**Board Members Present:** Gary Heal, Jack Andre, Curt Larsen, Tony Spakauskas and John Rovero

**Board Members Not Present:** Libby Fall, Amy Rispin, Vince Barazzone and Paula Walker (resigned, having left the area)

**Staff Present:** Rhea Webster – Association Manager

**Property Owners and Guests Present:** Peter Holt

**Call to Order:** Gary Heal, President of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA), called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. He stated that the meeting is being recorded, and Robert’s Rules of Order govern the proceedings. He reminded all present to not speak until recognized by the Chair.

**President’s Remarks:** Gary Heal reported the following:

* The last Reserve Study was done in 2012 [by Miller, Dodson and Associates at a cost of $2,940.00]. Reserve studies are generally done every five years. However, we are now on a “pay-as-you-go basis” for the repaving of roads, with approximately 1 mile re-paved each year. In addition, the values of the office, boat ramp and beach have not changed. Therefore, an updated study is not recommended at this time.
* The additional meeting for the presentation of the slate of candidates is scheduled for April 29th. The June meeting of the General Membership is scheduled for June 21st. A brief meeting can be held after either of these two meetings two discuss who, of the new Board members, might be interested in serving as an officer in the coming year.

**Public Comment:** Peter Holt reported that there are, once again, signs of beach erosion at the community beach. He suggested that the Drum Point Club be asked to erect a sign which indicates the boundary between the community beach and the Club beach (Rhea will contact Ralph Swartwood, President of the Club).

**Approval of Minutes:** Curt Larsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7th meeting, previously distributed via e-mail. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The minutes were accepted as written.

**Office Report:** Rhea reported as follows:

* A study was conducted by the State Highway Administration (SHA) in 2015 to determine if the runoff from Rousby Hall Road contributes to the collection of silt in Leason’s Cove. According to representatives from the SHA, the study and survey are complete, and the project is moving forward, however the work has not been scheduled. Gary, who attended the site study in 2015, stated that the work will involve the repair of a culvert which empties into Leason’s Cove. In addition, a portion of the right of way is eroding and will eventually undermine the pavement adjacent to the cove. Repairs will be made in this area.
* 56% of property owners have paid their accounts in full for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1st. 76% of owners have paid their account in full for the current fiscal year. Fees for the current fiscal year continue to be paid, and it is expected that 80% will have paid by June 30th, the end of the current fiscal year.
* A property owner who is 90-plus years old is in arrears in the amount of $540.00. A claim has been filed, with a judgment found in our favor. The defendant did not appear for Oral Exam to be questioned about assets. When a defendant does not appear for Oral Exam, a bench warrant can be issued; however, the defendant is not served directly. If he or she is driving and is picked up for a traffic violation, the warrant takes effect. There is a question as to whether it is worth posting another $50.00 in court costs to the account in consideration of the fact that this person is not likely to be driving a car. After discussion, there was Board consensus that this claim should not be pursued at this time.
* The June meeting of the General Membership is scheduled for June 21st, and the budget will be presented for approval.
* A property owner, who lives on McMichael’s Drive, reported that his security camera recorded two trucks coming out of the unpaved portion of the Drum Point right of way along McMichael’s Drive. The trucks then drove across his yard. He contacted the Sheriff’s Department. The deputy suggested that these rights of way be blocked. After discussion, John Rovero suggested the placement of bollards or other device at this and other points where similar problems occur. Whichever option is chosen, it will be marked with reflective paint or other material to alert those who are used to using these areas.

**Round Table:** None offered

**Committee Reports:**

**Action Items:** In Jeff MacDonald’s absence, the following was presented:

John Rovero presented the proposal from Grover’s Lawnscape for storm water management work at 12941Mills Creek Drive. The property at this address is being eroded due to storm water that sheets across the road and runs down the lot to the water. Gary Heal and Jeff met with the property owner several months ago to discuss the issue. Grover’s Lawnscape met with Jeff and was asked to present a proposal. Jeff recommends the proposal be accepted. After discussion, the following motion was made:

**Motion:** John Rovero made a motion to accept the proposal from Grover’s Lawnscape, in the amount of $1,520.00, for the repair of drainage at 12941 Mills Creek Drive. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Roads Committee:** John Rovero reported the following:

* 197 Deer Drive – The property owner complained that drainage from Deer Drive is eroding a seawall. After a site visit, John determined that this is the natural drainage of the area and would occur whether the road had been paved or not. This is a natural drainage channel due to the topography of the land.
* 338 Deer Drive – The property owner complained that water pools in the right of way and in his yard. After a site visit, John determined that there is some ponding, but does not appear to collect at the road’s edge, which would result in damage. John will revisit during a storm to determine how long it takes for the water to perk (48 hours is standard and not considered a problem).
* Another property in this vicinity has a grove of bamboo which is blocking a pipe. The owner will call the office to ask about who might clear the pipe.

**Finance:** Jack Andre, Treasurer for the Board, reported as follows:

* The Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement by Class and Profit and Loss Statement, Budget to Actual reports were distributed.

**Motion:** Jack made a motion to accept Mike Snapp and Jerome Budnick as members of the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

* Jack has been working with Rhea on the budget for the upcoming year and will be meeting with the newly-formed committee in the next few weeks. The meeting will be posted on the website 24 hours in advance.
* There was discussion regarding the needs of the emergency center and any expected legal fees.
* The budget will be published in the summer newsletter.

**Environment:** Tony Spakauskas stated that he contacted the State Department of Natural Resources and was given the names of two contractors who are certified in the eradication of Phragmites. He is meeting with one of the contractors on Friday, the 7th to inspect the area and secure an estimate. Rhea sent an e-mail to the State representative to request the permit. The permit is being sought, on our behalf, at no cost. Phragmites eradication will take place over a period of three – five years.

**Planning Committee:** No report

**Safety Committee:** Peter Holt stated that a Drum Point resident complained to him that Calvert County has been made a part of a Police Department video series which is televised live. She feels that this gives Calvert County a bad name. An issue of this nature is out of control of this Association, and Peter referred the resident to the Sheriff’s Department.

**Welcoming Committee:** No report

**Old Business:**

**Public Areas:** The issue of whether to provide a recreational/playground area was raised for discussion and will be placed on the agenda for the June meeting. If there is interest, an ad hoc committee will be formed to investigate cost of equipment and implications for liability insurance.

**New Business:** None scheduled

* The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:** Peter Holt reported that a house on Harbor Drive is running a business and has placed a sign to that effect and is littering his property. A letter has already been prepared but not yet sent. The letter will be updated to include the fact that a sign is not allowed.

With no further business to discuss, John Rovero made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.