

# Maritime Republic of Eastport

## Minutes of MRE General Meeting April 22, 2002 6:30 p.m.

The baton was officially passed to the outgoing cabinet and new officers were introduced. Mike Raab, new Prime Minister, welcomed everyone to the meeting and solicited project and celebration ideas for the 2002 year.

The AYC Build-a-Boat Challenge will be held June 23 and 24, 2002. Volunteers are needed to design, construct, and pilot something that floats. Tim Kennedy will be this year's Shipwright. If you would like to get involved contact Tim at 443 254-3000.

Our brethren in Edgewater will be hosting an open house at Lee Airport on May 25, 2002. Creative ideas from some of our MRE party animals are needed to help make this event especially great. Mike suggested we bring the MRE blimp and has threatened to take any MREers who show up on a ride in a plane. See Mike Raab if you would like to participate and/or have one scary ride: 410 991-5997.

Vice Mistress in her prime, Jane Cox, reported on the planning for the Tug of War to be held November 2, 2002. Many organizations have volunteered to put together some grueling matches to make this year's 'slaughter across the water' better than before. A Health Club Challenge as well as possible Army vs. Navy matches are some of the teams that are being considered. Sean Donlon's has offered to help the team for the City of Annapolis. If you would like to put together a team or if you would like to volunteer to help organize the tug contact Jane Cox, 410 295-6690.

Other suggestions for the upcoming year were to form a U.S. team to participate in the North Wales Bog Snorkeling Competition to be held August 26, 2002, in Wales. This event has been featured in Sports Illustrated and has been sponsored by Ben and Jerry's (UK) Division. The team consists of 6 people. If you can snorkel or if you like the idea hanging around a swamp with a stout in hand please contact Lance at [Lancecurran@hotmail.com](mailto:Lancecurran@hotmail.com).

Brooke Perkins reported that he would like to start a croquet competition between the MRE and anyone who is willing to play us. Contact Brooke with ideas at 410 268-6606.

Exchequer Bob Taylor reported that nothing much had changed with the treasury and the MRE-owned stocks were finally transferred from Enron. A donation of \$500, raised during the Dog Day Afternoon events, was sent to the Christmas in April Fund. Bob will send the SPCA a donation of \$500 from the Dog Day proceeds.

The MRE will plant a permanent tree that will serve as the MRE Christmas tree at the Shell Station, now called Sovereign Motor Cars. Species ideas can be emailed to [rick.x.kennedy@aexp.com](mailto:rick.x.kennedy@aexp.com).

The meeting adjourned shortly after 7:30 p.m. and everyone retired to the bar...or a bar somewhere in the MRE.

--Submitted by Secretary Liz West