

## ARPOA February 2011 Board Meeting

February 1, 2011

Directors Present: President Jake Vandergrift, Vice President Angus Phillips, Secretary Will Cravens, Pam Buckenmaier, Walter Bigelow, Alan Legum, Stan Samorajczyk, Greg Strott, and Don Riddle

Directors Absent: Treasurer Jimmy Hammond, Anne Kumins

The meeting was held at the Eastport/Annapolis Neck Branch of the Anne Arundel County Library

Meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.

The President, acting as Chair for the initial portion of the meeting, welcomed new Board Member Greg Strott, thanked the community members for attending, and introduced the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY MEETING

The minutes from the January meeting were circulated before the meeting, but not all Board Member had an opportunity to review them. They will be approved and posted after all the Board Members have reviewed them. Director Strott asked to keep the minutes open for more clarification regarding whether a board member can also be in a paid position -- with specific reference to Steve Stroetzel, who was a board member and also the paid Public Works Director.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President reported on a number of issues, including:

- \* The successful community meeting organized by Director Don Riddle to discuss land use ideas, including in particular the future of the golf course. Many potential solutions were proposed and will be considered. Based on additional discussions with golf course owner George Graefe, and based on an initial meeting with a civil engineer, the President suggested the Board consider two funding issues to move the land use ideas forward: 1) an appraisal of some portion of the golf course property that might be the subject of a potential purchase by the community at some point in the future; and 2) a feasibility/permitting determination with respect to potential construction at the Overlook.

- \* The selection of Brian Goodrow to serve as the President's "Chief of Staff" -- essentially an ombudsman or ambassador who will solicit community input/concerns and communicate them to the President and the rest of the Board.

- \* The Special Meeting on the Bayer Amendments. Pursuant to discussions with Ted

Bayer, the Board and Mr. Bayer have agreed to continue the Special Meeting originally scheduled for February 22 to a date within 90 days of the originally scheduled date. Mr. Bayer and the Board will use the additional time to discuss an alternative solution that would address the concerns raised by Mr. Bayer's proposed amendments to the By-Laws. Notice of the continuation will be posted and sent to the Listserve.

\* There is a vacancy on the Board as a result of the resignation of Gretchen Dolan. After some discussion, the Board decided to delay the appointment of a new Director until the next meeting in order to allow community members interested in serving on the Board to express their interest.

\* Paid board members. There was also discussion initiated by Director Strott concerning the circumstances under which SCBD board members can be compensated. Director Strott agreed to continue his efforts to obtain an advisory opinion from the County's legal advisors on the issue.

After delivering his report, the President left the meeting, and the Vice President chaired the remainder of the meeting.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that the Lindsays have agreed to meet with the Secretary and with Director Legum in early February to discuss a potential resolution of the litigation with ARPOA.

#### FOREST STEWARD PRESENTATION

Forest Steward Geri Nicholson delivered a detailed presentation on the Olgeton Woods, including discussion of the following issues:

\* The need to send a notice of potential encroachment letter to adjacent landowners. The Maryland Environmental Trust has provided sample language, and the Board will send the letters to adjacent landowners. If necessary, the Board should follow up to address any remaining encroachment issues in April.

\* Existing trail maintenance. There have been -- and will continue to be -- efforts to improve stream crossings, remove fallen trees, etc.

\* Management of invasive species. Efforts to control invasive species, including bamboo, multiflora rose, and English ivy, will be scheduled for April 15, May 15, and Fall 2011. Volunteers are welcome.

\* Trail creation. The Forest Stewards have begun the process of looking at potential areas for new trails. Layout may be finalized in the Spring.

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Vice President reported on:

\* The community directory. Tom Bell-Wright has put together a comprehensive community director. Printing costs will be defrayed by advertising