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

**Board Members not present:** Gary Heal, John Manca and Alyssa Holiday

**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 7:00 p. m. With 17 Association memberships in good standing represented, a regular quorum was not present. However, per the motion made and approved during the June 27, 2018 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 reported the following:

1. There will be a remembrance celebration for the life of Mrs. Jo Ruggieri (a long-time member of the community) on October 7th at the Southern Community Center.
2. The wet weather this year caused periodic delays in the trimming of the rights of way, but we should be back on schedule in the coming days.
3. The paving for the year is finished, but the contractor will be back next week to complete the shoulder edge backup.
4. Storm water drainage projects were completed on Laurel Way, Anchor Drive and Mill Creek Drive, although there is some minor asphalt work yet to be done.
5. Today’s agenda includes a discussion on whether to change the days on which General Membership meetings are held.

**Approval of Minutes:** The March 24, 2018 meeting minutes, distributed at the door, were reviewed. Mike Snapp made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously as written.

**Committee Reports:**

**Roads Committee:** See President’s remarks above

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

1. The second treatment of Phragmites, along common property, is scheduled for October 1st; weather permitting (no wind and no heavy rain).
2. Three private properties were able to be included in the Association permit issued by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). These properties could be included in the permit because they are located adjacent to the common property being treated and in the zone originally approved by DNR. The Mill Creek Marina on Rousby Hall Road could not be included as it is located too far away from the original, permitted zone.
3. The dead Phragmites canes can be removed, but a vegetation removal permit must be obtained from the County and a simplified buffer management plan must be submitted. Robin Munnikhuysen, Critical Area Officer for the County, will work with the Association to have the dead canes removed and some shrubs and/or small trees planted (the County may be able to provide some plants, through their fall “Free Tree” program.
4. The Association permit expires in 2021, and treatment will continue through that date. Anyone wishing to have their properties treated from this point forward will have to obtain a permit directly from DNR.

**Safety Committee:** Peter Holt reported that the Community Emergency Services Center remains active, with radio tests conducted on September 24th. All equipment was found to be in good working order, and emergency equipment and supplies are available. Anyone wishing to tour the emergency response facilities should contact the Association office.

**Old Business:** Jack Andre presented the FY 2019 budget for approval [the budget, current balance sheet and profit and loss statements were distributed at the door]. Jack reported as follows:

1. With no quorum present during the June meeting of the membership, business could not be conducted. Therefore, the Association has been operating without a budget since July 1, 2018.
2. The budget document, published in recent newsletters, includes all income streams; however, the vote today will be for the Mandatory Assessment and Covenant fee income only.
3. Each income stream is devoted to particular expenditures, and the Finance Committee drafted this year’s budget based on that fact. Capital Improvement projects, such as paving and storm water management, remain the most expensive items.
4. The full budget has been available on the website since June and is also available in the Association office.
5. Association fees for Drum Point remain among the lowest for a community of this nature.
6. The audit, conducted each year, continues to show no issues and is available in the office.

**Motion:** After review of the above mentioned documents, James Wetzel made a motion to approve the FY 2019 budget as distributed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**New Business:** None scheduled

**Old Business:**

**Playground:** Newly elected Board members, John Manca and Alyssa Holiday, are working together to determine location, cost of equipment, liability insurance, permitting etc. The community beach area is being considered for a small piece of equipment (similar to the equipment in Solomon’s).

**General Membership meeting days:** With a number of other activities in the area occurring on Wednesday evenings, consideration was given to changing the Wednesday evening meeting days to another day, perhaps either Tuesday or Thursday. The By-laws require that a meeting be held quarterly but do not speak to a particular day of the week. Traditionally, two meetings have been held each year on Saturday mornings in March and December and two meetings have been held on Wednesday evenings in June and September. After discussion, there was a consensus that the Wednesday evening meetings should be moved to Tuesday evenings.

**Oktoberfest:** Gina Swartwood announced that the Drum Point Club and the Association will hold an Oktoberfest celebration on October 27th from 3:00 – 7:00 (set up to begin at 2:00). This year there will be a Blues Band, rather than a DJ as in years’ past. The event will be open to the property owners, residents and their guests. Brats and some sides will be provided along with soda and water. Anyone wishing to bring an adult beverage is welcome to do so. The event was advertised in the fall newsletter and has been placed on the Association and Club websites. A community-wide email will be sent the week prior.

**Public Comment:**

Ms. Mellies asked if the ivy can be removed from various trees around the community. The following was noted: If a tree is on private property, the Association cannot act to remove the ivy. If it is growing on trees located on Association property, it may need to be removed, and Karl Bowen (contractor for the DPPOA) can be consulted.

Mrs. Rice asked about a stop sign and street sign at Johnson Drive. The following was noted: The street sign will need to be ordered, however, a stop sign is in stock. Miss Utility will be contacted to mark the area for any buried utilities. If the sign post is to be placed in the right of way of Rousby Hall Road (a State Highway), a permit number will be needed from State Highway. Peter Holt will verify that State Highway does not install street signs.

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 7:45 p.m.

The date of December General Membership meeting will be announced.