



## ACBC Newsletter August 2019

We hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful summer here in Admirals Cove. Here are updates from your Board and Committees:

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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

We are well into the summer and there has been a lot of activity this year. We have had two Community BBQ / Potluck's with free swims on Memorial Day at the beginning of the season, then again on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and another is planned for September 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a great time to get together, meet neighbors, enjoy great food, and have a fun day. The pool has been open all season with great turnout and we have returned the swim lesson program back to our pool. BBQ stands have been added to the fire pit area, a picnic table to lower Byrd. Thank you Building and Grounds committee, it is looking good. The Lake committee has been looking at solutions to the lake water quality and the tide gate / outflow pipe. Long Range Planning is working on a survey of members desires for future improvements. Budget Committee is starting to work on the 2020 budget and how to fund the reserve account. If you have an interest in serving on any of the club's committees, let the chairman of the committee or me know. The club is actively working to collect past due assessments and dues. You can call Branch Services to get your balance and make payments or request a payment plan. The annual Membership Meeting is February 1, 2020. Enjoy the rest of the year. Dennis Egan

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

Alicia resigned as Treasurer but she remains on the board. We are looking for a Treasurer who is an Admirals Cove resident. As it is, Branch Services does the majority of the Treasurers work, and we are asking Branch Services to do more and more, but it comes at a cost to us all. Branch Services doesn't know the intricacies and history of ACBC and so it is imperative we have a resident Treasurer. Obviously, a volunteer resident is first choice, but compensation can be discussed/negotiated with the Board of Directors.

Thank you to all members who have made payments, which allow ACBC to operate, maintain and improve our club facilities. Over the course of 2019 members have steadily been paying their balances due, increasing every month the number of you in good standing. Your continued participation and support are always appreciated!

Members' dues may now be paid via credit card. For payment or questions regarding your ACBC account status you may contact Branch Business Services in-person at: 404 S. Main Street, Coupeville, WA 98239 or via email at [frontdesk@branchbusinessservices.com](mailto:frontdesk@branchbusinessservices.com) or telephone 360-678-7543.

Please visit our website at [www.acbc-whidbey.org](http://www.acbc-whidbey.org) for financial reports, if you would like to know more about our club, or if you have other questions.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Here is a link to the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting from July:

[http://acbc-whidbey.org/uploads/3/4/7/9/34792651/2019\\_07.16\\_-\\_bod\\_minutes.pdf](http://acbc-whidbey.org/uploads/3/4/7/9/34792651/2019_07.16_-_bod_minutes.pdf)

## **COMMITTEES:**

### **BUDGET AND FINANCE:**

We are starting the budget process for 2020. Any input/question to the budget committee can be submitted to Dennis Egan, as he is the acting chair of this committee until ACBC gets a treasurer.

### **POOL COMMITTEE:**

The pool is getting a lot of use this year with the addition of swim lessons and good weather. We have 7 lifeguards and 4 assistant swim lesson instructors. The lifeguards conducted a joint drill with the Fire Dept., so in case of an emergency, they can better work together. The Coupeville Lions Club helps with the cost of the swim lessons program. The heat pumps have reduced, by over half, the cost of heating the pool. The Refurbishment of the pool is complete and it is time to work on the second phase, that of Refurbishment of the pool building; we want to complete that within the next 5 years. We are presently looking at replacing the hot water heater with a new one or with an on-demand propane hot water system. We are starting to work on our portion of the 2020 budget.

### **TELLERS COMMITTEE:**

Responsible for the accurate count and certification of all ballots in any matter voted upon by the Club Membership in Good Standing when ballots are distributed. This includes but is not limited to elections, assessments, by-law revisions and surveys. The committee meets as required to count votes.

Your Tellers Committee is ready for 2019. The committee currently plan no changes to the process used last year. Any BOD-directed tellers committee process changes will be communicated via the ACBC website or newsletter. If any club member, regardless of status, requests a copy of the process, please let us know. Open communication for all members is a core value. Feedback is always welcome!

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

On Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> we will be celebrating Labor Day with our annual Community BBQ/Potluck at the shelter from noon to 3 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs/brats, chicken and condiments will be provided. Dennis will be making his famous homemade ice cream and root beer. Please bring one of your favorite side dishes to share.

Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. Melissa has started a program at the ACBC shelter (Preschool Storytime for 2 to 5-year old's). There will be Storytime and other activities for the children.

Tuesdays from 10am – noon: Coffee at the Shelter/Clubhouse. Meet your neighbors, enjoy coffee, conversation and treats!

