**Board Members present:** Tony Spakauskas, Gary Heal, Jack Andre, Bonnie Blades, Mike Snapp, Asha Andreas and Gina Swartwood

**Board Members not present:** Vince Barazzone (Jerry Budnick – resigned, having left the area)

**Staff present:** Rhea Webster

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 24 Association memberships in good standing represented, a regular quorum was not present. However, per the motion made and approved during the December 9, 2017 General Membership Meeting, the next scheduled meeting would be held in accordance with Maryland Law § 5-206 (“If the number of members present at a meeting does not meet the requirements of a quorum, those present may call another meeting to meet quorum requirements. At the additional meeting, the members present in person constitute a quorum”). This is to be considered that additional meeting. [Per State law, an advertisement, announcing the meeting, was placed in the Calvert Recorder, a locally published newspaper.]

**President’s Remarks:** Tony made the following remarks:

1. The community beach will be cleaned of tree debris and loose pieces of asphalt that break away from what used to be a paved parking area.
2. The community beach is separate from the Drum Point Club beach. Once you go beyond the fence, you are on Drum Point Club property and while the area below the mean-high water mark (area of compacted sand) along the full length of the beach belongs to the state of Maryland, you cannot trespass on Club property (area above the mean-high water mark).
3. There will be a second treatment to eradicate Phragmites (see Environmental Committee report below) in August.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gary Heal made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2107 General Membership meeting. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously as distributed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Environmental Committee:** Bonnie Blades reported the following:

1. The second spraying of Phragmites (invasive plant species that chokes out other plants and has an adverse effect on wetlands) is scheduled for this August.
   1. Anyone who has this plant on their property can request an inspection and treatment at their own expense.
   2. Debra Serabia of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is going to issue a permit that will attach to the DPPOA permit so that private property owners can request the treatment.
   3. There is a rare plant, located at the head of Lake Charming, but this will not affect the spraying for Phragmites as the spraying will not take place near the rare plant.
2. There is also a new invasive insect, known as a Lantern Fly.
   1. They are rapidly approaching this area and look similar to a stink bug.
   2. If they are spotted, please contact the Maryland Department of the Agriculture.
   3. There is a photo in the latest edition of the newsletter as well as on the website.

**Roads Committee:** Gary Heal reported that Jeff MacDonald has drafted a five-year plan for repaving (available in the office [will be placed on the website). The next area to be paved is in the Ottawa Drive and Huron Drive area. The budget is geared for the re-paving of one mile per year, but if the price of asphalt remains low, we may be able to repave a mile and a half. The roads nearer to the water are in greater need of attention.

**Treasurer:** The Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet were distributed at the door. Jack Andre reported as follows:

1. The four income streams are Covenant Fees, Mandatory Assessments, Special Tax District (STD) funds and State Highway User Revenue (SHUR).
2. Income from the STD and SHUR are used primarily for road maintenance.
3. Most major categories are within budget. Snow removal will go over budget slightly.
4. Collections stand at approximately 80%, which is similar to the County rate of collection for property taxes. Claims are filed against owners whose fees are in arrears if those fees are likely to be collected (some property owners cannot be located).
5. The Finance Committee will meet shortly to discuss the budget for fiscal year 2019.

**Safety Committee:** Peter Holt reported that four trees were downed as a result of the most recent snow storm. Gary and Rhea contacted Karl Bowen to have him remove the trees from the roads. There were also a number of power outages. The Association continues to operate a Community Emergency Services Center, and anyone interested in joining the Safety Committee should contact the office. The function of the committee is to act as a go-between with the Calvert County Emergency Operation Center during an emergency such as a major hurricane.

**Old Business**

1. DPPOA property was posted against hunting as approved by a motion made during the September meeting. The rights of way that are adjacent to vacant lots were posted with signs that say hunting is prohibited.
2. The committee formed to investigate options for the building of a playground continues to make progress [issues being addressed are cost, location, liability and insurance].

**New Business:**

**Nominating Committee:** Adrian Stanton, Chair of the Committee, presented the following Slate of Candidates for next year’s Board of Directors:

1. Tony Spakauskas
2. Jack Andre
3. Asha Andreas
4. Gina Swartwood
5. John Manca
6. Alyssa Holiday

Tony Spakauskas asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations, Dennis Baker made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded, and nominations were closed. Dan Mathias made a motion to elect the Slate of Candidates by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Eric Andreas commented on the amount of trash that is often tossed from cars. Chris Boyles (general laborer) has cleaned this up several times in various areas, including the Bay View Drive causeway. A camera was placed in this area as one of the hardest hit and reports were filed with the Sheriff’s office. There has been discussion by the Board of introducing an “Adopt-a-Road” program.

Ralph Swartwood reminded everyone of the Easter egg hunt scheduled for this afternoon. Anyone interested in helping hide the eggs is welcome. He also asked for anyone who might have old photos of the Club to please contact him or Rhea in the Association office.

Peter Holt thanked Jerry Budnick, who recently moved from the community, for volunteering his time to be on the Board of Directors.

Robert Berry was honored for his service to the Country and in recognition of his 100th birthday. He was presented with a flag, previously flown over the Capital building, and commemorative letters from Congressman Hoyer as well as from Governor Hogan of Maryland.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The date of the next General Membership meeting will be announced.