



## ACBC Newsletter September 2020

We hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful fall-like weather here in Admirals Cove. Here are updates from your Board of Directors and Committees:

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hope all are doing well. It is a challenging time. The BOD meetings are held online via zoom on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. You can join us at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6548872824?pwd=d3NndXhDSlI0QWQzUndyYUxxNm5rUT09>

We are planning on` having the annual meeting at the Nordic Lodge again this year, but depending on the Covid-19 requirements, we may be doing the meeting online, TBD later.

It has been a busy summer: tree trimming along lower Byrd, ditch cleaning, basketball hoop replacement, clearing out outflow pipe area, mowing, and much more. After Island County went to Phase III, we were able to open the pool with restrictions. Thanks to all the volunteers who have worked hard keeping the maintenance cost down.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

So far this year we are running slightly under budget for most categories. Collections of past due accounts are going well and the funds collected have been added to the Reserve Account. We now have over \$330,000 in the Reserve Account. This is about half of what is needed to fund the account; there are major expenses coming up in the next 5 years. Dennis Egan.

Dennis is the currently the acting treasurer as we need a Treasurer. The position is open to any member in good standing (being a BOD member is not required). If you would like to be treasurer please contact Dennis Egan or any BOD member.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mail is picked up from Post Office, at least weekly. The mail is then logged and delivered to Branch Services. Thanks to Ed Delahanty, for recording the BOD meeting minutes.

### **COMMITTEES:**

#### **BUDGET AND FINANCE:**

The Budget committee will be asking our various committees to submit their budget requests for 2021 in the next month or so.

#### **POOL COMMITTEE:**

It has been a challenge this year. We were able to open the pool once Island County went to Phase III. There were several changes to the requirements over the swim season but we were able to comply with the requirements. We were checked by Island County Health Dept and showed them the policy changes we made to address Covid-19 and Safe Start requirements and

they allowed us to open this year. However, we were not able to safely address the requirements for swim lessons this year (social distancing with young swimmers) but look forward to having them next year.

Staffing lifeguards was a challenge this year. Most of the lifeguards from last year returned but all went off to college before the end of our swim season. To our benefit, the Oak Harbor city pool closed mid-season and we were able to hire several of their lifeguards and it looks like they want to work at our pool again, next year. Because of Covid-19, there were no classes to certify new lifeguards in the area.

**TELLERS COMMITTEE:** The ballot may be lengthy this year due to several prospective by-laws changes, assessments and two new director positions. Additional membership help will be needed with the tally. This committee needs a new chairperson. Thank you, Steve for serving.

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

2020 has been a most unusual year. Following our governor's regulations we were not able to have our barbecues/potlucks, garage sale, morning coffee, etc. Let's hope that 2021 is a better year and that we can continue our activities like we did last summer. The shelter is now able to rent to small groups that can social distance and wear masks. Tuesday coffee is continuing on Zoom, at 10am. Mary Saurer-Egan, Chairman

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### **GROUNDS AND BUILDING COMMITTEE:**

The president has mentioned most of the activities that took place. I'd like to thank the volunteers who help make this happen. The new basketball posts were given three coats of primer and paint. The old posts were removed by the contractor who cleaned the ditch and cleared the area in front of the tide gate. The basketball area was pressure washed, lines then painted. Tree service: they trimmed trees back from the playground area, basketball area, and both sides of the roadway.

We removed two "driftwood forts" from the beach, as they are a hazard. We're noticing an increase in litter and trash, including needles and syringes. One of the outside restrooms was vandalized, no suspects. Our storage shed was broken into, lock was cut off. The only item we found missing was a Ryobi weed trimmer, with a limb trimming attachment. Again, no suspects. Future work: The Shelter roof requires repair. Speed bumps and fog lines need to be painted on the roadway. Septic drain field needs to be cleared of scotch broom.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE: Beach Soft Armoring Committee**

To protect the Pool Facility and the Shelter, an ad-hoc committee to investigate the feasibility and expense of soft armoring for the beachfront property owned by the Club has been authorized by the Board of Directors. We ask Members interested in joining this committee to contact Ed Delahanty at 360 969 2205.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE:** Proposed by-laws revisions can be submitted by members to the by-laws committee at any time.

