



ACBC Newsletter December 2020

We hope you are enjoying all the beautiful holiday lights in the Cove. They are so cheerful and bright at this dark and cold time of year.

Please save the date of January 23, 2021, Saturday @ 1pm for the ACBC Annual Meeting. This year the meeting will be held via Zoom. The instructions and Zoom link will be included in the Notice of Annual Meeting that will be mailed to you soon.

Here are updates from your Board of Directors and Committees:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

It has been a pleasure serving on the Board of Directors for the past 5 years, the last 3 years as your president. I believe we have accomplished many positive things during that time. Working together, the BOD, Committees, and Volunteers have strived to make our community property a better place for us to enjoy. As I think back, I remember the Volleyball and septic areas grown over and now maintained. The septic system not being inspected, we found the drain field distribution box and put a riser on it and cleared the two drain field lines that were clogged and now have it inspected annually. The pool has been refurbished and made ADA compliant. The Reserve Study that was done back in 2013 but not implemented has been redone and is now being funded. We have set aside almost \$400,000 so far to address future maintenance costs so special assessments will be less likely. We have a maintenance permit approved by the County allowing us to do routine maintenance within the Shoreline Management Area so we do not need to get a permit each time.

We have several major projects being worked on. The 50-year-old outflow pipe is scheduled to be replaced in 3 yrs. The Pool Building is scheduled to be refurbished in 8 yrs. An Ad Hoc committee has been formed to make recommendations on shore armoring on the beach to protect our property from storm surge.

I thank you for your support and ask you to join me in supporting our new BOD. Dennis Egan

TREASURER'S REPORT: (and Budget and Finance Committee)

The monthly treasurer's report is on our website ACBC-WHIDBEY.ORG under the Documents/Finances tab. We have operated 2020 under budget and still have accomplished many projects despite the Covid19 restrictions. We have also funded the Reserve Account with almost \$400,000 so far. The 2021 budget has been approved by the BOD and will be sent with the Notice of Annual Meeting. The dues for 2021 will be \$384 for a perc lot and \$192 for a non-perc lot. We are looking for someone to fill the ACBC Treasurer position.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mail is picked up weekly, logged and then taken to Branch Business Services. Thanks to Ed Delahanty for recording and posting BOD meeting minutes.

COMMITTEES:

POOL COMMITTEE:

It has been a challenge this year with the Covid19 restrictions and the fact that they changed several times over the swimming season. We were not able to offer swim lessons this year but plan to next year if we can. We were able to get our Covid19 compliance plan approved by the County and were able to open for a shortened season with restrictions. Even with all that, we still had over 4,000 swimmers this season. The pool and pool building have been winterized for the winter and we look forward to the 2021 season. Just a side note: The cost to heat the pool with the heat pumps was less than half the cost of what it cost with propane.

TELLERS COMMITTEE:

The Tellers Committee is working with the BOD to determine the process and protocol for both ballot and annual meeting vote counting and certifying that needs to meet COVID requirements. Any revisions with current processes will require BOD approval, including by-laws deviation approvals, prior to any voting required meeting or ballot counting.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Due to the Covid virus and the restrictions that have been placed on us, the Social Committee has been inactive this year. Hopefully in the new year we will be able continue our activities. Mary Saurer (Egan)

GROUNDS AND BUILDING COMMITTEE:

This quarter: Roof repairs to the Shelter building, thanks to Gerry Leese. Repairs to the front wall of the pool office, thanks to Bob Payton. Mowing of common areas and grading the parking lot and picking up the grounds: Thank you, Doug Fielding. Some of the bigger projects this last year: Replaced a door to one of the outside restrooms. Installed two new basketball hoops that are getting a lot of use.

Upcoming: Painting the Shelter and the front of the pool building. The south wall of the pool building needs to be repaired. Replace the chain link fencing to the front gate of the pool. Install pickle ball net posts on the basketball court. The playground area needs some updating. A second video camera system needs to be installed.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out. Thanks to those I haven't named, who pick up litter on our beach and roadways. Please let us know if something needs to be repaired, replaced, or is the result of vandalism. Thank you, Marty Lull.

Finally, it's been my great pleasure to work with President Dennis Egan. We worked well together, with a common goal of trying to improve the Club's assets for all members to enjoy.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:

Several by-laws changes will be submitted for the membership to consider this year. Details will be included in the Annual Meeting Letter and the ballot.

WELCOME COMMITTEE:

We want to help people moving to Admirals Cove get information about our community and the area. We have an information packet for new residents. Please contact me if you or your neighbor needs one. Jim Kunz jamestysonkunz@yahoo.com

LAKE COMMITTEE:

The Lake Committee kept a watchful eye on Admirals Lake over the summer. From early summer to about mid-September there was a bloom of harmless filamentous algae especially along the eastern shoreline. It provided a well-used platform for small shorebirds feeding on insects associated with the surface mat. For 3 or 4 weeks after the filamentous algae die-off an insignificant surface scum of blue-green algae occurred intermittently and briefly along the eastern shore.

The committee recently studied an exhaustive report of algae causes and treatment options for Lone Lake (Freeland area). From that study the committee concluded that treatment may not do enough to noticeably change the water clarity or aesthetics and that the relatively high cost for the modest benefits derived may not be the best use of club funds. It is also likely that increased water clarity would expand rooted aquatic vegetation, which may not be viewed positively. So for the present, the committee will continue to monitor water quality and, in keeping with the survey results, promote the waterfowl and wildlife values of the lake. The waterfowl migration this fall has been robust and species-rich, including among others, wigeon, greenwing teal, gadwall, black ducks, mallards, mergansers, scaups, buffleheads, ringnecks, canvasbacks, Canada geese, and brants. There also is a goose with a broken wing and/or maybe leg; it will have a tough go over the winter, so shoreline residents might want to put out some corn on the shoreline and hope it finds it.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We have excellent candidates for the two open Board of Directors vacancies. Their names and statements will be included with the Annual Meeting letter and ballot, coming soon. Please view their statements and make your selections. Also, remember that next fall nominations will be open for 3 positions on the Board and we'd like to have more than a full slate of candidates. Please consider running for the Board and playing an active role in our community!

AD HOC COMMITTEE: COMMUNICATIONS:

Some of the information has been repeated here for the benefit of new members.

This 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 those who want a mailed copy of the newsletter will receive one. For those who have received this newsletter via regular mail, if you would like to receive the newsletter via email, you can call to Branch Services, 360-678-7543. Email saves us printing costs, paper, volunteers' time and most importantly, postage. Thank you.

CC wants assistance with updating our sign boards with new messages at Admirals Dr., Koenig Dr. and the pool on an ongoing basis. If you would like to help out, please contact Bob Payton. Does someone need a Community Service project? We are looking for a source to replace the old letters we have with new ones.

SUB COMMITTEE: BEACH ARMORING: We are in the first stage of developing a plan to make alterations to the ACBC owned shoreline to protect all our facilities from future

storm damage and further beach erosion. Included in the process will be applying for and obtaining all necessary permits from the necessary government agencies.

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

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE: This committee needs a chairperson.

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