

## OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**MARCH 15, 2022**

MAAC Members Present: Dave Allen, Donna McElroy, Mike Johnson, John Latham, Sue Challis, and Jerry Leuters.

Guests:

BOD Liaison: Doug Parks by Zoom

1. The meeting was called to order by Dave Allen at 10:00 a.m.
2. The minutes from February 15, 2022, were reviewed and accepted. (Donna emailed a copy of these to Linda Martin, OPA Office Manager, following the meeting. )

### **OLD BUSINESS**

3. OYSTER RESTORATION PROJECT. Nothing new was added to the discussion today. Dave advised that he had obtained a cage and starter sets of oysters himself.
4. MARINE DEBRIS CLEAN-UP PROGRAM. John Viola has approved this event which will be held on May 15, 2022. The clean-up program will correspond with the Maryland Coastal May Day activities, which will be held at the White Horse Park and the boat ramp. Maryland Coastal Bays will provide the advertising, the equipment, and the dumpster. Sue has been communicating with Sandi Smith of Maryland Coastal Bays in order to coordinate activities. Sandi has planned a meeting for March 25<sup>th</sup>. Interested parties can participate in person at their office or by Zoom. (Among others, Doug, Sue, and Donna planned to attend.) Other related items discussed include:
  - An advertisement will be run about the Debris Plunder, closer to the event. We will need individuals to assist with organization and the volunteers. We will need to get volunteers to sign up in advance.
  - Dave has been in contact with Debbie Donahue, director of Recreation and Parks.

5. DOUG PARKS. Doug is also the liaison to the Environmental and natural Assts Committee and will invite the chairperson, Sharon Santacroce, to our April meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

6. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. Dave informed the committee that he will attend the executive council meeting at the end of the month. He will request an update on the permits and dredging.
7. NEWS BLAST AND FEEDBACK. The Committee discussed kayak racks and the boat launch at Pintail. Target date for this is September 2023.
8. BULKHEAD FEE. Doug addressed questions about the bulkhead and dredging. Residents file a request for needed dredging. This request is sent to the G.M. and copied to the Board of Directors. The dredging is funded from the fees paid by property owners with waterfront property. Ocean Pines is responsible for identifying and starting the process for the dredging. Doug also mentioned that several years ago members of MAAC conducted an informal depth analysis. Question asked – should there be an effort to re-access the depth of the canals?
9. VANDALISM AT THE WHITE HORSE PARKING LOT. Sue informed the committee that she has seen a group of kids hanging around the lot near the boat ramp, taking pieces of the fencing away with them. She noted that the fencing is broken and has missing pieces in some areas. She asked who is responsible for maintaining that fence. Doug recommended that she put some wording together regarding the fence and send it to him. He will take the concern to the Board.

## **CLOSING**

10. The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
11. Dave adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, Donna B. McElroy.