This important committee needs a new chairperson. Thank you, Kurt for serving ACBC.

### **LAKE COMMITTEE:**

The Lake Committee recently conducted a community online survey to help understand the community's interest in the lake, which it turns out, is strongly related to its wildlife values and getting a handle on the ugly summer algal blooms. Those interests will be front and center for the Lake Committee this year. Bill and Bob seek to expand community input and welcome your input—thoughts, complaints, suggestions. Their contact information is available on the web site.

## **SUMMARY OF ADMIRALS LAKE ONLINE SURVEY, 2020**

For the residents who completed the 2020 Lake Committee Survey, thank you for your time and cooperation. The Admirals Lake Committee works diligently to serve the interests of the community. However, that does require residents to voice their interests and concerns regarding the lake. Below are the Committee's top 3 priorities as informed by the resident responses on the 2020 Admirals Lake Online Survey. Note: "Agreement" percentages were collapsed across both "Strongly Agree" and "Agree" responses ( $N = 46$  respondents).

A pdf of the comprehensive survey outcomes is available on the ACBC website:  
[www.acbc-whidbey.org](http://www.acbc-whidbey.org)

### **1.) Admirals Lake Water Quality Management**

Informed by the question, "I encourage ACBC to manage the water quality of Admirals Lake by reducing phosphorous that causes toxic blue-green algae blooms."

- 77% Agreement Among All Respondents

### **2.) Lake Management Must be Sustainable and Non-Toxic**

Informed by the question, "Treatment for the algae should be environmentally sustainable and not negatively impact wildlife."

- 89% Agreement Among All Respondents

### **3.) Admirals Lake Wildlife Protection and Stewardship**

Informed by the questions,

"I appreciate the wildlife (e.g., birds and animals) that use the lake for breeding, feeding, resting, and nesting."

- 91% Agreement Among All Respondents

"I would support informational signage about the birds (e.g., species descriptions, migrations, etc.) and wildlife that make Admirals Lake home."

- 74% Agreement Among All Respondents

"I would like to see more free educational opportunities about our wildlife at The Shelter (e.g., bats, otters, coyotes, marine mammals, bird identification, etc.)."

- 59% Agreement Among All Respondents

Residents are not required to voice their interests and concerns regarding the lake, so for those who completed survey, we thank you for your time and cooperation. Similar surveys regarding the lake will be conducted periodically online to adjust lake management direction. If you have suggestions for Admirals Lake Committee (germane to the management of Admirals Lake), please contact the Committee Chairs, Bob Wilbur and Bill Blake.

The Lake Committee is changing leadership from Ed Delahanty and his predecessor, Mike Tenore, who for years have effectively guided numerous lake problems, from monitoring water chemistry, to related algal problems, to investigating the state of the outfall pipe. Both will remain active, however, as committee members.

Taking their place are co-chairs Bill Blake, Natural Resource Manager, and Bob Wilbur, Aquatic Biologist, both with years of related work behind them. And there are relatively new members to the committee -- Heide Island, an animal behavior/neuroscience professor at Pacific University, Pete Klasell with Washington Department of Transportation, taking after his dad, John, who designed and installed the tide gate years ago, and Bob Payton, the Otter Gate Maker.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE: BOARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

Nominations for two ACBC Board of Director positions are open now and will close on November 15. Election of Directors will occur via mail in ballots issued in January of 2021. The ballots will be tallied the day before the Annual Members Meeting, the results being announced at that meeting.

