

CAMP BARTON STAFF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 10TH, 2024 — 7:00 PM EST.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES



A. Call to Order (President)

It is Tuesday December 10th, 2024, the time is 7:03pm, and the meeting of the CBSAA Executive Board is now in session.

B. Roll Call of the Executive Board (Secretary)

Video or Audio Recording Initiated

Skipped

Notes:

1. **Board Advisor/ Historian Mike Brown** has not attended a meeting since May 2023, nor has written notice been provided to the board indicating resignation of seat. – Several Board Members continue to raise concern over this. Last communication addressing circumstance provided by President & Immediate Past-President indicated they would be making efforts to resolve. No Update provided to remaining board members at this time.
2. **VP of Administration Tim Clive, & Member at Large Eric Bloom** submitted written notice of absence prior to the meeting.
3. **Frank Popowitch** has not formally confirmed appointment to the seat of Service Chairman. He indicated that he was tentative for tonight's meeting in written response the calendar invite.
4. **Since or last meeting on June 11** – Jeff Smith formally via written notice resigned from his seat as VP of Strategic Planning. Ed Patterson has indicated interest in this role as of August 2024, and is a newly registered CBSAA Member.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD	PRESIDENT	IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	BOARD ADVISOR / HISTORIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alan Dixon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Stolte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter O'Connell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Brown
VICE PRESIDENT- Administration	VICE PRESIDENT- Strategic Planning	VICE PRESIDENT- Business Development	VICE PRESIDENT- Membership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Clive - Excused	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Gibbs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Gross
TREASURER	SECRETARY	PROGRAM CHAIRMAN	SERVICE CHAIRMAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Ludewig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DJ Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George O'Connell	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Popowitch (Pending)
COMMUNITY RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BOARD LIAISON – Taughannock District	BOARD LIAISON – Baden-Powell Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liam Murphy	# Members Excused: # Did Not Notify of Absence: 2 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Saunders	BOARD LIAISON – Three Falls LDC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc Salino	
	BOARD LIAISON – NYS Dept. Parks, Rec & HP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter O'Connell (<i>Interim</i>)	
MEMBERS AT LARGE			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Bloom - Excused	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Heinz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Stoll Sr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Hanselman
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean Szymanski

C. Roll Call / Guests & Invited Attendees (Secretary)

Skipped

1. **Members in Attendance:** J. Shank, A. Hamula, S. Bogart, W. Mack
2. **Guests in Attendance:** J. Graney

D. Quorum/ Introductions/Procedures (Vice President-Administration)

Note- VP Admin Excused- Section E Conducted by President – Requesting to Secretary.

1. It is noted that a quorum (is / is not) **IS present** for today's proceedings.
2. Notice of Meeting Procedures & Expectations:
 - ❖ Be Prepared.
 - ❖ Remain low volume or muted when not speaking.
 - ❖ **Old Business Items** = Items previously introduced to the board – Provide Updates
 - ❖ **New Business Items** = Items you are introducing to the board for discussion/review/consideration for the 1st time.
 - ❖ (*Italicized Wording in Blue Parenthesis*) indicates the lead speaker of that section.

- ❖ Follow & Focus on the Agenda
- ❖ Use the raised hand or chat box feature to speak out of turn or ask questions.
- ❖ Be mindful of time keeping
- ❖ Everyone is encouraged to actively listen and participate.
- ❖ Only elected or appointed board members may cast vote or present a motion.

E. Standard Business Items (Vice President-Administration)

Note- VP Admin Excused- Section E Conducted by President

2:00min (7:02pm)

1. Review / Approval of Good of Order Requests/Additions to 12.10.24 agenda (**Secretary**)
 - i. **If necessary, Motion** to approve Good of the Order- Section I
 - No Good of the Order Items Requested- No Motion Necessary
 - ii. **Motion** to approve 12.10.24 agenda
 - Motion – P. O'Connell – 2nd. D. Ludewig – No Obj. – No Abst. – **Motion Carries**
2. Review /Approval of - minutes from 6.11.24 (**Secretary**)
 - i. **Motion** to approve 6.11.24 minutes
 - Motion – M. Salino – 2nd M. Stoll – No Obj. – No Abst. – **Motion Carries**
3. CBSAA Financial Report (**Treasurer**)
 - i. **Motion** to approve Financial Reports Spanning June 2024 - November 2024
 - Motion – A. Dixon – 2nd M. Salino – No Obj. – No Abst. – **Motion Carries**

