

Public Education Committee
MINUTES
May 7, 2024

Committee Members Present: Innes Kasanof, Arthur Merrill, Tina Molé, Dave Warne.
Present: John Schwartz, Matt Giannetta, Mike Meyer, Mike Maloney, Nick Sadler
Patrick Palmer, and Heidi Haynes

Staff present: Donald Brown, Samantha Costa, Tim Cox, Jessica Fiedler, Lynn Kavanagh, Jason Merwin, Jim Martin, Sonia Martinez, Barbara Puglisi

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

1. Minutes from the April 2, 2024 meeting were accepted without change.
2. Tina Molé was elected chairperson by Innes Kasanof and seconded by James Sofranko.
3. Samantha brought before the committee a recommendation for the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development for them to change the scope of their Round 26 public education grant. The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development was awarded a public education grant in round 26 for \$1,650 for a special option of Arm of the Sea Theater to do a performance at their Catskill Outdoor Expo in June of 2024. Since awarded, the Arm of the Sea Theater can no longer do either of the performances that we support due to staffing issues. The Catskill Center requested to have another performer (Laurie and Ira McIntosh) for this day. The quote for this performance is \$600 and the remaining \$1,050 would need to be returned to the CWC at the time the final report is due. Arthur Merrill moved this to the board of directors and James Sofranko seconded.
4. Jason went over some charts based on the NYC Schools vs. the WOH School that have been applying for the grants over the past several years and to show the difference between the audiences. As we are negotiating the new contract, he wanted the committee to be aware that we are looking to enforce a workforce development plan in the scope of work with the new contract. This would be career development and opportunities for kids inside of the West-of-Hudson Watershed. He wanted the committee to start thinking about different opportunities that might be beneficial such as internships, cost sharing and even helping small businesses possibly get interns.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting: TBD