

## **OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 21, 2024**

MAAC Members Present: Dave Allen, Donna McElroy, Sue Challis, Tim Connolly, Ken Karr, Mike Reynolds, Mike Alpaugh and John Cacchio.

The Board Liaison, John Latham, joined remotely.

Visitor: Tim Peck from the Environmental Committee. Tim spoke about the oyster project and noted that there are no cages at the Swim and Racquet location. His committee is considering maintaining some at that location. John suggested that some might be placed at the YC marina, and he offered to investigate this. Tim stressed that his committee would like to partner with MAAC and collaborate with us on the oyster project. Tim and Dave talked about a partnership on the water testing project by the Assateague Coastal Trust. Tim suggested that this might be something to be added to the budget. John Latham, our board liaison, suggested that we submit a charging document to obtain funds to participate in this testing program. Tim will talk with his committee and provide us with feedback on their position to participate in the water testing program.

Minutes. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dave Allen. The minutes from the April 16, 2024, meeting was reviewed and approved. Donna moved to accept, and John seconded the motion. Donna will send it to Linda Martin.

### **OLD BUSINESS ITEMS**

Water Testing Kits. Seven members of the MAAC committee and maybe 3 members of the Environmental Committee may be willing to participate in the water testing. We need to find out whether we will require some training. It was decided that our committee should order 10 kits, which will cost \$600. The long-term goal is to take our data and apply for a grant in the future.

Canal Depths. Sue questioned whether any problem with the canal depths is a reality. Should our committee address this?

Communications/Articles from MAAC – “Getting Your Boat Ready” article already went out. As to the other topics, Sue gave some of this information to Cindy Hoffman.

Dredging. We reviewed the email from John Latham with a list of applicants.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

New Maryland boating law. This new law, called Nick’s Law, prohibits a person from operating a vessel for two (2) years if they are convicted of boating under the influence and five (5) years if the accident results in death. The law also requires the Maryland Department of Natural resources to establish and maintain a database of people who are prohibited from operating a vessel.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ken and seconded by Mike R. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m. The next meeting will be June 18 at 10 a.m.

Submitted by Donna McElroy, secretary