



ACBC Newsletter November 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

What a unique summer and fall we are having in the Cove. If the smoke wasn't around, it would be perfect. As will be reported by committee chairs, we have had a very successful swim season and made some significant improvements to our Shelter infrastructure with the addition of a very robust wi-fi connection. I also saw a recent report from a local realtor that showcased recent home sales, and property values continue to rise, which is tangible evidence that our investment in the improvement of our community assets is making a difference. I'm looking forward to a great holiday season with best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas.

ACBC board meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at The Shelter. The next meeting is Thursday, November 17th.

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 28, 2023 – ACBC Annual Meeting. Details forthcoming.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

ACBC faces several challenges. First, our Board is losing two vital members who must leave after 6 years of continuous service: Our President Dustin Frederick and our Secretary Marty Lull. Second, we have arrived at the point where any sense of responsibility and care requires the club to finally have a real proposal for replacing the pool buildings and funding the project. The buildings are in very poor shape. Repairs are unfeasible. As part of the reserve study, we are committed to building the project by 2026, only 3+ years away. Third, what are we to do about the blue-green algae problem in the lake? The lake committee has worked on studies and proposals and has presented them to the BOD. Our membership needs to decide if we will cover the expense for some level of clean up.

I have heard several suggestions about the need for more and better communications by the Board. Did you know that we post all newsletters, bulletins and meeting minutes on our website: ACBC-whidbey.org The website also contains tons of material about our club, Board, facilities and history. I think we can all be encouraged by the Communications Committee's efforts to keep us more up to date by using email Bulletins in addition to the regular newsletters. So be sure you have provided your email address to Branch Services which serves as our office; sign up now if you haven't already done so. Finally, we need more volunteers. Our Club has reached an unprecedented level of stability but we continue to rely too heavily on a small group of volunteers. Please consider volunteering. You can sign up anytime for committees and/or until November 15th to be nominated for a Board of Directors volunteer position: ACBC-whidbey.org for contact information or at the Annual Member Meeting in January.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial documents are posted on the website.

COMMITTEES:

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

We are working on the annual budget for 2023.

LITIGATION COMMITTEE:

On June 16, 2022, the Board created the Litigation Committee. Right now, the Club is involved in 11 cases in Superior Court with property owners who refuse to pay their dues and assessments. The mission of the Committee is to monitor those cases and communicate with our attorneys. The work of the committee is largely confidential under the attorney-client privilege.

POOL COMMITTEE:

We had an awesome swim season this year with over 5,000 swimmers using the pool. We also had 300 kids taking our swim lessons, adding another 3,000 swimmers. The swim lessons ran all summer with 10 2-week sessions and each session had 30 students. We opened for the Memorial Day weekend and ran thru Labor Day. We had 3 free swim days coinciding with our BBQs. They were on the Sunday preceding Memorial and Labor Days and on the 4th of July, with a Night Swim on these days.

We did have to close the pool twice for cleaning and twice for lightning in the area. We also had to limit the number in the pool due to lifeguard capacity. We always have 2 lifeguards, but one is working in the office. The pool committee is looking for volunteers to work in the office on those hot days so both lifeguards can be on the deck. Contact a committee member if you are interested in being on call to work in the office on those hot days,

Several of our lifeguards are moving on to college or moving out of the area and will not be returning next year so we are looking for 5 new lifeguards. You need to be at least 15 yrs. old and have a current Lifeguard / CPR certificate from the Red Cross. If you know someone interested, have them contact us and we can get them an application and help in getting their Red Cross certificate. We are also looking for some assistants to help with swim lessons. Must be at least 13 yrs. old and a swimmer.

Pool fees help offset the cost of operating the pool; they do not cover the total cost. This was voted on by the membership a few years ago and it was decided this was the best way to balance the cost to those who use the pool and those who don't.

We would like to thank all those who helped in the work parties for getting the pool open at the start of the season and getting it closed for the winter, also those who pitched in during the season for all the things that come up during the year. We are planning on having a similar swim season next year, so watch for more info in the Spring newsletter.

TELLERS COMMITTEE:

Calling All Teller Volunteers! Save the date, January 27, 2023, High Noon. We will be meeting at the ACBC Shelter to teller the ballots in support of the **Annual Members Meeting on Saturday, January 28th**. So far multiple potential by-laws revisions/additions have been identified along with the annual Board of Directors (BOD) nominee selection. It will be a busy challenging afternoon on Jan. 27. However, snacks will be provided by the chair, of course! Committee membership is not required. More detailed information, including Teller by-laws requirements, forthcoming after the December BOD meeting. Thank you in advance for your support and have a great fall season!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

The Social Committee held three BBQs, the Garage Sale, and will continue to have Tuesday morning coffee at the Shelter from 10 a.m. to noon. Thank you to those who volunteered with setting up and cleaning up to make the events successful. Shortly after Tuesday morning coffee, join us for a Ladies Bible Study at the Shelter, beginning November 15th at 1-2 pm, and every Tuesday thereafter. We will be studying the Book of James-bring your favorite Bible. If you need more information, contact Lynda McClure at 360-678-4795. Mary Saurer, Social Committee Chairman 425-761-6279

GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

The lower Byrd roadway has been coated and the speedbumps painted. A new internet system has been installed at the pool and Shelter buildings. Zoom meetings are now possible. Quotes are coming in for tree trimming along lower Byrd, ditch cleaning, and playground improvements. A donated generator has been converted to propane fuel and electrical hookups completed. The generator will be used during power outages for a place to warm up and perhaps a warm meal, bring your own food. We need trained volunteers to open the Shelter and operate the generator. Training is Thursday Nov 17 at 5:30 at the Shelter. Work has been started on setting up a pickleball court on the existing basketball court. This project will be completed in the spring.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:

