

## Drum Point Club

### November 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 5:33 pm

**Attendance:** Eric Andreas, Mary Ann McGowan, Judy Szyzborski, Ed Luczak, Terra Cooke, Bruce Fall, Johanna Godfrey de Icaza, Tim Hansen

#### **President's Report Eric Andreas**

1. Polar plunge charity event for Our Lade Star of the Sea

This is an ongoing event for many years. The church has usually held this event at the small beach on the Patuxent river next to the North end of the boardwalk in Solomons. The owners of the beach have fenced it off so there is no longer access. The charity event organizers have asked DPC if the plunge could be held at our beach. No definite date has been decided upon but it will probably occur in February 2023. Eric will be a sponsor.

Eric proposed the following:

- a. The participants must sign a waiver of liability.
- b. The clubhouse and kitchen should be open for warming and dressing for the participants.
- c. Eric, as a sponsor will provide coffee and donuts
- d. DPC members can participate (if they are crazy enough!)
- e. There was a discussion of asking the Solomons rescue squad to be present in case of injury or medical emergency. There was also a discussion of buying a defibrillator (\$3-400). There was no decision on these discussions.

**Decision:** The board vote unanimously to approve the polar plunge event.

2. Game room access

Members want to have access to the game room for entertaining their children. There is currently an air hockey table, a foosball table, many games and puzzles.

The discussion did not have a definitive decision. Most members were open to the idea of allowing access as an additional amenity for our members. However, there are many considerations that need to be

contemplated. This should be discussed at a later date, hopefully next meeting.

3. December meeting (12/12/2022 5:30 pm) open to all DPC members.

The Bylaws stipulate that the DPC Board must have an open meeting at least once per year. Having an open meeting would satisfy this requirement and also promote transparency to the membership. Light refreshments will be available.

Ed Luczak pointed out that member are always welcome at board meetings.

**Decision:** The board unanimously approved inviting members to the December board meeting.

4. Security System

The clubhouse has had a security system for several years. It has not been operational for at least three years or more. The system has sensors and alarms all over the building including motion sensors, door sensors and fire alarms. We have now purchased a new system that can utilize many of the features of the old one. The system is not presently armed but will sense motion if someone comes in or if a door is opened. It was generally agreed that there is an enhanced risk of break in, vandalism or theft so upgrading the system is warranted to help prevent these things.

When the system senses something there will be a notification to the company who installed it and then Eric. It will also make a sound.

Eric wondered how best to manage this system. He proposed arming it from 12 am to 6 am or when Cindy is away from home. We may also need a code for cleaners.

The upgrade was installed by Absolute Security and monitored for a monthly fee. The company appears to provide good customer service.

## **Committee Reports**

1. Building and Grounds

Bill Kurtz is absent so no report was given. There was a brief discussion of the bike rack that was approved last meeting and that Gary Breeds has a location for it near the parking lot. Recent vandalism on Halloween where a picnic table was partially dismantled for firewood by a group of

teenagers was discussed. Gary thinks the various tables on the property should be chained.

## 2. Rentals Mary Ann

The last rental of the year will be December 9<sup>th</sup>. This will give us a chance to clean the clubhouse and better organize the storerooms and kitchen.

Rentals were very successful this year. We were busy and made significant revenue.

There was a discussion about the new policy concerning wedding events approved at the October meeting. We will charge \$1000 for three days. There was some confusion concerning if we really had decided to do this. It was established that this was decided upon.

The contract for weddings was also discussed. It turns out that we had two different contracts. One was for general events and one was for weddings. The latter is in need of revision.

**Decision:** The board needs to modify the wedding contract. A team of Mary Ann, Johanna, and Terra will work on this and present it at the next board meeting.

## 2. Membership Terra and Tim

There is one new member this month, Dorothy Hassan and three other inquiries.

## 3. Insurance Bruce

Our insurance provider will be sending us an invoice. We need to ensure that it gets paid promptly.

## 4. Events Bruce

- a. Christmas Carol sing along will be held December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 or 9 pm. We will need to provide refreshments and have a tree and decorations. We can have a bonfire or be inside the clubhouse. Having a potluck or buying sandwiches was discussed. DPC will not provide alcoholic beverages.
- b. An open mic night will be held February 9<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm. The theme will be love songs in celebration of Valentine's day.
- c. A New Years party and some bonfire get togethers were discussed.

## 5. Treasurers' Report Johanna

- a. Johanna presented a list of members who are in arrears. There are about 69 of them for a total \$23867.22 owed to the DPC. Sixteen delinquent letters have been mailed to members who are two or more years in arrears.
- b. DPC currently has \$97,938.54 in checking and savings accounts with Bank of the Chesapeake.
- c. DPC currently has \$64,487.91 with Vanguard.
- d. A question arose concerning paying Deana Dove to perform at the Maryland Osprey Festival in April.

Decision: The board agreed to pay for Ms. Dove's services for the MOF on April 1.

#### 6. Technology Ed

There was a further brief discussion of the upgraded security system. Ed has batteries for remote devices in Board member's cars.

#### 7. Nature Tim

Tim is still trying to establish a date for a winter bird walk with Sherman Suter.

#### 8. Agenda Items for the December Meeting.

- a. Discussion of opening the game room to members.
- b. Repairing the driveway. Bill and Gary need to be involved.
- c. Improving the dock to accommodate boats.

9. Next meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. All members are invited.

10. Adjourn November Board meeting at 7:06 pm.