesday nights for 8 or 9 weeks at minimal cost for the book.

Lectures report by Alan:

Last month's lecture was attended by about 70 people – couldn't fit anymore people. Next lecture for this month is Nature's New Deal – February 9. This topic is about FDR's influence on the environmental movement. Still working on additional speakers at the March 9 lecture on Hop growing. Alan does not have a title for the Activist puppetry lecture for April with a Rhode Island group that Pete was a member of once and the Arm of the Sea group. Trying to get a special program for May. We do need help for help before the lecture to setup.

Strawberry festival by Rosemary:

First planning meeting will be this month. Please see her to be added to the mailing list.

*Will do a women's luncheon in March, probably Sunday afternoon.*

James got a phone call across the river from a doctor who wanted to subscribe to a sponsorship to one of our festivals. James drafted a sponsorship packages and wants to circulate them to doctors' offices, banks, car dealerships, etc. James wanted to know how the membership felt. James thought perhaps a banner by the gate into the festival could be a place to list a sponsor. Maybe have sponsor that would bring in battery operated cars to the festival. Dentist office could sponsor the corn festival. James is screening the list to local entities as potential sponsors. There is a need for more revenue because costs go up every year, including supplies and police. Discussion on doctor's offices who take medicare/Medicaid. Guidelines should be given to the sponsors to list expectations. There is a concern of banks and counting on this money would give them some leverage on us to support the need of strict rules. There is a concern about local dealerships because they advocate against high-efficiency vehicles. Steve mentioned that he was against the check from Chevron when it was discussed in the past, however, if these companies are willing to fund the Sloop Club's efforts to carry out our environmental and social justice messages, it may be a worthwhile deal to increase our reach.

James also stated that we can go year-to-year and discontinue. Comment was made that we should vote them in and limit to only local business. Comment included that we are at war due to this new administration, so we have to martial everything we can but do it in the right way. The endorsement of us by the sponsor should not mean that we endorse them. Can a subcommittee of the festival handle the vetting? Rosemary stated that there is a financial challenge in keeping down the cost to the festival visitors – i.e. a buck an ear. Whatever we do, we have to do it together. Discussion on corporations are that they are always looking to look green so this can be a slippery slope. James said that time is of the essence. Steve said that we are beating around ethical questions and we need an environmental review committee but we can't do this as a club and not practical. Discussion on approaching potential sponsors instead of them soliciting us. Craig mentioned developing a set of standards. We can lose donations if we accept the wrong sponsor. Alternatively, we may not get any sponsors to say yes. James can send a list of potential sponsors to the festival committee to be vetted. Vendors are different than sponsors. We are at a point financially that we should make a decision now to at least try this.

Vote taken:

Comfortable doing this with a conscientious approach: 38

Not comfortable: 7

It was mentioned that we can also start recruiting benefactors now.

Other Business:

What happen to absentee ballots? There are to be reviewed with suggested updates to the bylaws – January 1991, reviewed more recently but quite some time ago. Tom Labarr, Antony, and Jim Finnegan volunteered to start the committee to review the bylaws. Matt Bowen, Tinya Seeger, Betty Harkins, Dan Rozinsky. There was discussion on lawyer support.

Bonnie thanked everyone who participated at the Martin Luther King Day parade. It was a beautiful day and well attended. Pete was probably very happy and we need to continue this.

Announcements:

Matt talked about the 1/21 National March. From the Beacon march, the Southern Dutchess Resist was started. Posters up. Next meeting will be February 11. Meeting will continue every Saturday 3-4 at Pohill Park. Alan Zollner talked about the River Swim on Saturday August 12 in support of the River Pool with Rain date August 13. (Corn Festival is on August 13) Protest march against the Pilgrim Pipeline tomorrow starting at the waterfront.

March in Newburgh at the Boat launch at 2pm for 2 hours sponsored by Hudson Valley Earth First (see front page of Times Herald Record).

Steve was at a Wednesday rally in Poughkeepsie in support of Muslim neighbors – No Bans, No Wars. Another rally tomorrow at the Poughkeepsie County Courthouse at 1:30pm to 3pm (Market St).