Did you know that ACBC Bylaws can only be changed by formal mail-in vote of our membership? Our large and diverse Bylaws Committee is meeting monthly. We are working on the final wording for several proposed amendments. These must be approved by the Board before they are submitted to you in a ballot. Our goal is to make any ballot clear and accurate. Four proposals are under discussion: 1) To clarify the procedure for club members who wish to propose special assessments to be voted on by ballot; 2) Asking all members to provide e-mail addresses as well as postal addresses; 3) Reducing newsletters to at least two a year and to be distributed by e-mail only, with some exceptions; and 4) To correct an omission in the Bylaws so that the Club is entitled to collect attorney fees and costs in lawsuits.

Our Committee continues to review and consider new proposals and areas that need updating or clarification. Thanks to Committee members for their work.

LAKE COMMITTEE:

Since our last news update, the Lake Committee has been working alongside the Board to implement the committee recommendation to treat the lake to enhance its water quality. The degraded water is due to excess nutrients entering the lake from its large surface and subsurface watershed. We all contribute to those nutrients so it is up to us to *stop and fix*—“stop” being to make sure your septic system is functioning correctly and use less yard fertilizer, and “fix” being to get the nutrients out of the water and locked away on the bottom, which is what the treatment will do. By this time next year, we hope those treatments will make the lake water clear, instead of slime-green and toxic, and safe for water contact recreation for kids, adults, and pets.

Questions of the Month: When is the last time your kid took a bluegill off the hook instead of thumbing his or her iPad? Ever been in a canoe? How many waterfowl species visiting the lake this fall and winter can you and yours identify?

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Would you like to help shape the operation and future of Admirals Cove Beach Club? Is there a part of our Club that means a lot to you? You should run for a Board position! The Nominating Committee is accepting nomination applications for the Board of Directors until November 15th. The application can be found on the ACBC website under Forms/Voting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Nominating Committee Chair Mike Tenore at 206-255-8712. Thank you!

WELCOME COMMITTEE:

Welcome to our new residents. We hope you're enjoying Admirals Cove. The rain is back. We hope you enjoyed summer. A welcoming packet has been delivered to 12 new residents since July 1st. We send out these packets about once a month. If you have any questions or concerns for the welcoming committee, please email Jim Kunz at jkunz@acbc-whidbey.org

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

The Communications Committee has been brainstorming ways to improve communications and make them timelier and more cost-effective. One of the results was the Bulletins that are now emailed to members when it is important to get information out between publication of newsletters. Of course, the Bulletins only reach those members who have provided their email address.

To further improve efficiency, reduce volunteer time and reduce costs, the committee has proposed bylaw changes to newsletters: **to send them via email only** and change the bylaw for the CC to **produce at least 2 newsletters a year**, Spring and Fall. Bulletins fill in sudden/current information to members via email as needed.

In this day and age, there are very few people who do not have an email address. Many organizations use email-only newsletters. These bylaw changes (and others) will be mailed to you in late December to vote on, so this could well be your last printed and mailed newsletter. **We encourage all members to sign up for email communications** by going to our website on your computer (preferred): acbc-whidbey.org and under the Pool/Beach Club cell choose Member Info, then Subscribe, or by contacting Branch Business Services at 360-678-7543. Signing up for email communications is not a requirement but allows members access to ACBC communications. Copies of the newsletters will be posted on the pool bulletin board and on the

ACBC website. **Please vote for email only paperless communications.** The savings of CC volunteer hours and the cost savings of about \$400.00 on each newsletter mailed is significant. We currently produce two versions of the NL: mailed version and email version. CC is working on getting zoom equipment updated and hopes to have it functioning appropriately by the December BOD meeting if not sooner. Thank you to all members who have signed up for email communications!

Web Site Helper needed: In order to promote our wonderful community and all the activities enjoyed by our residents, the idea of updating our current website is on the minds of your Communication Committee. We are seeking a self-starter to create articles and photos of all the activities enjoyed/participated by community members that would be used to keep our website more current. Such as BBQ's, work parties and swim lessons etc. This position requires someone who is not afraid to learn and use our current website carrier called Weebly. This position could be a student or adult and requires about five (5) hours a week, max, depending on what is going on in the community. Please let us know if you are interested by contacting us at comms@acbc-whidbey.org

AD HOC COMMITTEE: Shore Armoring

With the final design complete and approved by the Board of Directors, four contractors to build the shore armoring to protect the ACBC pool facility were contacted mid-September, all expressed interest in our project. To date representatives from all 4 have made site visits and remain interested in our project. Two have responded with estimates, the others will respond in the next few weeks. Marine Surveys & Assessments, our lead consultant, continues to work on permitting with the necessary agencies. A few questions have come up that they've been able to answer. A projected date for approval on all necessary permits has yet to be established, we're hoping sometime spring of 2023, but it may not be until summer. Once all permits have been approved, construction can begin.

We're hoping that we'll have estimates from all 4 contractors well before the November Board meeting so the Shore Armoring Committee can recommend which contractor to award the project. Doing this as soon as possible will allow the contractor to order the long lead materials and purchase them in advance, minimizing the impact of inflation as much as possible.

Another ACBC newsletter produced for you with BOD approval by the Communications Committee. **Please vote to support paperless/emailed newsletters** next month.



These are our pair of resident eagles who have lived here near the beach club for years.