

EASTPORT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
May 14, 2015 | Annapolis Maritime Museum

Local Eastport business staffed exhibits between 7:00 – 7:30 pm. Represented business included:

Annapolis Athletic Club	Deuhmig Imagery*	The Liberté
Annapolis Hybrid Marine	Eastport Engraving & Awards	Long & Foster Eastport Office
Chesapeake Pirate Adventures	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	

With the gong of a ship's bell, the meeting was called to order, at 7:30 by ECA President Jenny Kottler. (ecapresident@eastportcivic.org). Several new members introduced themselves.

Annapolis Maritime Museum Executive Director Alice Estrada welcomed everyone to the Museum, which sponsors events throughout the year. The ECA presented to the AMM \$1,000 to support the 2015 Tides & Tunes concerts held Thursday nights throughout the summer and a \$250 check for ECA's use of the facility.

Jenny reported there are currently 475 members of the ECA; 103 are new members.

Minutes from the March 19, 2015 ECA general meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Guest Speaker, Mike Busch, Speaker of Maryland House of Delegates opened that he is Eastport's "representative to the mainland." He continued with data placing the Annapolis High School feeder system (elementary and middle schools) as the "poorest in Anne Arundel County." He told the audience of the backpack program at Eastport Elementary and reinforced the success of the local food bank and the Stanton Center. Mike recognized Ross Arnett for his good work for our community. Mike's focus continues to be on investment in education and protection of the environment.

Mike Tomasini, President of the Eastport Business Association, introduced himself and introduced the exhibiting businesses. There are 70-80 members of EBA, some of whom were exhibitors at the meeting. One of the EBA's newest initiatives is to raise money for auxiliary expenses associated with the Annapolis 4th of July celebration. Parties interested in making a donation by mid-June can find Mike on the Pirate ship in the harbor.

Manon Schladen, spoke on behalf of Spa Creek Conservancy (SCC) and its mission to reduce pollution into Spa Creek at Hawkins Cove. There will be an Eastport Eco-Fair, a free family event, Saturday May 30, 10 am – 2 pm at the Mitchell Community Center, 1014 President Street,. There will be fun activities to learn about storm water runoff management and what you can do to help. ECA presented the SCC with a check for \$250 in support of the Eco-Fair.

Treasurer's Report Jenny reported for Rita Ormasa that membership has already exceeded year end results and expenses are on target. A new grant process will be rolled out in the fall to make funds more readily available to community groups. Interested members are invited to volunteer to serve on the ad hoc grants committee. There are also opportunities to help on an ad hoc by-laws committee.

Picnic: Meg Moffat (picnic@eastportcivic.org) reported ECA's annual picnic will be held August 27, 6 - 8 pm at Mears Marina. Tickets will be \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Greenscape: Diane Butler reported that Greenscape had 70 volunteers assisting with cleanup of six parks. Next year, she hopes to more new volunteers. Our street end and community parks looking beautifully refreshed each spring.

ECA Photographer: Jenny recognized Ken Tom, who has regularly taken and shared pictures of so many Eastport events.

Eastport Home & Garden Tour: Marcia Marshall (tour@eastportcivic.org) reminded everyone of the upcoming 10th annual Eastport Home & Garden Tour on Sunday, June 14, 1 - 5 pm. Homes and gardens on display this year are located on Lockwood Ct and Creek Dr. Tickets are on sale now at local vendors and on the ECA website.

Annapolis Dragon Boat Foundation: Kelsey Fields announced an open house on June 20 at South Annapolis Yacht Centre supporting the Foundation. There will be an auction and dragon boat activities.

Alderman's Report: Ross Arnett (eastportross@gmail.com) spoke about the need for public participation in the budget process. Citizen input is requested for the upcoming priority based budget process. Ross also stated that 110 Compromise St. is nearing closure on a contract. Hopkins warehouse site is moving along toward development.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Henry