Antony mentioned that the City of Beacon's Comprehensive plan public hearing will be on 2/6

Antony mentioned that the Howland Cultural Center will hold a Repair Café on 2/11

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Antony mentioned that the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps' Annual Brunch will be on 4/2 at Dutchess Manor. Please see Antony if you are interested.  
 Spectra Pipeline project is starting the second phase. [www.resistaim.com](http://www.resistaim.com). Benefit concert for 2/10 at 7pm at 6 st community center in Manhattan (village). Have bumperstickers for one dollar donation.  
 Eagle watch next week 9-4 annual Croton Point Park.  
 Bonnie's birthday was the 30<sup>th</sup>. Club sang her Happy Birthday.  
 Keith's photo album was passed around to share his experience renovating his residence.  
 Adjourn 09:00PM

### Woody Guthrie Report

Our volunteers installed the final fasteners, attaching the bilge stringers to the new futtocks last weekend. The framing is now nearly complete.



State and federal inspectors found four critical defects and 42 non-critical ones in the latest round of oil train and track inspections across New York .

## Hop Growing in the Hudson Valley

w/ Justin Riccobono

A Free Event

Thursday March 9

7:00 PM

Beacon Sloop Club

(Beacon Harbor)

New York State produced over 20 million pounds of hops per year in the 19th century, much of that in the Hudson Valley. By the end of prohibition hops as a commercial crop had all but disappeared from the state. With over 240 new craft brewers in the state, hop farming is returning to the valley.



Justin is the director of Eastern View Farm & Nursery, where he manages the 4-acre Dutchess Hops yard. Helping hops farmers throughout the Hudson Valley, Riccobono compares his work to that of Johnny Appleseed. The Hudson Valley has some of the best growing conditions in the world. We are a Tuscany of our own. "He has worked with over 15 New York state breweries and assists in building new farms, servicing existing ones and packaging and distributing hops.

### The Beacon Sloop Club Winter Lecture Series 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse

Mar. 9 History of Hops in the Hudson Valley and the Revival of Local Farms w/ Justin Riccobono

Apr. 13 'Activist' Puppetry w/ filmmaker Winnie Lambrecht, PhD and Patrick Wadden of "Arm of the Sea"

May 11- Nature's New Deal w/ Neil Maher, PhD.  
Rescheduled from February

Treasury Report

	<u>Dec 16</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	29,606.18
Gross Sales of Inventory	15.00
Investment Income	8.90
Membership	200.00
Special Event	2,275.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>32,105.08</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<u>32,105.08</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Expense	10.90
Facilities	35,755.07
Grants	1,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>36,765.97</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-4,660.89</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-4,660.89</u></u>
Opening Cash Balance 12/1/16	150,109.51
Closing Cash Balance 12/31/16	145,448.62



Thank You Simone!!

**MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON**



**Through a Lens Darkly:  
Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People  
with Filmmaker Thomas Allen Harris**

The first documentary to explore the role of photography in shaping the identity, aspirations and social emergence of African Americans from slavery to the present.

**Friday, Feb. 24th, 2017**

Doors open 7:00pm- film @ 7:30

**First Presbyterian Church of Beacon,  
McKinley Hall,  
50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY 12508**

Donations Accepted  
www.moviesthatmatterbeacon.org  
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## Current Calendar



**Executive Committee meeting**, Tues., Feb. 21, 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

**Beacon Sloop Club meeting** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month: next meeting, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

**Strawberry Festival Planning Group**, Wed. Feb. 22, 6 pm , Red Pepper Diner, Rte 9D, Beacon.

**MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON: Through a Lens Darkly**, Fri., Feb. 24, 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm) , First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY. Free. (845) 838 2415, [www.moviesthatmatterbeacon.org](http://www.moviesthatmatterbeacon.org)

**BSC Winter Lecture Series – Hops in the Hudson Valley – w/ Justin Riccobono**, Thur. Mar. 9, 7:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse.

**BSC Winter Lecture Series – Activist Puppetry – w/ Winnie Lambrecht & Patrick Wadden**, Thur. Apr. 13, 7:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse.

**BSC Winter Lecture Series – Nature’s New Deal w/ Neil Maher PhD.**, Thur. May 11, 7:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse.

**Woody work parties will continue at the HRMM.** Contact James Malchow to receive weekly updates.

**We know it is cold but it’s still a rewarding experience to come out and contribute to the project.**

## CLEARWATER OPEN BOAT



Saturday March 11, 3 pm to 7 pm  
Winter Port, Hudson River Maritime Museum  
grey barn at 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston  
**ROUND ROBIN and POTLUCK DINNER**

Bring your instrument, voice, story, poem and some food, all to share.  
Come visit the Sloop Clearwater, in Kingston for the winter.  
Arrive early and help set up, stay late and help clean up.  
Hosted by the reconstituted Kingston sloop Club



Questions? call Allan at 845 706-0969  
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**Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.**

For more info about the BSC: [www.beaconsloop.org](http://www.beaconsloop.org), or [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org)