

**Drum Point Property Owners' Association
General Membership Meeting
Drum Point Club
March 16, 2024
Draft**

Board Members present: Tony Spakauskas, Mike Snapp, Jack Andre, Bonnie Blades, Asha Andreas, Ginny Rice, Susan Rork, Allen Fine, and John Latham

Board Members not present:

Staff present: Rhea Webster – Association Manager

Tony Spakauskas, President of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA), called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. With 36 memberships in good standing represented, a quorum was present, and business could be conducted (26 in person, 10 absentee ballots).

Approval of Minutes: Mike Snapp made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2023, meeting, distributed at the door and posted to the Association website. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

President's Remarks: Tony Spakauskas, President of the Board, remarked on the progress made over the past few months, including the finishing of the beach restoration project. He noted that people continue to drive onto the "loose sand" of the beach despite signs prohibiting it. Sal Icaza, who organizes the annual Osprey Festival, was introduced. Sal spoke about this year's event and noted the following:

- The festival is scheduled for April 6th at the Drum Point Club, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Speakers are scheduled to speak about the importance of the Osprey as well as other issues surrounding environmental concerns of the Bay and surrounding area.
- All Drum Point residents are welcome to attend and are encouraged to walk to the event if possible. There will be no parking at the club, however, bus transportation will be available from Patuxent High School to the club. There will be limited parking across the street from the Association office, and the bus will make periodic stops there as well.
- There will be a free concert at the club the night before the festival, from 6:00 – 9:00. The evening will include the first of a three-part lecture series by area naturalist, Alex Pellegrini.
- Food will be available both the night before and the day of the event. There is an entry fee of \$10.00 per person and \$20.00 per family.
- Also of concern by environmentalists is the over fishing of menhaden in the Bay, and a meeting discussing what can be done was held at the Ruddy Duck on February 29th (The menhaden are considered a "keystone" species that bring larger fish, and overfishing will diminish the number of those larger fish in the Chesapeake Bay).

Committee Reports: It was noted anyone wishing to serve on a committee should contact the Association office.

Operational/Roads Committee: Steve Rowe reported the following:

- Work to address storm water runoff in various areas will begin Monday, the 18th. Additional areas will be addressed in the coming year.
- Roads are being measured for asphalt overlay work scheduled for early fall of 2024. This year's project will include side streets off of Barreda Boulevard as well as a few other streets in need of repair.

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Finance Committee: The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement were distributed at the door. Jack Andre, Treasurer for the Association, stated that all expense item categories are within the expected range for the current fiscal year as reflected in the Profit and Loss statement (distributed at the door).

Funds from four income streams are available to the Association as follows:

- Covenant Fees - billed annually by the Association office.
- Mandatory Assessments - billed annually by the Association office.
- Special Tax District (STD) - billed annually by the County and included with the yearly property tax bill. This money is administered by the County and is used primarily on road maintenance and major capital projects. An STD makes the Association eligible for FEMA funding when an emergency has been declared by the state of Maryland.
- State Highway User Revenue (SHUR) – distributed by Calvert County for road maintenance.

Safety Committee: John Latham stated that he is in the process of updating the safety committee response team membership list. He said that the responses received from committee members have been sparse and suggested that anyone wishing to serve should contact the office. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is part of county efforts to address concerns during weather and other possible emergencies.

Environmental Committee: The following was noted:

- Bonnie Blades stated that Phragmites, an invasive plant species, continues to be monitored, although the infestation on common property appears to be under control. She stated further that any concerns regarding the environmental health of Drum Point should be brought to the attention of the Association office.
- Ginny Rice reported that the last meeting of the Ivy League for the season was conducted on March 9th. Three volunteers attended, and ivy was removed from 61 trees on a lot at Elkins Drive and River View Drive. The Ivy League works to remove ivy, another invasive plant species that will choke out native trees. The league pauses activities during warm weather due to concerns about ticks and other pests.

Welcoming Committee: No report

Planning Committee: Mike Snapp remarked that the recently installed spur at the community beach is working as intended and holding the sand. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) required that marsh grass be planted as part of the project. These grasses must be monitored and protected for the next five years. The “Goose Exclusion” fencing that was one of the required protection steps has been a bit of an issue as wind and rain sometimes causes that fencing to come down. He stated also that additional barriers may be placed to keep vehicles off the loose sand, and updated cameras will be installed to monitor vandalism and other issues. He deferred to Allen Fine, who spoke about the installation of these cameras.

Allen stated that the cameras being installed use updated technology in comparison to the existing system. They will allow for 24/7 monitoring and should present a clearer picture of any vandalism etc. The photos/video can be viewed in real time by Board members or by the Association office. He encouraged anyone who sees something to report it to the DPPOA office. There is evidence of bonfires, and this area is too close to houses to allow for these fires.

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Unfinished Business: None scheduled.

New Business: Presentation of Candidates for FY 2025

Curt Larsen stated the following:

- The members of the committee include himself, Libby Fall, and Nancie Ririe.
- There are three three-years seats open for the upcoming year as well as two seats open due to directors having resigned and new members appointed.
- The following seats are therefore opening:
 - Tony Spakauskas – 3-year seat
 - Mike Snapp - 3-year seat
 - Jack Andre – 3-year seat
 - Allen Fine - 2-year seat (appointed to replace Mike Chaconas)
 - John Latham - 2-year seat (appointed to replace Maggie Johnson)

Tony Spakauskas asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a motion was made as follows:

Motion: Dan Mathias made a motion to accept the slate of candidates as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:50. The next meeting of the membership will be scheduled for June 2024 (date to be determined).