

Ocean Pines Marine Activities Advisory Committee

Minutes for February 18, 2020 Meeting

MAAC Members Present:

Gerald Horn, John LaRue, Roger West, Dave Allen, Doris Lloyd and Fred Stiehl

Guests:

BOD Liaison:

Doug Parks

1. The meeting was called to order by Gerald Horn at 10:30 am.
2. The minutes from December 17, 2019 meeting were distributed and reviewed by members present.
3. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The minutes were accepted.
4. Gerald proposed establishing a winter schedule for our advisory committee. After much discussion, it was decided the group meeting would continue to be scheduled monthly. However, the meeting could be cancelled by Gerald Horn if the lack of agenda items dictated it was not beneficial to meet.
5. Fred Stiehl shared an article from the OP Progress newspaper regarding an amendment to Board Resolution B-01 (boat ramp as a fee-based amenity) requesting clarification of the intent of the resolution. Fred took the action to draft language around his request.
6. The boat ramp article prompted the question from Dave Allen inquiring if we had received any feedback from the GM regarding complaints or concerns about the White Horse Parking or boat ramp. Gerald took the action to reach out to the GM.
7. Gerald questioned if there had been anymore discussion on a replacement for the crab pier? Board liaison Doug Parks, stated there had not.
8. Fred Stiehl shared an article with the group regarding Electric Shock Drowning (ESD). The article from the June/July issue of Practical Boater discussed the dangers of electric leaking into the water around boats and marinas and why it is so important not to be in the water around marinas. The article pointed out electrolysis standards have recently changed in 2014 and 2017. Fred questioned whether or not our marinas were compliant with these new standards. A lot of robust discussion took place on this topic, and all present supported the suggestion to recommend to the Board we determine if we are compliant and no electric leakage is present. Fred volunteered to draft a letter of recommendation to the Board.
9. Doug Parks also suggested we may want to partner with the county to develop a public service announcement on the topic of Electric Shock Drowning.
10. Motion to adjourn was made by Roger West, Dave Allen seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.