

OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MAY 18, 2021 MEETING

MAAC Members Present: Gerald Horn, Donna McElroy, Dave Allen, Mike Johnson, Jerry Leuters

Guests:

BOD Liaison:

1. Chairperson, Gerald Horn, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- 2- Secretary, Donna McElroy, failed to read and the committee members failed to approve the minutes from the last meeting, February 18, 2020. Reading of those minutes will be placed on the agenda for our June 15, 2021 meeting.
3. Members in attendance are listed above.
4. The Agenda for today's meeting included topics suggested by Gerald Horn, Dave Allen, and Donna McElroy.
5. Gerald Horn reminded the members of the committee's purpose as an advisory group to the Board-
6. Contact information (address, phone numbers, email address) for all members was reviewed and updated. Donna McElroy agreed to forward this new information to the members by email.
7. Donna McElroy and Gerald Horn emphasized the need for regular attendance. When we fail to have a quorum, we cannot discuss projects and issues, and nothing gets completed, as evidenced by the past. There was also a discussion about the size of our committee- With information that Henry Dow has moved out of the community, and comments from Roger West that he did not intend to continue with the committee, we now have six (6) members. The committee agreed there is no need at this time to increase the number of members. We also agreed that our meetings will continue to be held on the third (3rd) Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
8. Committee members were encouraged to contact Donna McElroy and/or Gerald Horn about items to be added to the Agenda for our June 15th meeting.

9. Dave Alien, Donna McElroy and Gerald Horn shared information on old projects with the new members.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 10- No Wake. What is the status of this issue? Do we need additional "no wake" signs in the canals? Who is responsible for this? Someone needs to follow up on this, inquire of Doug Parks about who we might contact, and report back to the committee in June.

11. Boat Ramp. At the February 18, 2020 meeting, Dave Allen inquired whether we had received any feedback from the GM regarding complaints or concerns about the White Horse Parking or boat ramp. Apparently, we did not receive any feedback- Someone needs to follow up on this, inquire of Doug Parks about who we might contact, and report back to the committee in June.

There are still questions about how to control non-resident use of these ramps. Dave Allen believes that the installation of locked gates was an item considered by the Board at the last Budget Committee meeting. He will investigate that and advise us at the June meeting.

12. Mike Johnson suggested that the committee might inquire whether there are CCTV's at the boat ramps, and if not, could this be done. Mike also inquired about insurance and liability at the parking lots and boat ramps- Someone needs to follow up on this, inquire of Doug Parks about who we might contact, and report back to the committee in June.

- 13- Status of the Boater's Shower/bathroom. This issue was originally raised by Donna McElroy at the September 17, 2019 meeting. At that time, Colby Phillips indicated this would be addressed in the upcoming budget. Someone needs to follow up on this, inquire of Doug Parks about who we might contact, and report back to the committee in June.

14. Marina Shore Power Devices (ESD). At the February 18, 2020 meeting, former member, Fred Stiehl, shared an article with the group regarding Electric Shock Drowning (ESD).

Dave Allen shared a copy of that article with the committee members in attendance. At that last meeting, Fred Stiehl also questioned whether our marinas were compliant with these new standards. After a discussion at that February 18th meeting, the committee supported the suggestion to recommend to the Board

that we determine whether we are compliant and that there is no electric leakage. Someone needs to follow up on this, inquire of Doug Parks about who we might contact, and report back to the committee in June. (Please refer to the minutes of 02/18/2020. You may request a copy from Donna McElroy if you do not have one.)

NEW BUSINESS

15. MOB devices. Dave Allen informed the committee about a new federal law that went into effect on April 1, 2021 that requires the operator of a boat with an installed ECOS to

use the ECOS link. Dave explained that this link is a coiled bungee cord lanyard which must be clipped onto the operator of the boat. There was a discussion among the members regarding the law and the link. Dave agreed to locate the article he had read and forward any information to Donna which would then be shared with the committee. All the members present agreed that this is relevant information that needs to be shared with boaters before the Memorial Day weekend is upon us. Noncompliance will result in a fine from the coast guard.

16. Gerald Horn noted that we had numerous questions that we need answered by Doug Parks before we commit to any projects for the year. Donna McElroy volunteered to contact Doug Parks after the meeting and inquire whether he could accommodate a request to meet with all or some of us in the next day or two to specifically discuss the MOB devices and our suggested project. She also volunteered to discuss the old and new business questions with Doug before the June meeting.

17. Donna McElroy recommended that a member of the committee be responsible for reviewing DNR and Coast Guard websites, as well as relevant magazines and journals, regarding new rules, laws, and regulations. This information could be compiled for committee consideration or for possible dissemination to the public. This subject can be added to the agenda for the June 15th meeting.

18. Donna McElroy asked about the precedent for the election of officers on the committee. Gerald Horn explained that in the past, new officers were chosen if someone no longer wished to serve, or if the committee desired a change in the leadership. Donna agreed to continue as Secretary if the committee so desired, and Gerald indicated that he was willing to remain as chairperson. They were unanimously elected to continue as officers for the Marine Activities Advisory Committee.

19. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

20. The next meeting will be June 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.