

**OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR APRIL 18, 2023**

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

Board Liaison: Rick Farr (attending via Zoom)

Guest: Cindy Hoffman, reporter, Bayside Gazette and OC Today

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Dave Allen.

The draft minutes from the March 21, 2023, meeting was reviewed, revisions were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Charging document regarding dredging – After a discussion the members decided that we would remain with the current OPA language.

Fees at the Boat Ramps: members shared information and recent articles regarding Ocean City's intention to assess fees at only one ramp, as a pilot program. Again, the committee discussed the possible impact on Ocean Pines' ramps and what the Board or our Committee could do, and the idea of potential sticker program to be initiated at the boat ramps. Rick will communicate this last idea to the Board.

Canal Depths – The committee discussed whether there is anything else that we can do regarding measuring canal depth. Mike shared with the committee his creation for measuring depths, an instrument which he had brought to the March meeting for us to view. The current process calls for the resident to initiate concerns with the depths. The committee doesn't feel we are qualified to produce "accurate and consistent" results. Mike gave a report on his inquiry about who needs to be contacted for determining current canal depth.

Boaters' Shower at Yacht Club Marina: Update from Donna that this was still not completed. She mentioned that she brought this up at the BOD meeting and it will be placed on the punch list if it has not already been placed on it.

Grants – We all agreed that we need to identify relevant issues and seek grant money for these projects.

Pre-Season "Party" in OP: Sue Challis reminded us that this event will be postponed until spring 2024.

Fishing Flea Market: Jerry reminded us of the date and the time and location of the event. He will provide us with a report on its success at the May meeting.

Bay Day is May 7: no action needed.

Marine Debris Cleanup / Ocean City Plunder: Sue reminded the committee that this event will be held in the fall. There will be no Ocean Pines specific event.

Email blast for community input – It was agreed that we need to get out another email blast to field questions and concerns from the residents. This was successful last year and has steered our focus for upcoming projects. John will take care of this and contact Josh.

MAAC Information Table at the Farmer's Market: The committee scheduled to have a table at the White Horse Park farmer's market on May 13, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The members discussed what information will be highlighted at the table which includes oyster growing and turtle excluder. Members volunteered for the following coverage:

8 to 9, John

9 to 10, Sue

10 to 11, Donna and Mike

11 to 12, Dave

Assateague Coastal Trust: Brenda Davis, a representative of Assateague Coastal Trust, will be invited to attend our May meeting. John will contact her and advance our invitation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree Down – Someone mentioned that a tree was down in the water under the Clubhouse road Bridge. John Viola and Eddie Wells will be notified of the safety issue in the water.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 10 a.m., Ocean Pines Administration Building

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna B. McElroy, Secretary