## **REQUIREMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Directors must be members in good standing, serve for a 3 year term and can serve no more than 6 consecutive years. The Board is responsible for maintenance of Club facilities and the operation of the Club in compliance with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and all applicable government regulations. A more detailed description of the duties can be found in Article VIII of the Bylaws – posted in the Club website (acbc-whidbey.org) in the Documents section.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

Members wishing to submit their names for the Board vacancies can find the "Nomination Form" on the Club website (acbc-whidbey.org) in the Documents section, then select Official Documents, then under the Voting section of Official Documents both Word and PDF copies of the Nomination Form can be found. Members unable to access these forms on the website may contact Ed Delahanty at 360 969 2205 to obtain a Nomination form. Once completed the forms can be mailed to the Club: PO Box 366, Coupeville WA 989239, or submitted by hand to the Club Secretary - Marty Lull who can be reached at 206 724 3266.

## **NOMINATION COMMITTEE OPENING**

The Nomination Committee, whose members lead the search for Board candidates, is one member short at this time if interested in joining the Nomination Committee please contact Ed Delahanty at 360 969 2205.

## **WELCOME COMMITTEE: Welcome to Admirals Cove!**

Our routines have changed during this time. We still want to make sure you're welcomed into the community. We strive to move this community in the direction everyone would like to see. If you've recently moved here and didn't receive a welcoming packet please email me at [jamestysonkunz@gmail.com](mailto:jamestysonkunz@gmail.com). It contains information on local events, activities, restaurants, transportation, community facilities, board meetings, and other helpful info.

## **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:**

This committee isn't working on any matters at this time. If you have a concern about ACBC and a government agency, please contact Kurt Blankenship: [kblankenship@bluewilliams.com](mailto:kblankenship@bluewilliams.com)

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

This committee is looking for a new chairperson and active volunteers. Contact Dennis Egan at [acbc-whidbey.org](http://acbc-whidbey.org) if you are interested. Thank you, Suzy for your service to ACBC.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE: COMMUNICATIONS:**

The CC is continuing with 3 newsletters a year: this one after the swim season, the second after the first of the year addressing the upcoming Annual Member Meeting in February and the third before the swim season starts. The newsletter centers around current events at our Common Area: Admirals Cove Beach Club. We welcome your comments/suggestions. Active volunteers are always welcome.

This is the fourth ACBC newsletter emailed to those who have agreed to read it this way. Ballots will continue to be mailed to all members in good standing and to those who want a mailed copy

of the Newsletter. For those who have received this newsletter via regular mail, we want you to receive the newsletter via email. You can call Branch Services: 360-678-7543 or go to the club website: <http://acbc-whidbey.org> then Members, then Subscribe and Join. Email saves us printing costs, paper, volunteers time and most importantly, postage. Thank you.

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Here is an opportunity to exercise your skills and talents to make a positive difference for all ACBC residents:

The Long Range Planning Committee needs a chairperson asap. Thank you, Suzy Palmer, for your service to ACBC!

The Bylaws Committee needs a chairperson asap. Thank you, Kurt Blankenship, for your service to ACBC!

The Tellers Committee needs a new chairperson asap. Thank you, Steve Kobylk, for your service to ACBC!

ACBC needs a Treasurer asap. Dennis Eagan is filling in for now. Thank you, Dennis!



We'd like to give a shout out to a couple of ACBC residents who have generously assisted their neighbors during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Judy Robb Eggerman has sewn hundreds of free masks for ACBC residents. She makes them in adult and children's sizes and places them at the pool or The Shelter for people to help themselves. Carrie McBride has shared her bounty of zucchini and cucumbers by leaving boxes of vegetables at The Shelter for us to enjoy.

Both women post on the ACBC Facebook page when they have items available. Thanks very much, ladies!



Members enjoying our new hoops! Good job from your Grounds Committee! Improving health and fitness at ACBC, the way the founders planned. Pickle ball is on the drawing board.

Information about the new Mukilteo ferry terminal opening this year:

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal/default.htm>

Information on Statewide smoke conditions:

<https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/2020/09/statewide-smoke-update.html?m=1>