

OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2022

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

BOD Liaison: Absent

Guests: None

1. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Dave Allen at 9:56a.m.
2. Our BOD Liaison, Rick Farr, spoke with Dave about his work conflict which prevented him from attending our meetings and which will require that he attend future meetings virtually.
3. Minutes from the October meeting were read, corrections were made, and the minutes were then approved. (Jerry moved and John seconded.) Members voiced concerns about our minutes being posted on the oceanpines.org website. Donna agreed review the site and then contact Linda Martin for the purpose of updating any missing minutes over the last year. Members were also concerned that the public know in advance that our December meeting would be cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS

4. STATUS OF BOATERS SHOWER. Donna had not check on the status of the repairs since the October meeting. At that time, on October 18, 2022, the shower was still not repaired. The Committee requested that she follow up with public works as they may be confusing the boaters shower with the Yacht Club women's shower. The Committee agreed to table this topic until the Spring of 2023.
5. CHARGING DOCUMENT. The Committee discussed the status of our request. This was submitted to our committee liaison to be forwarded to the appropriate Ocean Pines entity for response. There is nothing new on the status of this. Linda Martin did respond with answers to some of our questions. The Committee agreed to take that information and discuss how to proceed at the January 2023 meeting.
6. REPAIRS AT MUMFORD BOAT RAMP. John indicated that these were addressed in a timely fashion. Donna mentioned the need for attention to a loose bumper at slip 76, Pier D, at the Yacht Club marina. Committee suggested she contact the harbor master about this perhaps in the Spring.
7. 2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Dave amended the report based on suggestions at the October meeting. This was submitted to the Board and will be addressed at the Annual Executive Meeting. The report for last year indicates that the MAAC completed five (5) major activities for the reporting year.
8. OYSTER RESTORATION. Since the last meeting, Donna distributed a handout to residents who contacted her regarding information on the project. Donna was asked to follow up with Josh Davis to inquire whether our article was published. Dave,

who got involved with the project earlier this year, shared a photo with the committee of the adult oysters he harvested. These he donated to the Maryland coastal Bays Program, the organization which runs the restoration project. He then obtained 150 additional seed oysters. The Committee is hoping to encourage more residents to become involved.

9. TURTLE EXCLUDER. This item was address at the September and October meeting was tabled until the spring. Since 1999 Maryland regulation requires that each entrance funnel on a recreational crab pot must be equipped with a turtle excluder devise.
10. KAYAK LAUNCHES. Dave advised that Bill Barnard, chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, did forward information to the Board regarding this item. The Recreation and Parks Committee, MAAC, and the Environmental Committee are working together regarding this item. Our committee is hoping to work with these committees on the launches. There are continuing concerns about kayak launching at the White Horse pier and the need for signs, regarding both the use of the kayak launch and unauthorized use by non-OP residents and owners. These committees have also noted environment concerns in this area.
11. GRANTS. These are available from DNR for various marine-related projects. Based on recommendation from the committee in October, John volunteered to contact Sandi Smith (Maryland Coastal Bays Program) and Lisa Wist about their grants and see whether we may be able to benefit from anything.
12. MARINE DEBRIS PLUNDER. This project, which was postponed from an earlier date due to weather, was a great success. Sue agreed to draft an article about the plunder, MAAC members who participated, and other relevant information about this successful event.

NEW BUSINESS

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE AGRENDAS. Bulkheads

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 10 a.m. (unless otherwise determined by the chair that we need to meet in December.