

Drum Point Club

December 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 5:31 PM

Attendance: Eric Andreas, Mary Ann McGowan, Judy Szyborski, Ed Luczak, Bill Kurtz, Bruce Fall, Tim Hansen

Presidents Report Eric Andreas

Eric opened the meeting by welcoming members who came to participate and offer ideas and suggestions to the DPC Board.

Review of 2022 activities and plans for 2023

Overall, it was a good year for DPC. There were few issues with vandalism and bad behavior on the beach and grounds. There was an incident where someone left our two canoes and paddles on the beach where they could have been washed away. Also, some teenagers attempted to disassemble and burn a picnic table and there was at least one instance of someone driving on the beach.

The first annual Maryland Osprey Festival was held at DPC on April 1st. The public was invited and several hundred people attended. There were displays of live raptors, lectures and live music by Deana Dove.

Drum Point Day was a successful event with food and excellent music from Deana Dove and the Floating guitars.

Note that July 4th will be restricted to members only and Drum Point Day will be around the 4th going forward.

The Oktoberfest event was also successful and well organized. The Flippin Eyelids band was a big hit. Kudos go to the volunteers and especially to the folks who did the grilling.

DPC will hold all of the above events in 2023 including the Maryland Osprey Festival. March 4, 2023 DPC will host the Polar Plunge Charity Event for Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. (See Bruce Fall's report below on events for other planned events.)

Facility Improvements

The parking lots often floods after a rain or unusually high tide. We need to smooth it and add gravel.

The asphalt driveway is in disrepair with many chuckholes that are expensive to repair and are temporary at best. DPC wishes to consider hiring a paving contractor to repave the whole driveway.

Action Item: Bill and Gary talk to Sal Icaza about contractors as he coordinates DPPOA's paving program.

(A member suggested we look into structural grid pavers that are an alternative to asphalt paving.)

The cement patio was originally constructed in 1955 is in poor repair. DPC wishes to consider repaving or resurfacing it in 2023.

The annex septic system has recently overflowed and this needs to be inspected by a qualified septic technician to determine if there is a mechanical issue or the tank needs to be pumped out.

The driveway to drop off beach gear on the North side of the annex building has many very large tree roots. This makes for a very bumpy ride. We may need to cut or remove some of these roots. Carl Bowen was mentioned as a possible contractor to handle this.

The storage room and office in the annex building are cluttered and need to be organized. We will have a volunteer team do this in the near future. It was pointed out that renters often are responsible for the clutter in the storage room.

(A member noted that the entry doors have a noticeable gap that could allow the entrance or rodents or other pests. The board will ask Gary Breeds to repair it.)

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds Bill Kurtz and Gary Breeds

A new furnace and hot water heater were installed in the main building. These were in poor repair and replacement was badly needed. A second furnace in the building has several years more serviceability.

Per suggestions by the members DPC procured a bike rack. DPC has not decided where the rack should be located on the property.

Action Item: Gary Breeds, Bill Kurtz, Tim Hansen will decide the best location and install the rack accordingly.

Rentals Mary Ann McGowan

Renting the facility is a very good revenue producer that helps fund needed maintenance and repairs for the club facilities. However, some renters are problematic and either leave a mess or don't follow the terms of the rental contract. We noticed that most of the problems were caused by non-members so going forward DPC will only rent to members. DPC will also limit the occupancy to 75 people or less. However, we have no practical control over the number of people who shows up for a rental.

Membership Tim Hansen for Terra Cooke

There was just one new member for November, Deron Rick. There are currently 247 family memberships. However, 60 members are in arrears on their dues and face the possibility of deactivating their entry fobs.

Ed Luczak brought up the recent board decision to not allow any additional associate memberships after July 1, 2022.

Eric Andreas also pointed out that the DPC board was considering an annual membership fee increase from \$275 to \$300.

Insurance Bruce Fall

We have three new updated insurance policies:

1. Property loss and fire. Since the buildings are old and unusual the level of compensation is limited to cash value not replacement value.
2. Liability Insurance loss or injury of members and guests.
3. Commercial policy for events.

Events Bruce Fall

In addition to the events discussed by Eric Andreas above, the following events are either planned or contemplated:

Christmas sing along December 15, 2022 7-9 pm. Desserts and non-alcoholic beverages provided. BYOB

New Years party December 31, 2022 8pm-1 am. BYOB

Open mic February 9, 2023 featuring Valentine love songs.

St. Patricks day celebration March 17, 2023 Irish songs maybe a chili cook off and bingo.

Maryland Osprey Festival April 1, 2023

Mary Ann McGowan mentioned having an Easter event with games and an Easter egg hunt. But needs the help of younger parents who are more familiar with the games and activities that children would enjoy.

Treasurers Report Eric Andreas for Johanna Icaza

The following snapshot was provided by Johanna:

Members: 247

Current dues paid: 184

Savings account balance: \$68,099.42

Vanguard balance: \$65,560.03

Credit Card balance: \$0.00 (\$20,000 limit)

Mortgage dept: \$77,832.70

Ongoing activities:

FY 23/24 Budget forecast will be initiated by the finance committee early in the new year.

Delinquency letters for members more than two years in arrears will be sent soon.

Johanna is working with outside accountant Mr. McCready to further develop our QuickBooks accounting system.

Technology Ed Luczak

DPC has recently installed inexpensive, high quality security camera around and in the building. In the last five years we have also installed other technology improvements such as internet and wifi, a trail style gate camera and improved the older security system.

We need to have a security camera at the gate but need to have wifi available to enable it. Ed will try to identify a qualified member who could figure out the technical details for a gate camera.

Nature Tim Hansen

One of the aims of DPC is to foster social interaction between members. Tim noted that since his wife Karen handles all of the initial membership applications he can see the results of the interest surveys we ask of new members. A large majority of

the new members reference nature, conservation, fishing, birding and other outdoor activities as areas of interest.

The DPC woman's group has been highly successful in getting people together and fostering numerous meaningful activities. Given the level of interest in nature activities there seems to be a real opportunity to further member's social activities.

Tim referenced the possibility of four sub-groups that people seemed to be interested in, fishing, birding, gardening and beautification of DPC grounds and kayaking. However, there may be other areas of interest as well. Moreover, this is not limited to nature-oriented activities. There could be a book club or anything of significant interest.

(One member mentioned a sailing club.)

An important feature of these interest sub-groups is that they have a means of common communication. Facebook, for example has a group feature or we could use Mail chimp to set up various listserves.

Action Item: Tim Hansen will call a meeting after the holidays (January) for members to brainstorm what activities and groups would be desirable.

Miscellaneous Items:

A member proposed putting cleats on the pier to secure boats. Eric Andreas said that we don't want encourage boaters to dock there as the pier was not intended for boats. However, we need to have something to tie off a boat in an emergency so we will come up with a way to do that. A couple of years ago a boater had a significant health event and members present had a difficult time securing the boat so the person could get emergency care.

A member who belongs to the Woman's group pointed out that they just had a very successful fund-raiser for children's cancer charity. The net amount was \$2,605. Congratulations to the Woman's group for this accomplishment.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:03 pm

Next Meeting: Monday January 9, 2023