**Board Members present:** Gary Heal, Jack Andre, Bonnie Blades, Asha Andreas, Gina Swartwood, Ginny Rice, and Alyssa Holiday

**Board Members not present:** Tony Spakauskas and Mike Snapp

**Staff present:** Rhea Webster

Gary Heal, Vice 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 43 Association memberships in good standing represented, either in person or via absentee ballot, a quorum was present. Therefore, business could be conducted.

**President’s Remarks:** Gary remarked on the turnout as well as the importance of having reached a quorum in order to be able to approve the budget for the upcoming year.

**Public Comments:** None offered

**Approval of Minutes:** The March 23, 2019 meeting minutes, distributed at the door, were reviewed. Alyssa Holiday made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved as written.

**Committee Reports:**

**Operational/Roads Committee:** Gary Heal reported the following:

* We are in the process of securing this year’s contract for the repaving of one mile of asphalt. Jeff MacDonald, or Project Manager, identified the area most in need, and paving should take place in late August or early September.
* Karl Bowen is continuing with the trimming of the unpaved portion of the rights of way. This is a deep cutback of any vegetation that that threatens to encroach on the roads and is done approximately every three years.
* The Association continues to search for a day laborer to help maintain the unpaved portions of the rights of way.

**Finance Committee:** The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement were distributed at the door. Jack Andre noted that we are within the current fiscal year’s budget. He reviewed the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, also distributed at the door and published in the summer newsletter [The full budget was posted on the website several weeks ago].

Time was allowed for review and a question and answer session.

**Motion:** Dan Mathias made a motion to conduct the vote for approval of the budget for Fiscal Year 2020. The motion was seconded, and the vote conducted. Peter and Susan Holt volunteered to count the ballots with the following results: 43 in favor and 0 against (21 in person and 22 absentee ballots).

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

* The permit, needed for the removal of the dead Phragmites canes, has been approved and methods of removal are being investigated. We have a period of two years to allow for the natural regrowth of vegetation. If natural growth does not begin, we can choose to replant and may be able to secure plants through the free-tree program sponsored by the County.
* The Phragmites treatment permit will expire in two years and should be renewed prior to its expiration so that any remaining growth can continue to be treated.
* Treatment will be done every year in order to keep the invasive plant under control. The cost of continued treatment will decrease as the regrowth will lessen over time.

A question and answer session ensued for residents to ask questions about the treatment.

**Safety Committee:** Peter Holt reported that he and Jack have re-installed the security cameras. He said also that some feedback has been received as a result of the Drum Point Club re-installing the fence between the community beach and the Drum Point Club beach which is private.

**Welcoming Committee:** Rhea explained the reasoning behind and creation of the committee, which was formed not only to welcome newcomers but also to be able to gather their contact information. Local businesses donate various items for inclusion in a bucket (donated by Ace Hardware). Other businesses that contribute include Solomon’s Florist Shop, Julia’s Hair in the Square, Patuxent Wine and Liquors and the Community Bank of the Chesapeake. Brochures from the Solomon’s Visitors Center are also placed in each “Welcome Bucket.” Cindy Andre contacts the various local businesses for their contribution and Asha and Gina assemble the buckets. New owners usually come into the office to pick up a parking tag for the beach and their gift after having received an initial welcome letter from Rhea.

**Erosion Control:** Gary Heal reported that the Board has formed a committee to explore options to address the erosion at the community beach. The committee includes three members from the Association Board of Directors and two members of the Drum Point Club, since any option that is considered will impact the beach to the south of the community beach. The decision as to the best option will take some time to be made, and permitting will take up to a year. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 29th at 2:00 at the Association office.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Old Business:** None scheduled

**Public Comment and Response:**

* A question about the fees paid by property owners was asked. Gary reviewed the change in the fee structure which took place from 2014 – 2016.
* Questions were asked about the distribution of the Special Tax District money, which is used almost exclusively for road maintenance and operations (the exception being the funding of the annual audit as required in the agreement). The County administers the funds and will not release them until they are requested for a particular project or for an item such as snow removal.
* Vehicles that are apparently inoperable and are parked on various lots cannot be removed by this Association. Our Covenants do not prohibit property owners from storing untagged vehicles, however there are county restrictions to which we must adhere. Residents were encouraged to contact the County Zoning Enforcement office to report abandoned cars.
* Block parties are allowed, but the street cannot be blocked.
* Peter Holt reminded everyone present that it’s never too early to think about next year’s Nominating Committee and Board election.

Dan Mathias made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The date of the September General Membership meeting will be announced and published on the website.