**Board Members present:** Gary Heal, Amy Rispin (by phone), Max Munger, John McCall, Tricia Powell, Dan Mathias (online at 7:55), Dale Maxwell, Duane Heidemann (by phone) and Dennis Baker

**Staff present:** Rhea Webster

**Property owners present**: Peter Holt, Maria Miller, Dave Gilner, Fran Borsh and Sherrie Maxwell

Gary Heal, President of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA), called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He stated that the meeting is being recorded and that Robert’s Rules of Order govern the proceedings. He reminded Board members and guests not to speak until recognized by the Chair.

**Public Comment:** The following property owners spoke:

* Dave Gilner remarked about the recent Calvert Recorder article concerning the ballot for the removal of a Board Director, to be conducted at the March 31st General Membership Meeting.
* Maria Miller requested documentation regarding a statement made in the most recent edition of the Drum Point Light newsletter and the upcoming meeting of the General Membership.

**Office Update:** Rhea Webster reported as follows:

* As of today, 700 property owners have paid Covenant fees for the upcoming fiscal year. Of that number, 497 also paid Association Dues.
* Vandalism of the lights on the wooden sign at the Barreda Boulevard entrance to Drum Point was reported to the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office. A local electrician has been contacted for a price on a new light. In addition, the wooden sign (as well as the street sign) from Cove Point Drive were stolen. This was also reported to the Sheriff’s Office. (A suggestion was made by John McCall to remind the community of the $500 reward for the reporting of vandalism - provided there is a conviction.)
* The recently created Facebook page will be deleted and a new one, specifically designed for use by groups, will be created.
* A credit was given for past due Covenant fees in the amount of $1,686 (including various filing fees for court claims). The credit was issued due to bankruptcy by the property owners.
* Sergeant Buckmaster of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office, called to ask if we will need deputies for beach security again this year.
* According to Karl Bowen, our tree removal expert, the tree in the yard at 401 Lake Drive is dead and in need of removal. Mr. Bowen will provide a price for removal.
* An abandoned metal septic tank or drain field is the likely cause of a sink hole in the yard at 401 Lake Drive. Karl Bowen will also provide a price on the removal of the tank or filling of the area.

A motion was made by John McCall to approve the minutes from the February 21st meeting. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved with two abstentions (Amy Rispin and Tricia Powell).

**President’s Remarks:** Gary Heal remarked as follows:

1. The Board is bound by the By-laws to act upon the request made by a property owner for the removal of a member of the Board.
2. The County is reviewing the STD Petition but has not yet set the date for the Public Hearing.

**Board Round Table:**

Dale Maxwell asked if Jeff MacDonald had been contacted regarding a clogged drain pipe on Bay View Drive and a drainage issue on Chestnut Drive. These two areas were included in a list of possible projects provided to Mr. MacDonald.

Dennis Baker remarked about the unfortunate circumstances surrounding the ballot to remove a member of the Board.

**Committee Reports:**

**Action Items:** No Report

**Treasurer:** The Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet were distributed for review.

**Communications:** No Report

**Environmental:** Amy Rispin reported on a “drain field” situation on Pilot Way.

1. The drain field, caused by the cutting of Rousby Hall Road across a watershed, has apparently caused a number of lots in this area be non-percable (many of these lots have been donated to this Association or to the Southern Calvert Land Trust). In addition, this has caused an enormous amount of storm water runoff into two culverts under Rousby Hall Road.
2. This runoff has, in turn, created a structural problem with Rousby Hall Road, a state road. In addition, the runoff has resulted in at least a foot of sedimentation into Leason’s Cove.
3. Environmental Committee experts have analyzed the situation and will submit a proposal to place biologs to stop the flow of sediment.
4. Due to short notice of a grant opportunity, sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the application could not be submitted by the deadline. Curt Larsen, member of the Environmental Committee will continue to pursue Federal funding.
5. Jeff MacDonald, Project Manager for the DPPOA, has consulted with the County Department of Public Works and the State Highway Authority to encourage the State to address the problem on Rousby Hall Road, with no results. Curt Larsen and Amy Rispin met with Mighel Jackson of the County Department of Public Works in an effort to further address the issue.

**Planning Committee:** Gary Heal stated that the Planning Committee met at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 24th. The STD Petition Budget submitted by the DPPOA Board and proposed alternative budget were discussed and compared for the purpose of creating notes detailing the comparison. Amy Rispin will distribute notes from the meeting to the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee will distribute the notes to the full Board when they are complete.

**Executive Session - February 15, 2012:** During the Board meeting held February 15th, a motion was made by John McCall to adjourn to Executive Session as provided under Maryland HOA Act Section 11B 111, Paragraph 4(i). The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss, “The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees or officials over whom it has jurisdiction.” The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The Board adjourned to Executive Session.

**Old Business:** None Scheduled

**New Business:**

**Agenda Change regarding Public Comment period:** Tricia Powell voiced concern regarding the moving of the comment period to the beginning of the meeting. The following was noted:

1. Ms. Powell made a motion, “to move the Public Comment period to the end of the Board Meeting in order to give the public a chance to comment on any issues in a timelier manner.” The motion was seconded.
2. After brief discussion, John McCall made a motion, “to table the previous motion until such time that research can be conducted into Robert’s Rules to be certain of compliance.” The motion was seconded and passed by a margin of six in favor (John McCall, Gary Heal, Max Munger, Amy Rispin, Duane Heidemann and Dan Mathias) and three against (Tricia Powell, Dale Maxwell and Dennis Baker). The original motion was tabled for further discovery.

**Nominating Committee:** Peter Holt, co-chair of the Nominating Committee reported as follows:

1. The six members of the Nominating Committee have held two meetings. The minutes have been submitted to the Board [there is no need for the Board to approve these minutes].
2. There are currently seven candidates for the upcoming Board year (the names will be announced during the March 31st General Membership meeting.
3. The Nominating Committee asked the Board to clarify the role of this Committee, whether they are to choose a slate of candidates they feel would best fill the role of a Board member or if the committee is to simply function as a collection point for those who wish to run for the Board.
4. The questions provided by this Board to the Nominating Committee were revised by the Nominating Committee [there is no need for the Board to approve the revised questions as the questions provided by the Board were not meant to be and edict, rather guidance only].
5. John McCall suggested the guidelines to the Committee (which have been in place for at least seven years) be revised in order to provide clarity to next year’s committee.
6. Candidates’ biographies and answers to the questions cited above should be gathered from the Candidates and submitted to the office by April 10th in order to provide time for processing of the ballots and newsletter.

**General Membership Meeting:** The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. March 31, 2012 at the Drum Point Club. If possible, Board members should arrive by 9:30 to help set up for the meeting.

With no further business to conduct, Dale Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. With April 3rd being Election Day, the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th at 7:30 p.m.