

Boat Act Advisory Committee (BAAC) Administration
Meeting December 11, 2020

Summary of Actions and Motions

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Thornell Jones, Vice - Chair Jon Sheller, Robin Allison, Amy Craig, Russ Dwyer, Joe Hellner, Steve Kling, and Bob Nickel.

Committee Members Absent or Not Represented: Fred Levitan, and Ramona Trovato.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Staff Present: Bill Anderson, Karen Knotts, Mike Simonsen, Tamara O'Connell, and Ann Williams.

Public Comment and Total Present: A maximum of 15 individuals were online during the course of the meeting.

Action Items:

- Vice – Chair Jon Sheller made a motion to allow discussion of the October 1 and 7 BAAC Public Comment Meeting summaries. Motion was second by Joe Hellner. Chair Thornell Jones entertained discussion of Vice – Chair Jon Sheller’s concerns about the summaries.
- Mike Simonsen reported that the Emergency Regulation for the Potomac River – Construction Zone around the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial/Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton Bridge was currently under review by the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive & Legislative Review (AELR).
- Mike Simonsen reported that BAAC recommendations on 2020 boating regulation change request recommendations are under review by the Department of Natural Resources.
- Mike Simonsen shared that longtime volunteer Amy Craig was reappointed to the BAAC.
- Chair – Thornell Jones asked Bill Anderson to please indicate to the Secretary, the BAAC’s appreciation of recognizing the committee’s proactive stance for the emergency regulation for the Nice/Middleton Bridge Construction project. Bill Anderson advised that he would.
- Amy Craig was appointed by Chair Thornell Jones to be the BAAC Nomination Chair.
- Future discussions will include DNR review of COMAR language regarding Frog Mortar Creek and Validation Stickers, BAAC meeting months noted in COMAR, and updating of the BAAC Membership Manual and request for boating regulation change form.
- Congratulations to the new BAAC appointees, Lauren McCann, Christine Poulsen and James Wommack.
- Committee made mentions of the poor audio and bad echo reverberations during the meeting.
- Chair Thornell Jones requested Ann Williams email him a packet of regulation modifications.
- Certificates of Appreciation were discussed for John Pepe and Coles March. Mike Simonsen will follow-through.

Motions:

- *Approval of the October 1 and 7 BAAC Public Comment Meetings.* Motion by Steve Kling to approve the summaries was questioned by Vice – Chair Jon Sheller. Vote ended in tie, Chair Thornell Jones voted No. Motion failed.
- *Nomination of Steve Kling for the BAAC Officer at Large position.* Motion by Amy Craig. Vote: In Favor - Unanimous
- *Motion to have the October 1 and 7 BAAC Public Comment Meeting summaries revised for the January meeting.* Motion by Vice – Chair Jon Sheller, seconded by Joe Hellner. Vote: In Favor - Unanimous.
- *Motion to adjourn meeting.* Motion by Amy Craig, seconded by Robin Allison.

Next Meeting Date:

- January 21, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Webex Virtual/Telecom
(Meeting Date Changed to: January 28, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Webex Virtual/Telecom)