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OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES March 20, 2018

Present: MAAC Members: Tim Mullin, chair, Gerry Horn, Doris Lloyd, Steve Stein, and Fred Stiehl

BOD Liaison, Tom Herrick

Tim Mullin called the meeting to order at 10:00am

- **Previous minutes approved with deletion of last paragraph.**
- **There was a general discussion of the request from OPA president, Doug Parks, for background data and opinions regarding the status of the Whitehorse Park boat ramp. During the discussion it was pointed out by Gerald that, according to the latest version of Resolution M-02, the boat ramps in Ocean Pines should be considered a "fee-based" amenity. While there was much discussion regarding ways to limit usage of the boat ramp to Ocean Pines owners and guests including the use of stickers, the consensus of the group was that there is a need to develop facts regarding usage to first determine if there is a problem requiring a fix by OPA. To develop facts regarding usage, Gerald Horn and Fred Stiehl were requested to meet with the OP Police Department to gauge the level of enforcement the police believe is available to the Association to enforce any particular restriction on the use of the ramp beyond that which is currently being performed. Horn and Stiehl will report back to the MAAC after their meeting with Chief Massey. There was**

also a consensus that there needs to be some sort of survey of usage undertaken to determine the extent of any problem regarding crowding at the ramp parking lot. How and when this survey will be undertaken was tabled pending the discussion with Chief Massey, under the belief that if enforcement is not an option, the BOD should not craft additional rules regarding usage of the ramp.

- As requested, the Committee reviewed the OPA Hurricane/Storm Preparedness for boaters policy (July 11, 2005) and Severe Weather Emergency Plan (October 17, 2015). No changes were recommended.**
- There was a brief discussion of the 2018 Ocean Pine Bulkhead Program (2018) that has been prepared by OPA. Although the plan appears to be sound, it was noted that there is no discussion in the Plan of the desirability of raising the level of the bulkheads 6-12 inches when they are replaced to ameliorate the effects of climate change, as the MAAC had recommended. If the costs associated with such a rise in the height of the bulkheads are prohibitive, there is no discussion of such in the Plan.**
- Tom Herrick advised the Committee that there is money in the OPA 2018 budget to survey the canal depths within Ocean Pines. The survey will commence sometime after May 1st.**
- The next meeting is likely to be postponed until the last week of March to accommodate the absence of at least two members.**
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.**