F. Opening Remarks (President)

1. Presidents Minute
 - Defers time to New Business
2. Presidents Old Business Items
 - No Old Business Items to Report

3:00min (7:05pm)

G. Old Business - Reporting & Updates: (President)

20:00min (7:05pm-7:25pm)

1. **Officers:**
 - i. VP – Administration (**Tim Clive**)
 - Not Present (Excused) – No Report Submitted
 - ii. VP – Membership (**Kevin Gross**)
 - *S. Stolte - special note & recognition to Kevin & Family regarding the passing of G. David Gross.

- No Old Business to Report
- iii. **VP – Strategic Planning (Vacant)**
- iv. VP – Business Development (*Keith Gibbs*)
 - Defers time to New Business
- v. Treasurer (*David Ludewig*)
 - No Old Business to Report
- vi. Secretary (*DJ Jones*)
 - No Old Business to Report

2. **Distinguished Board & Board Liaisons:**

- i. Immediate Past President (*Pete O'Connell*)
 - Is working on catching up on By-Law and Amendments clerical work. Needs copies of Amendments 4 and 5 from secretary.
 - Will bring 2023 and 2024 up to speed before next meeting.
- ii. Chairman of the Board (*Alan Dixon*)
 - ✓ Chairman's Minute
 - Reminds all board members of his collection of memories and provides file share option.
- iii. Board Advisor/ Historian (*Mike Brown*)
 - ✓ Historians Minute
 - Not Present, No Report Submitted
- iv. Board Liaisons
 - ✓ Taughannock District (*Doug Saunders*)
 - No Old Business to Report
 - ✓ Baden-Powell Council Executive Board (*Liam Murphy*)
 - Not Present, No Report Submitted
 - ✓ Three Falls LDC (*Marc Salino*)
 - Indicates attendance at October LDC Meeting, Notes walkthrough w/ BPC Occurred but does not have specifics on discussion points. Will provide official LDC meeting minutes when available.
 - ✓ NYS Dept. Parks, Recreation, & Historical Preservation (*Pete O'Connell*)
 - Defers time to New Business

3. **Committee Chairman:**

- i. Finance (*David Ludwig*)
 - No Old Business to Report
- ii. Correspondence (*DJ Jones*)
 - Report provided to board in advance of meeting – No Questions
 - Requests feedback / critique from all board members on CBSAA Website
- iii. Historical Documentation & Preservation (*Mike Brown*)
 - Not Present, No Report Submitted
- iv. Service (*Frank Popowitch- Pending*)
 - Not Present, No Report Submitted
- v. Program (*George O'Connell*)
 - Collecting information regarding who is in possession of program equipment. Has circulated spreadsheet & information requests to people involved w. BB 2024.

H. **New Business:** (*President*)

45:00min (7:25pm-8:10pm)

1. **Officers:**

- i. President (*Scott Stolte*)
 - Recap of State of the Association Letter Nov. 2024 – explains Scott's position on where association is- citing that we need to get behind our mission, get past the emotion of the loss of Camp Barton, and focus on moving forward.
 - Brief discussion of Summer 2025 dates
- ii. VP- Administration (*Tim Clive*)
 - Not Present (Excused) – No Report Submitted
- iii. VP- Membership (*Kevin Gross*)
 - Fundraising & integrating it into the website. Currently – only methods are Check, Cash, & Paypal – would like us to explore a more direct method.
 - Would like to see a system whereby donations can be both streamlined and directed easier for our supporters and members.
 - Will do research and propose plan at next meeting
 - D. Ludewig has notes on these types of platforms- will share w. K. Gross
- iv. **VP- Strategic Planning (Vacant)**
- v. VP- Business Development (*Keith Gibbs*)
 - Topic of keeping history accessible on the property through use of recreation & conservation
 - Hinging on relationship with the LDC
 - Ideas such as Orienteering, Nature Trail, Geologic Trail, Disc Golf – a lot of business/sponsorship opportunities exist
 - Grants can be procured to support these ideas
 - Concept of continuing the Camp Barton brand at the property
 - *P. O'Connell – Keith's ideas are long term at this time- we still do not know why camp had to be stripped of its physical identity – working on getting more clarification so we can understand parameters better and what opportunities could develop. Also, we need to continue to press the Historic Preservation and Designation by the State via the LDC
- vi. Treasurer (*David Ludewig*)
 - No New Business to Report

vii. Secretary (*DJ Jones*)