The annual garage sale didn't go as well as planned. We will try again next year.

A Thanksgiving leftover lunch is being planned. It will be held at the ACBC shelter. Just waiting to confirm date and time. If you have suggestions or would like other types of activities, email me at [saupow@hotmail.com](mailto:saupow@hotmail.com) Thanks to all of those who have helped with setup and cleanup. Your efforts are very much appreciated. Mary Saurer, Chairperson.

## **GROUNDS AND BUILDING COMMITTEE:**

We had a small, but productive work party prior to the fourth of July BBQ. A horseshoe pit box was completely rebuilt. Two smaller BBQs were installed. A gate on the pool deck was reinstalled. Volleyball net was put up. Grounds were mowed, trimming, and general cleanup done. We have a new crew keeping lower Byrd Rd. trimmed. We'll probably be asking for volunteers for the next work party. I will try to schedule this, 1-2 weeks before the Labor Day BBQ. Day and time will be posted on the ACBC website, and social media. Thanks to all that have helped in the past, Marty Lull.

## **BYLAWS COMMITTEE:**

The Bylaws Committee is in the process of meeting to consider and then recommend to the Board appropriate bylaws changes that, if approved by the Board, would be included in the annual ballot. Meeting dates will be announced on the ACBC website. Any ACBC member is welcome to attend Bylaw Committee meetings, but only members of the Committee can vote, if necessary, on approving a suggested bylaw change to be forwarded to the Board.

## **LAKE COMMITTEE:**

The Lake Committee met August 5 and discussed the following:

Further expert information needed to obtain estimates on strategies to minimize the algae and unwanted growth along the shoreline. Committee members will research.

Estimates to line the outfall pipe are now available. Further discussion needed to determine funding.

A member has volunteered to repair the otter damaged seal on the tide gate.

Methods to skim off the floating vegetation and debris on the Lake were discussed. Members will assess the difficulty and proceed if an effective solution is found.

New information on lake ecology issues was provided. Members are to review for discussion at the next meeting.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

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## **WELCOME COMMITTEE:**

We want to help people moving in get information about our community and the area. We try to get a welcoming packet to all new residents. The packet includes info about local events, activities, transportation, our website and more. There is a pool, club house, playground and picnic area all facing the beach. If you or your neighbor have not received a packet, please contact me at: [jkunzacbc-whidbey.org](mailto:jkunzacbc-whidbey.org) Thank you, Jim Kunz

## **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:**

Our Committee has met twice over the recent summer weeks to discuss the Reserve Account Study and also developing a new community survey.

**Reserve Account Study:** The Reserve Account Study has been updated and includes a list of current assets, the life expectancy of the assets and the estimated time left before the asset needs to be replaced/rehabilitated as well as the cost of replacement in 2019 dollars. A major part the long-term strategic plan emphasis is the need to expeditiously fund the Reserve Account for both long term maintenance as well as major rehabilitation of existing property within the remaining life expectancy of the asset. The Reserve Account Study is available for all to read and review on the [ACBC-Whidbey.org](http://ACBC-Whidbey.org) web site. Full funding will ensure that we can maintain what we have at minimal additional cost later and help us avoid special assessments.

**New Community Survey:** It has been almost 5 years since the last ACBC 2015 community survey. Since that time, about 30% of ACBC homes have new owners. With evolving demographic changes in our neighborhood, the Committee will be sending out a new and updated survey. We need the community's input on a variety of subjects, including but not limited to how are we doing and how can we make the club better serve the community we support. The new survey will also help us identify additional changes, enhancements and/or improvements beyond the Reserve Account Study the community may be interested in.

Please look for the survey to be sent out via email and regular mail later this fall and weigh in with your comments, questions and ideas. Admiral's Cove Beach Club is a reflection of those of us who live here and our love for this wonderful place.

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

Some of the information has been repeated because new members need to read it and review is always good for the rest of us.

This is the second 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, if you would like to receive the newsletter via email, you can call to 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.

**Opportunity:** ACBC is looking for a volunteer Web Master to keep our existing website current. If you know a student or *anyone* interested in Information Technology who is looking to improve their resume, please contact Dennis Egan, ACBC President at [acbc-whidbey.org](http://acbc-whidbey.org) The website is set up and all that is needed are updates as they occur. Residence in Admirals Cove is not required and compensation can be negotiated.

Disclaimer: All positions (except in the Communications Committee) and voting privileges are for members in good standing.

