

## **ARPOA ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2001**

The President opened the meeting and a quorum was present. Copies of the proposed budget and Minutes from the 2000 Annual Meeting were made available. Fifty seven (57) households signed in and ten (10) proxies were on hand.

### **Presidents Report:**

The President opened the meeting by giving special recognition to ARPOA's Public Works Director Toby Johnson. Mr. Johnson retired this year from the position he's held for 19 years. His contributions to the community through his hard work will be greatly missed. In addition, the President wanted to recognize other people in the Community for their contributions this past year. Including Mr. Don Riddle & his company, Homestead Gardens, for maintaining the various communal grounds. Mr. Jim Dean for development of the AnnapolisRoads.Net web site. Tom Sinnott and Bob Rau for their work on the Building and Land Use Committee. Candy Bigelow & Val Lester for taking over the Bay Breeze.

The President briefed the assembly on the Shoreline Project, noting that the schedule to begin rebuilding the existing groins is sometime in February.

The President introduced David Lillibridge, the new Chairman of the Building and Land Use Committee. Mr. Lillibridge provided a brief synopsis of the purpose of the Committee and an overview of what the Committee hopes to achieve this coming year. Mr. Lillibridge is looking for support and encouraged any property owners with relevant skills and expertise to join him on the Committee. ARPOA is decidedly disadvantaged when dealing with the experts hired by potential developers.

The President also reminder the members that ARPOA was currently in the process of getting its charter modified which requires 50% plus one member of property owners to approve the change. To facilitate this chance Board members will be distributing a petition that requires the property owner on record to sign. He encouraged everyone to get their petitions signed and returned as soon as possible.

The President introduced the Treasurer.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer provided an overview of the budget, budget categories and budget process. She presented the proposed 2003 budget that reflects a 50% decrease in the assessment rate from the FY 2002 budget. The new tax rate will go from \$.055 to \$.000796 per hundred dollar of assess value. This reduction reflects the Boards decision to spend down surpluses that have developed over the previous 4 years. Part of the surplus can be attributed to actual expenses being less than budgeted. Additional surpluses are also expected from the Shoreline project. A question was raised regarding the implementation of a "spend down policy" as this budget indicates. The Treasurer explained that the budget submitted by ARPOA and approved by the County is there to support what we

anticipate is needed each year. Current County's policy does not allow for the development of a planned surplus without a specific purpose intended. This is what ARPOA did to fund the Shoreline project. The President affirmed that not speeding down know surpluses was contrary to County policy and could hold the Board and the Association at risk to County criticism or worst. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the proper 2003 budget.

**New Business:**

The unauthorized use of private buoys in Lake Ogleton was raised by a community member. Given that this is more of a private matter and not an association issue the President informed the member that he needed to bring that to the DNR police.

Use of ARPOA's boat ramp by non-residents was also raised. Since the ramp is not monitored per se we operate on an honor system and hope that all property owners understand that this is a community assess, for property owners and not for those outside the community. It was noted that the best precaution we can take is to keep watch and to keep the gate locked.

A request was made to have a porta-john installed down at the overlook for summertime use. This issue was deferred to the Board's next meeting.

An issue was raised regarding the installation of fire standpipes in Lake Ogleton and or the ponds to support fire suppression. It was noted that the County had previously informed ARPOA that they do not support this concept and in fact the pumper trucks will not hook up to them.

The issue of installing a walking path adjacent to Carrollton Road was made. This issue was deferred to the next Board meeting.

The issue of speeders and the installation of speed bumps were raised. ARPOA contacted the County and the County requires that a traffic study be done before they would support any type of obstacles. The President noted that a sub-committee was in the process of having additional signage made and installed.

**Old Business:**

David Lillibridge presented the current status of development within ARPOA including Section M, Green Willow and the larger parcel off Ogleton Road. Mr. Lillibridge informed the members that it appears that the developer might be trying to circumvent a major subdivision permit requirement at this time. Given that ARPOA's Charter, as recently re-defined by the County, does not allow us to contract for professional services the Association is at a disadvantage to defends the Communities interest. The Building and Land Use Committee is currently trying to develop an overall strategy that ARPOA can follow to address these current building proposal as well as any further proposals that may develop and best protect the interests of all property owners.

The Pool Committee is back in business and continuing to research the viability of a Community pool.

**Elections:**

The President presented the slate of applicants for Board membership. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the applicants listed to Board membership. New or re-elected Board members include, Steve Stroetzel, Mike Sala, Mary Gibb, Judy Vaughn, David Lillibridge & Kendall Tant.

A motion was made, second and approved to close the annual meeting.

Donald Walsh