- Express desire to continue to support youth programming and outdoor education on the property
- Greater concern is that the CBSAA takes its rightful place as the primary steward of the historical preservation of Camp Barton – getting behind avenues like K. Gibbs describes – history via activity and opportunity.
- Concerned that we cannot let ourselves continue to exist as the “Badges at Barton Association” and we need to return more to our foundation of being a Fraternal Association - the CBSAA- and play a supportive role to youth programming and outdoor education at the property- not limited to the Baden-Powell Council
- Propose critical concern over our true relationship with the LDC, our true relationship with the NYS Dept Park, Rec, Hist Pres –
 - ✓ If we sole our relationship on just supporting the councils MOU with the LDC then we are not fulfilling our mission, and we are allowing the BPC to represent the CBSAA and “Camp Barton”
 - ✓ Great and increasing concerns exist on the BPC personnel representing the history and foundations of Camp Barton – and utilizing the Badges at Barton as a reflection of that.
- Want to see us restore balance and come up with areas of focus for the betterment of the association first, and then apply those to what will come of the “Camp”

2. **Distinguished Board & Board Liaisons:**

i. Immediate Past President (*Pete O'Connell*)

- Notes that he contributed the last paragraph of the State of the Association Letter citing what the council has told us pertaining to camping operations for summer 2025.
- The property is officially owned by the NYS Parks system.
- Program equipment has been divided up between the council, and volunteers who are storing it.
- We are not sure what came of surplus equipment that the council did not sell. It was likely discarded.
- Council informed Scott/Pete that they would be taking over the program operations. Logistics, Business, Equipment, Promotion etc.
 - 1. Council is asking CBSAA to help recruit volunteer staff, MB Counselors
- Council has not helped for the past three years – this will be first year they are “In Charge”
- Dates for the Summer Program have been projected – Currently 3 Weekends are reserved.
- Major Changes that do not uphold the MOU between the council vs the LDC
 - 1. Buildings will be secured for next 1-2 years (Incl. Kitchen/DH, Shower House Etc.)
 - 2. No Tents provided
 - 3. A lot of things need to get rolling and it needs to get in touch with John Babbage
 - 4. Proposed fee is \$135 / head – double last years fee. – Pete will work w. John to see if that's realistic.

S. Stolte – we have to stay on the council to get things done. Adamant that Barton Alumni hold the role of program director – so that traditional measures of operations are preserved.

- Cameras have been removed.
- Emergency Bell is with Frank Popowitch.
- Secretary needs to make sure John Babbage has access to all camp files.

S. Szymanski – Do we have program area directors that will help guide the logistics for the operations of camp/merit badges.? Concern is that a significant amount of equipment has been lost.

RE: P. O'Connell – Idea is that Tuscarora will transport needed equipment – Continued coordination of this falls on the Program Committee

G. O'Connell – states that we don't current have Program Committee's due to our focused concentration on actually running the camp. Hope is to now have committees that can handle various parts of operational support.

S. Stolte – It would be good at this time to begin discussing the Annual and Meeting. Past discussions have indicated a strong desire to separate the annual meeting from the reunion event. Annual Meeting be online only.

RE: P. O'Connell – This would require by-law amendment/revision in order to separate the two events. Which can be conducted over a 30-day period w/ a membership vote to confirm

S. Stolte – Proposes Weekend of August 15-17 – Saturday 16th – for CBSAA Reunion

K. Gross – Proposes idea that we could offer 3 Reunion Weekends breaking into common decade groups 60's-Mid 80's – Mid 80's – 2000, 2000 – Present.

Other Ideas Include- Reunion Event on Thursday or Friday that doesn't overlap program.

P. O'Connell --- Annual Meeting the Thursday of the Reunion Weekend via Web.

Motion: Propose that the 2025 Annual Meeting be conducted the Thursday prior to the selected weekend dates (Fri, Sat, Sun) of the Annual Reunion event, and that the meeting be solely conducted Web Based.

