

# **Saunders Point Citizens Association**

## **Minutes for Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, November 13, 2003**

President Jerry Oosterhous called the meeting to order at the MCA Hall at 7:33 PM.

Secretary Carole Bartolini read the minutes of the May 8, 2003 meeting, which were approved by voice vote without change.

Treasurer Kim Prochazka delivered the report on the finances of the Saunders Point Citizens Association. It reflected a balance of \$1,003.39 as of January 1, 2003. Checks written from the account amounted to \$387.79, which included reimbursement for the newsletter to Bob Chidester, and reimbursement for website fees and picnic supplies to Jerry Oosterhous. Deposits of dues and donations to the SPCA totaled 565.00. The ending balance after an audit adjustment of +\$5.12 as of 11/4/03 was \$1185.72. The report was approved by voice vote. A copy of the report is attached.

President Jerry Oosterhous delivered the Saunders Point Community Improvement Fund, formerly the Road Fund Report for Dave Shrewsberry, chairman of the Fund. It reflected, as of November 13, 2003 a checking account balance of \$10,550.38 plus the Certificate of Deposit, worth \$9571.70, making the total funds available \$20122.08. Expenditures in the last 6 months amounted to \$1,417.96 that included grass cutting, postage and supplies, roundup and parts for beach stairs, building permit for beach restoration following Isabel, and mulch for the playground. The report was approved by a voice vote. A copy of the report is attached.

The accounts for the Citizens Association and the Community Improvement Fund were audited by Dianne Morris and Millie Bowers on August 13, 2003.

Next special guest Bea Poulin from the County Executive's Office talked about the continuing aftermath of Hurricane Isabel on South County. Regular maintenance work has been delayed due to storm recovery. Overall, the county is slowly returning to normal despite the extreme weather of 2003. If there are still any road problems such as potholes in your neighborhood, please contact Ms. Poulin via email at [expoulin@mail.aa.county.org](mailto:expoulin@mail.aa.county.org). Please include the street address or nearest intersection to the problem and she will get it on the schedule to be repaired. Due to ongoing effects from Isabel, she warned that it may be as many as 4 weeks before the crews can get out to fix the problem.

Ms. Poulin urged anyone who had storm related damage to their homes to apply for FEMA aid by the deadline of November 18, 2003. Forms are available electronically by

request from the Saunders Point Citizens Association. Contact President Oosterhous or Secretary Bartolini.

Ms. Poulin also urged residents to thoroughly review their homeowners insurance policies with their carriers to avoid surprises in any future storms. Your roof and structures may not be covered as completely as you think they are. She also encouraged homeowners to invest in sewer back-up coverage as power outages can result in that kind of damage.

Ms. Poulin brought up a county meeting that Saunders Point residents should attend on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM at South River High School to discuss the design for widening the intersection of 214 and 468 (Muddy Creek Road).

In anticipation of the potential harsh winter this year, Ms. Poulin reminded residents that all vehicles should be pulled completely off the road to allow the snow plows room to maneuver. If there are any cars, trucks or boats on the street the plows will not attempt to plow the road.

Regarding future road improvements to the community, the budget is currently under review and any funds for capitol projects may be moved. At this point, the drainage project will still happen, but it is unclear what kind of road improvements will be done.

The drainage project will have to be complete before road resurfacing begins. Currently the drainage project has been held up due to a permit that was forgotten in the preparations for work here. Currently we are waiting for a wetlands permit from the Army Corp of Engineers. It is unclear how long that will delay work beginning, but current estimates are for work to begin around Spring of 2004.

Homeowners on Wakefield brought up problems with a neighbor driving a large flat bed truck down their narrow street and parking it overnight which is prohibited by county laws. The Wakefield homeowners also complained about the property being unsightly with long grass and inoperative cars. President Oosterhous agreed to contact the homeowner about the complaints.

Several homeowners discussed improvements they would like to make that are prohibited by the Restrictions of Record. President Oosterhous suggested that those homeowners submit their plans in writing to the Saunders Point Citizens Association Board and request an exception be made.

A Warfield homeowner discussed the problem of a neighbor running a business out of his home that brought heavy traffic to the street during the morning hours. Such businesses are prohibited by county laws.

Millie Bowers presented information on the annual Operation Santa made possible by area Fire and Police departments. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department will be drive through Saunders Point to collect new toys and clothing for needy children. Those

wishing to donate should have the gift wrapped and labeled noting boy or girl and age or size. More information is available by calling Millie Bowers at 410-798-7870 or by going to [www.operationsanta.org](http://www.operationsanta.org).

President Jerry Oosterhous presented the nominees for officers and board members of the Saunders Point Citizens Association. Jerry Oosterhous was nominated as President, Bob Chidester was nominated as Vice President, Kim Prochazka was nominated as Treasurer, Carole Bartolini was nominated as secretary, and Ruth Ann Thompson was nominated for the board position vacated by Valerie Webster. The nominations were accepted unanimously by a voice vote.

In other community business, Jerry Oosterhous suggested a community yard sale and requested input on when it should take place.

Questions about community vs. private land may affect repairs to the shoreline. There is some concern that loans may be harder to obtain in cases where work will be performed on private land adjacent to community land.

A permit has been obtained to replace the deck at the community beach. President Oosterhous suggested that one community goal should be to preserve and improve the beach. Treasurer Prochazka suggested that a fund drive be held to raise money for that effort.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Carole K. Bartolini

**Saunder's Point Citizens Association**  
**Statement of account 1/01/03 to 11/13/03**

Beginning Balance:           -\$ 1003.39

Checks Written:

Bob Chidester               -\$ 13.97  
For Newsletter

Jerry Oosterhous         -\$ 239.40  
for Website/Earthlink  
fees

Deposits and Dues         +\$ 565.00

Balance Adjustment       +\$ 5.12  
from Audit

Ending Balance:           \$ 1185.72

**SAUNDERS POINT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND**  
**November 13, 2003**

Received since May 8, 2003

Annual assessments to property owners	\$ 4,550.00
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Expenditures since May 8, 2003

Grass cutting (3 times @ \$360 ea.)	\$ 1,080.00
Postage and supplies for annual bills	\$ 87.32
Roundup and parts for beach stairs	\$ 49.14
Mulch for playground	\$ 136.50
Building permit for beach restoration	\$ 65.00

Balance in checking account	\$ 10,550.38
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 9,571.70
Total funds available	\$ 20,122.08