

## OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**OCTOBER 18, 2022**

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

Guests:

BOD Liaison: Rick Farr was absent

1. The meeting was called to order by Dave Allen at 9:59 a.m.
2. The minutes from the September 20, 2022, were corrected and accepted. John moved to accept, and Jerry seconded. Donna will forward a copy to Linda Martin.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

3. **BOATER'S SHOWER REPAIR STATUS.** Donna reported that immediately prior to the meeting today (at 9:37 a.m.), she checked on the status of the repairs. She reports that nothing has been done regarding this and emphasized that this issue has been years awaiting repair.
4. **ARTICLE ON BOATING SAFETY.** This issue was addressed at the September meeting. Sue reported that the article is in its final form. The members agreed to publish the article in the Spring as there is little boating activity at this time.
5. **GRANTS.** Jerry asked John about the feedback from his inquiries regarding grant money available for local governments and organizations for Fiscal Year 2024. John provided the members with an update since his earlier email. There was some discussion about contacting Sandi Smith at Maryland Coastal Bays. Committee agreed to investigate the topic closer and place the issue on a future agenda. John's prior email discusses how this funding is available "for projects that restore local waterways, increase communities' resilience to climate change and storm impacts, strengthen local economies, develop the next generation of environmental stewards, and foster sustainable development and use of Maryland waterways with projects that benefit the general boating public."
6. **CHARGING DOCUMENT.** Dave gave the document to Rick Farr; however, it did not get on the agenda for the last Board Meeting (indicated this is not a Board issue). Dave indicated that it has now been turned over to John Viola and operations.
7. **2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** Dave agreed to amend the draft pursuant to Donna's recommendation that Rick Farr's name be removed as

he not a committee member and he did not actually serve as liaison during the last year.

8. OYSTER RESTORATION. The Committee members agreed that we need to encourage Ocean Pines residents and property owners to consider participating in this program. Donna submitted her draft letter to the committee who provided additions and corrections. It was suggested that she submit it to Joe Jankowski for his review before it is forward to Josh Davis for possible publication. In the meantime, Donna will make copies of the letter and photos to be distributed to residents upon request.
9. TURTLE EXCLUDER. This was addressed at the last meeting. Committee decided to table this topic until the Spring.
10. KAYAK LAUNCH. The committee again discussed contacting other committees who are involved or interested in this topic, i.e. recreation and parks, environment, etc. Members also discussed continuing concerns about non-resident use of the White Horse pier, a sign to mark the area for kayak launching, and a more appropriately placed and newer sign to warn trespassers this is the private property of Ocean Pines.
11. MARINE DEBRIS PLLUNDER. The event was held on October 15, 2022, and it was a great success. Several members of the MAAC committee participated in the event. We will be coordinating dates for a plunder in the Pines sometime next spring. Sue agreed to draft an article about the Plunder.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

Dave adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Donna B. McElroy, Secretary.