- P. O'Connell – 2nd. M Stoll – No Obj. No Abst – **Motion Carries**

S. Stolte – Reminder that this will be an election year – we will ideally head into the meeting with a full slate for retainment of board members or slate of candidates to fill voids and new roles.

P. O'Connell - Question regarding the finalization of the Annual Meeting/Reunion Dates -- S. Stolte indicates that we finalized for the Aug 14-17 dates – D. Ludewig asks if this is something we need to gain BPC Approval on – P. O'Connell states he will speak to M. Bull -

K. Gross – We need to make sure that there will be internet on-site. – P. O'Connell – We may have to just get that ourselves –

D. Jones – Question – should we be speaking with the LDC regarding our event vs. the council – We need to ask questions about housing, accommodations, use of family camp etc... K. Gibbs affirms w/ same concern/question.

RE: P. O'Connell – there is a growing list of things that the Program Committee needs to work out with John Babbage - We don't know status of Family Camp – bunks, mattresses etc.... all details we do not have answers on at this time. We still really don't know who is in charge. – LDC , State, Council etc...

P. O'Connell – we have a lot of open-ended items to work on – ex) Arch – what to do with it etc... Plaques etc... -- S. Stolte – likely to stay in storage for 1-2 years.

ii. Chairman of the Board (*Alan Dixon*)

- Signed off - No comments provided

- iii. Board Advisor/ Historian (*Mike Brown*)
 - Not Present, No Report Submitted
- iv. Board Liaisons
 - ✓ Taughannock District (*Doug Saunders*)
 - No New Business to Report
 - ✓ Baden-Powell Council Executive Board (*Liam Murphy*)
 - Not Present, No Report Submitted
 - ✓ Three Falls LDC (*Marc Salino*)
 - No New Business to Report – will be attending next LDC Meeting Accordingly.
 - ✓ NYS Dept. Parks, Recreation, & Historical Preservation (*Pete O'Connell*)
 - No New Business to Report

3. **Committee Chairman:**

- i. Finance (*David Ludewig*)

Motion – Donation to the Friends of the Ithaca Sea Scouts in the amount of \$250.00 for their services in support of the Badges at Barton program in 2024 and for future support in 2025.

P. O'Connell, 2nd – G. O'Connell/K. Gross – No Obj. No Abst – **Motion Carries**

- ii. Correspondence (*DJ Jones*)
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- iii. Historical Documentation & Preservation (*Mike Brown*)
 - Not Present, No Report Submitted

- iv. Service (*Frank Popowitch*)
 - Not Present- No New Business Reported

- v. Program (*George O'Connell*)
 - No New Business Reported

I. **Good of the Order (Vice President-Administration)**

5:00min (8:08pm8:13pm)

1. **S. Heinz:**

- i. Asks board to think about concentrating on the historical designation of the property and buildings as a critical focus point of its efforts due to its Scouting ties. Will be the only way that we can have a foothold to visible identification that ties the property to Camp Barton
 - P. O'Connell – Re: The LDC will need to do this in order to retain necessary funding to restore/preserving buildings/structures.

2. **K. Gibbs:**

- i. Raises question about collaboration with McGuire/ his land – on non-improved uses of property that tie into Scouting activities “Outdoor Rec” etc.. – Groups that like to use non-developed properties such as disc golf could help find uses of the park and not affect tax status/liability for McGuire –
- ii. Would like to pursue conversation with McGuire about future opportunities we may be able to explore-
- iii. Could show the LDC what we can do using McGuires property and possibly gain their partnership to expand throughout the whole property
 - P. O'Connell – Re: There was an off-line discussion back in June about the possibility of working with McGuire and using the land he procured for things such as a Barton History Museum—that idea was put on hold until we could see more of how the sale panned out – We also discussed possibility of purchasing 5 acres (ex) of the land and developing it as a Camp Barton 2.0 space –
 - S. Stolte - We need to raise a lot of money and we need bigger donors. We could also approach McGuire to purchase the land back and finance it for us –
 - ✓ D. Ludewig – we need to get specific with requests vs general and not applied to the program.

