

Anne Arundel Watermen's Association Meeting
Wednesday, February 20, 2019 –Networking 6pm, Meeting 6:30pm
SAACC Chamber

Call to Order- 6:16pm

Previous Minutes- *Presented, Motion to accept by Robert, Second by Lou, majority given, motion passed.*

Committee Reports

- *Oyster SEED Committee- Paperwork has been started for lease*
- *Tidal Fish Advisory Board Committee- Julia attended, report wasn't back yet. Mostly educational*
- *Blue Crab Design Team Update- Female Spring Limit, no changes from 2018. April 1- May 31, June 1- June 30 rest of season to be determined in May after Winter Dredge survey*
- *Legislation Committee- No Report*
 - *Haul Seines Bill for AA County, need to work with councilmen and executive*
 - *Sub Committee: Robbo, Eddie, Moses, Ryan*
 - *Meeting with County Council in March to start county paperwork*
 - *Man O War Project- voted 1 for dredging, 9 against*
 - *2 hour later start time bill for days over 90* - need to check status of bill*
 - *AA County Delegation has given AAWA time on agenda on Friday, March 22 at 8am*
 - *Setup Coffee with Sarah, Seth and Jessica over summer. Mondays in June, July and August*
 - *Senate Bill 830 (Elfreth), House Bill 298 (Busch) Sanctuaries*
- *Oyster Commission*
 - *Options to Consider: Rotating Bars, Cut Season, Rotating Days for harvest, cut back on harvesting limits*
- *Crab Feast Committee- No Report*
- *Statue Committee- No Report*
 - *Committee Formed: Bill, Marla and Eric*
- *Education Committee*
 - *Scholarships due in April*

Old Business

- *Future of AAWA- Mission, Goals*
 - *MWA Memberships will be paid for by AAWA in March*
 - *Need to be in public more with events and seminars*
 - *Updated mission statement to include 'promoting a healthy bay and sustainable harvest'*
- *Website and potential Sponsorships/Sources of income- benefit to being a member*

New Business

- *Board of Directors Nominations*
 - *Voting on March 20, 2019. Members by January 31, 2019 eligible to participate*
- *Oyster Symposium, March 9 at SERC, 2-4pm*
 - *Budget set to \$500 including advertisements, snacks and program*
 - *Lou to add flyer to home page of website*
- *Mailings- budget, occurrence*
 - *Decided it would be better to use money to host events for the public rather than large mailings, unless planned and includes pertinent information. Bill suggested a yearly planning committee to meet in September to plan the following year with mailers, marketing, events etc.*

Adjournment- 7:30pm