

OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2021

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

Guests:

BOD Liaison:

1. Acting Chairperson, Donna McElroy, called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.
2. Donna McElroy, read the minutes from the June 15, 2021, meeting. These were accepted as corrected.
3. Because of the reduction in the committee's membership, this meeting was held one (1) week earlier than usual.
4. Our BOD Liaison, Doug Parks, was unable to attend the meeting. We discussed the possibility of holding another meeting, next Tuesday, if Doug is available.

AGENDA:

5. ELECT NEW OFFICERS. Dave Allen agreed to serve as Chairperson and Donna McElroy agreed to remain as Secretary. There were no objections by the members. Dave agreed to take over for a period of one (1) year when the committee can reconsider their officers.
6. VERIFY CONTACT INFORMATION. Donna verified the contact information for each of the members. Dave noted that upon a recent review of the MAAC membership list, found online, there appears to be a new name listed, Sue Challis. Since Sue will be serving until September 15, 2024, it was assumed that her appointment will begin September 25, 2021. Donna will contact her and inform her of the next meeting date, time, and location.
7. WAYS TO AGGRESSIVELY RECRUIT NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS. As previously stated in these minutes, Dave learned that Sue Challis has been appointed to the MAAC. Donna advised the committee that she recently spoke with two (2) prospects, one having already submitted his application. She inquired whether prospective members could be invited to the monthly meetings. Dave mentioned that our meetings are open to the public. Jerry Leuters suggested an email blast to

inform the community that we are looking for new members. He suggested that Dave talk with Doug about this. The members discussed other uses of an email blast to ascertain comments and suggestions from the community which could include what marine projects need to be addressed by this committee.

8. **COMMITTEE FOCUS AND OBJECTIVES.** Mike Johnson referred the committee members to Resolution C-12, on the Marine Activities Advisory Committee, which lists our purpose, authority, and functions. Members reviewed each of the functions and discussed the need to have a member of our committee to serve as a liaison to the different committees and government agencies and commissions. Jerry volunteered to contact different groups and invite a representative from each to attend one of our monthly meetings and to inquiry how our committee can help with their work. Jerry will contact someone from Maryland Coastal Bays Program and invite that individual to attend our November meeting. We also discussed contacting someone from the DNR to attend a spring meeting and to inquire how we can interact with them and what can we do. Mike pointed out that one of committee's functions is to conduct surveys of water depths. Donna advised the committee that this was discussed by the committee back in February of 2019, when the committee discussed the issue of surveying the canals to determine compliance with required depths. She said that the committee was not certain how to complete this task or who to contact. We agreed we will need to investigate this as a possible project, that we prefer professionals to conduct this survey and not committee members, although members might conduct something informally. Dave noted that the committee will need to draft and submit an annual report by October 31, 2021, and he agreed to do this. Dave will share his draft with the members for any additions or corrections. Donna again mentioned the need for maintenance in the boater's bathroom and the ignored repair to one of the showers. Members agreed that anyone of us, as a private resident of Ocean Pines, could advise maintenance of this needed repair.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Dave advised the committee of the events at the BOD meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021, and the appointment of two (2) new board members because of the resignations of Tom Janasek and Camilla Rogers. They were Amy Peck and Josette Wheatley, respectively.
10. We discussed the committee's responsibilities as an advisory group to the Board. Dave suggested that the projects should flow down from the Board. Jerry raised the question about what things the Board believes are needed in the community

that are within our committee's functions. Donna suggested that the committee discuss our functions with Doug the next time he meets with the committee.

11. Donna inquired whether any of the members were also members of other committees or were friends with people on other committees. We listed other committees that we might work with – parks & recreations, anglers club, boaters club, Power Squadron Club, even the corn hold club.
12. Donna thanked Dave for taking over as Chair, Mike for reviewing Resolution C-12 and our functions, and Jerry for taking up the task of contacting outside organizations and programs. The committee members were in unanimous agreement that "Ocean Pines, as a community, needs to be nicer."

ACTION ITEMS:

13. Dave will contact Michelle Bennett to verify use of the meeting room for the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. He will contact John LaRue about re-engaging with the committee. Finally, Dave will contact Doug about his availability for a meeting on October 19th, and he will draft the annual report.
14. Jerry will contact someone from Maryland Coastal Bays Program to attend our November meeting.
15. Donna will submit the June minutes to Michelle Bennett and contact Doug with a summary of today's meeting.

CLOSING:

16. It was recommended that committee members re-read Resolutions C-12 and C-01 prior to the November meeting.
17. Mike told the members that this was an enjoyable and outstanding meeting today and thanked everyone for their involvement.
18. The next meeting will be November 16th, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
19. Donna adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, Donna B. McElroy.