

**OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FOR MAY 16, 2023**

MAAC Members Present: Dave Allen, Donna McElroy, John Latham, Sue Challis, Mike Johnson  
Board Liaison:

Guest: Tom Ottenwaeder, homeowner

Brenda Davis, Executive Director of Assateague Coastal Trust

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Dave Allen.

The minutes from the last meeting on April 18, 2023, were reviewed, revisions were made and the minutes were approved. Donna will forward these to Linda Martin.

Dave suspended Roberts Rules to welcome our guest.

**GUEST SPOKE TO THE COMMITTEE**

Brenda Davis spoke about the Assateague Coastal Trust, their work and how our committee might become involved in some of their projects. The topics included water quality monitoring, the Swim ap, the Water Report ap, Citizen Scientist Program, Coastal Kids Program, and some talk regarding the Jenkins Point Project. Brenda also shared with us a pamphlet titled Rain Gardens, apparently distributed by Ocean City. Donna will call to inquire about additional copies for our stand at the Farmer's Market.

Dave recalled the meeting to business at 11:06 a.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Dredging and Charging Document.** The committee members agreed that this has been addressed and is no longer an issue for future old business.

**Boat Ramp.** John indicated that the Bishopville Ramp will be looking into charging for the use of their ramp. Again, the committee discussed how this might further add pressure on our boat ramps in the Pines. We have no reliable statistics, but we are hoping to learn from the DE and Ocean City experiments with payment for use of their ramps. Before Ocean Pines spends any money, we need to gather relevant information to share with the Board. For now, we agreed to leave this topic open.

**Canal Depths.** To be placed on hold for now. Members again discussed the status of our idea to put street names along the canals.

**Grants.** To remain an open item but placed on hold for now.

**Fishing Flea Market.** Both Sue and John attended the event and indicated that they believe it was successful and well attended. We will request a report from Jerry at the May meeting.

**Boaters' Shower at Yacht Club Marina:** It has been repaired and a big thank you goes out to John Viola and Eddie Wells for addressing this project.

**National Safe Boating Week:** is next week. Sue has completed the article about Vessel Safety and will submit it for publication.

**MAAC Information Table at the Farmer's Market:** Due to a bad weather forecast, we did not have a table at Farmer's Market on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We agreed to do this on June 24, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Members volunteered for the following coverage:

7:30 to 8:00 a.m., Sue and Sandi Smith will be setting up

8:00 to 9:00 a.m., John

9:00 to 10:00 a.m., Sue.

10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Donna and Mike

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m, Dave

12:00 to 1:00 p.m, Jerry (Sue will return to assist with the clean-up)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Sue shared a recent article about Maryland Coastal Bay assessment of regions of the wetlands.

It was determined that we may have three (3) openings on our board. Tom Ottenwaeder has already submitted his application to our committee. John indicated that Michael Reynolds would be applying as well.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 10 a.m., in the Ocean Pines Administration Building

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna B. McElroy, Secretary