**Board Members Present:** Tony Spakauskas, Mike Snapp, Bonnie Blades, Gina Swartwood, Asha Andreas and Ginny Rice (by phone)

**Board Members Not Present:** Jack Andre, Gary Heal, and Alyssa Holiday

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

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

**Call to Order:** 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. 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:** Tony informed the group that Bob Berry, long-time resident and World War II vet, passed away this week. He would have been 102 in April.

**Guest Presentations:**

**Osprey Stand at Beach –** Postponed

It was noted that any stand that might be placed off the shore will need approval and appropriate permitting through the County. Cost will be approximately $1,500 including the cost of a permit.

**Beach Erosion –** Tony introduced Curt Larsen, resident and retired coastal geologist, who presented information about erosion of the community beach. Various documents, previously distributed via email, were discussed. The following was noted:

* NOAA revises the mean-high water mark every 20 years, based on an average of that time period – that mark is moving higher.
* Tides and storms contribute to erosion, and storm surge can cause the beach to be completely under water. This happened in 2003 with Hurricane Isabel.
* Sea level rose one foot between 1929 and 2000. As sea level rises, sand will be depleted.
* In addition to a rise in sea level, the coast is subsiding (sinking) about 1½ millimeters per year (approximately six inches each century). Both the rise in sea level and subsidence contribute to the erosion of the coastal areas.

The Erosion Control Committee met with Scott from Coastal Design Engineering on the 17th of January, and the proposal and statement of work were received just today (note – there was no charge for the meeting). Once the Committee and Board have had an opportunity to fully review the proposal, all information will be taken into consideration prior to any additional steps being taken.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gina Swartwood made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 7, 2020 meeting, distributed previously via email. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The minutes were approved as written.

**Office Update:** Rhea Webster reported the following:

* Charlie Herbert from SMECO stopped by the office to confirm the number of street lights that the Association will be responsible for in this and future budgets [Calvert County has paid the monthly fee since the lights were installed but is in the process of transferring the expense to the DPPOA]. Mr. Herbert’s list showed 93 streetlights that would be transferred rather than the 81 as shown on the original list provided by the Department of Public Works. Mr. Herbert was not aware that Barreda Boulevard and portions of Chestnut Drive and Dogwood Drive are county-maintained and not the responsibility of the Association. Therefore, the number of streetlights to be funded by the DPPOA remains at 81.
* Payments for fees due March 1 have begun to come in at a steady rate.
* The estimate for new laminate flooring was received from Lumber Liquidators, but the proposal does not, as requested, list the various rooms separately so that a decision can be made with regard to which areas should be done [Rhea’s office, the Community Emergency Services Center, bathroom and kitchen]. The estimate is $3,500, which is higher than expected, and additional quotes will be sought.

**Committee Reports and Roundtable:**

**Action Items:** No report

**Operational/Roads Committee:** No Report

**Finance Committee:** The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements were distributed. All accounts are as expected for this point in the fiscal year.

Gina Swartwood asked about some changes in some expenses over last month’s Profit and Loss Statement. The following was noted:

* Workers’ Compensation Insurance was just paid this month and did not, therefore, appear on the January statement. The Directors and Officers insurance and liability insurance was paid in January, but the expense had not been split between the line items.
* The Profit and Loss by Class report does not show a line item until an expense has been posted against that line item. The Profit and Loss budget to actual report shows all budget items regardless of whether an expense has been posted.

**Environmental Committee:** The following was noted:

Bonnie Blades reminded the group that it is time to have the dead Phragmites canes removed. Rhea will contact Joe Bateman to ask if this is something he can do.

Asha Andreas reported that she and Eric have, once again, picked up a full bag of trash from the Bay Drive Causeway and said that someone had left a desktop computer along the road. There is also an abandoned bike. Rhea will have the bike picked up and brought to the office for disposal in this spring’s community cleanup day. There is also a task scheduled for spring to have someone go into the water and clean up as much of the litter as possible.

Gina stated that a resident complained about the Evergreen Trash Service because they speed through the neighborhood and often leave a mess behind when emptying bins. Rhea will draft a letter to the company, asking them to advise their drivers to slow down and be more careful with regard to leaving the community cleaner.

**Safety Committee:** Peter Holt reported that he, Jack and Gary pulled the chips from the cameras. The camera that is supposed to be directed toward the fence needs to be repositioned. The erosion on the community beach has cut down on the number of people who trespass on the Drum Point Club beach.

**Welcome Committee:** Asha and Gina assembled two additional buckets, one of which was distributed that day.

**Planning Committee - Beach Erosion Control:** Mike Snapp stated that he and the Committee will review the Statement of Work and proposal received today from Coastal Engineering.

**Old Business:**

**Streetlight – Cove Drive:** Emails were sent to all residents on Cove Drive who would be affected by the moving of or turning off of the streetlight. One person in particular stated that, although willing to have the light moved nearer their house, turning it off is a question of safety. In addition, while some people are willing to have the light moved nearer their property, other adjacent owners do not want it moved nearer (this information was sent, without identifying any particular resident, to the owner making the request). With that in mind, a letter was sent to the owner making the request for it to be moved stating that, in consideration of the response from other residents, no action will be taken by the Board. If this owner can get a consensus among the other owners and brings that to the Board, the issue will be revisited. Mike asked about removal of the shade, which might help diffuse the light. Rhea will send a message to Charlie Herbert at SMECO to ask about this solution.

**Harassment and Vandalism:** Tom Schild, attorney for the Association, was consulted regarding the role, if any, the DPPOA might play in a situation between neighbors, where one neighbor is harassing the other and vandalizing property. Regarding our governing documents, Mr. Schild stated, “The general provisions regarding powers and purposes of the Association are not sufficient to establish a standard of conduct for residents which can be enforced with respect to the described conduct.” He advised that this is a matter to be handled between neighbors and by the courts and sheriff’s department. A letter will be sent to the property owner who made the request for the Association to intervene.

**New Business:** None scheduled

**Public Comment:**

Peter Holt commented that erosion is also occurring at the Drum Point Club beach, in particular at the area where the community beach and Club beach meet. He emphasized the need to work closely with the Club on any solutions that might be considered. He said also that someone is mowing at the community beach which concerns him (the office is not having any beach maintenance or mowing done at this time as it is not the growing season). The Board must be sure to bring any options being considered before the community in order to gain a consensus on any decision made as the cost will be high and the solution may not work as desired (the Board will make every effort to educate and inform the community on the options and gain consensus on a solution).

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting of the General Membership will be Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m. and take place at the Drum Point Club. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.