3. **D. Jones:**

- i. Suggest that we re-evaluate the function of the board so that the board participants fall within categories that are relevant to supporting the mission/purpose ex) Do we need a Liaison to the Taughannock District? We need Doug Saunders...but we need Doug to support the association in a manner that is needed and can result in something.
 - P. O'Connell – states that the original by-laws – the position of “Council Liaison” was conceptualized before the CBSAA Board really to shape – and was developed in the by-laws to uphold the portion of the mission relating to supporting the council’s operation of camping at “Camp Barton” --- M. Bull states that Scouting is going to have a place on the property for the next 12 years at least.
 - D. Saunders – My function as the Liaison to the Taughannock District has been less than effective and I believe it should be re-evaluated.
- ii. Our Liaisons are either getting shut out by the groups we have tried to interact with (T-District/TFLDC) or the Liaison is not participating (BPC Executive Board) – so the question is what can we do to make better use of these individuals time and respect their efforts.
- iii. How are we going to be able to help Badges at Barton when the BPC got rid of 90%+ of both the program and operational equipment needed for the program?
- iv. The BPC did not create, nor develop Badges at Barton – they have yet to get involved at all and now we are being asked to support them in executing it in just a few months and they have already made several key decisions that frankly make the program not Badges at Barton at all – Badges at Barton is something that was created and being developed – the rug has been pulled out from that development – yet the council believes it can pick up right where we left off back in August and reproduce that for 2025?
 - P. O'Connell – “It's their issue at this point.” -- However, the association membership on our October call pushed forth commitment and desire to continue to see this program occur regardless of its condition.
 - ✓ D. Ludewig: - We don't want to waste each other's time, but we want to maintain visibility through continued involvement of our local members because so many of us are spread out. We need to keep an active presence locally in whatever capacity we decide to do so- Keeping that presence benefits the organization
 - ✓ S. Stolte – need to get the LDC to talk to us –
 - ✓ P. O'Connell – keeping our liaisons are important for the preservation of the history of the camp – especially the LDC
 - ✓ K. Gibbs – need to consider political campaigning to help with change that could be favorable to us.
- v. Fundraising efforts need to be re-prioritized – people may want to give more right at this moment to historical preservation.
 - K. Gross – we need to have plans and details before we try to raise money. Otherwise, no one will give us a dime for hope and prayer.
 - P. O'Connell / S. Stolte – we need to further discuss and consider the concept of Camp Barton 2.0 – and procuring the land.
 - S. Heinz – There are options and resolutions that can exist for us to start focusing long term options.

4. M. Stoll

- i. Notes that in Michigan the state park system typically has a central office that can double as a camp headquarters and park office. It also serves as the place of historical recognition. If we are going to pursue this, we must get the LDC to support and pursue it equally.
 - S. Stolte- these are all great topics that we need to continue to discuss and circulate amongst one another before next board meeting.
 - ✓ We need all board to be active in expressing their opinions and thoughts as to how we move forward.
 - ✓ We need the program committee to get off the ground and running asap- George we need you to get this going.

J. Calendar Review & Next Meeting Scheduling (Secretary)

1:00min (8:13pm-8:14pm)

2nd Tuesday – 1 Month (January 25th) = 1/14/2025, 2 Months (February 25th) = 2/11/2025

January 14th, 2025.

1. **Upcoming Important Events/Dates:**

Skipped



- ✓ TBD

2. **Upcoming/Pending CBSAA Annual Operational Tasks:**

Covered by Immediate Past President – Old Business

- ✓ By-Laws: Revisions/Addendum from July 23rd & Pending Change to new appointments- November 23rd
- ✓ By-Laws: Revisions/Addendum from August 24th Annual Meeting

3. **Upcoming CBSAA Events:**

- ✓ TBD

- **Motion** to Approve Calendar/ Proposed Calendar Modifications/ Revisions (*Secretary*)

Skipped

K. Conclusion of Meeting (President)

1:00min (8:14pm-8:15pm)

- ✓ **Closing Messages**

- Happy Holidays to all. Thank you for your time and continued commitments.
- Thank you to all those who helped with the retrieval and storage of Camp Barton materials

- ✓ **Motion to Adjourn**

- P. O'Connell – 2nd M. Stoll, No Obj, No Abst – **Motion Carries**

Total Scheduled Time: 1hr: 15min Start Time: 7:03pm End Time: 8:35pm Actual Time: 1hr: 32min



*May the great Master of all Scouts
be with us til' we meet again.*

