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## ACBC Newsletter November 2019

### The Annual Membership Meeting is February 1, 2020 at the Nordic Lodge.

The location of the Annual Meeting is 63 Jacobs Rd, Coupeville, WA, @ 1PM.

Here are updates from your Board of Directors and Committees:

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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

We had a great summer, we are well into fall, and winter is on the way. The committees have been working on their 2020 priorities and budgets. The BOD is getting things lined up for the Annual Meeting which will be 1 February 2020 at the Nordic Lodge, 1 PM. We will be having a presentation from Association Reserves on the Reserve Account Study they did for us. They will be explaining how our Reserve Account works and what it contains; also, different funding options that the BOD will be considering later in 2020.

I would like to invite members to join one of the committees and help make **Admirals Cove Beach Club** something we can all enjoy. Join us at one of the Potlucks / BBQs. It's a good time to meet neighbors, have some fun, and the food is great.

On a sadder note, we still have several members with past due accounts. Those with large dollar amounts owing have been turned over to our attorneys for collection. Those that have accounts several years past due have been sent a demand letter giving them the opportunity to bring their account current or legal action will be taken. I would like to thank Karen D'Ewart for her time on the Board and as Treasurer. She made the budget process much easier. I would also like to thank Judy Britton for stepping up and taking on the Treasurer's position.

#### **A. NEW TREASURER'S REPORT:**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Treasurer of the Admirals Cove Beach Club. My name is Judy Britton, and I moved to this community in May of 2015. I have fallen in love with the beauty of this area, and my husband and I enjoy the family friendly environment here in Admiral's Cove.

I served as the Business Manager for the Quality of Life recreational programs at Naval Air Station Lemoore for several years, where I was responsible for the department's budgets and financial management. When I found that our beach club was looking for a Treasurer, I decided to reach out and offer my services. I am retired and have the time available to do so.

I have made it my goal to learn all I can about the financial matters of our beach club that will allow me to assist the various committees to accomplish their goals, while providing oversight to ensure that all of our expenditures are in compliance with our fiscal budget. As a member of the community and payer of club dues, I feel a responsibility to protect our funds in the best interest of all residents.

There are many hard-working members of our beach club who volunteer countless hours to serve this community as a whole, and when I look around, I continually see improvements that are only possible due to their much appreciated efforts.

We have a beautiful refurbished swimming pool that benefits adults and children alike, whether it be for exercise or plain recreational fun. There is nothing better than the sound of children laughing while they are making memories that will stay with them for a lifetime. There was a major cleanup of our private beach that makes it

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much less treacherous to reach the beach, a place where people love to stroll, and children play in the sand. There is a picnic table with a BBQ where the grass is mowed and people can enjoy watching the geese and ducks swimming about the lake. How many people can say they live so close to Puget Sound as well as our own community lake? Efforts are being made to improve the water quality of the lake so it will continue to be there for the enjoyment of all.

So please be patient with me as I learn all that I need to effectively serve as your treasurer. I look forward to this new challenge and I hope to serve you well. JUDY BRITTON

**B. Report:** 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 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 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.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

We would like two attendees of the Annual Meeting to volunteer to be note takers for the minutes. Within a seven (7) day period, send these notes to me, the secretary. I'll compile the two sets and return them for review. Upon approval from the note takers, the minutes will be posted to [www.acbc-whidbey.org](http://www.acbc-whidbey.org)

## COMMITTEES:

### BUDGET AND FINANCE:

The Admirals Cove Beach Club Budget Committee is happy to report that our 2020 Annual Operating Budget has been completed and has been sent to the ACBC Board of Directors for their approval. Upon approval, we will strive to operate within our budgeted means and engage in long term planning to meet the needs of our community and beach club members. Our annual community meeting is slated for February 2020 and we hope our members will attend to receive updated information to be given at that time. We look forward to input from our members who might have new ideas and suggestions for the betterment of our community as a whole.

### POOL COMMITTEE:

We had a great swim season this year. Because the Camp Casey pool was closed this year, the swim lesson program returned to our pool. We taught 1374 swim lessons this year and with the help of the Coupeville Lions Club paying for our assistant instructors and helping those who could not afford the total cost of the lessons, the swim lesson program broke even. ACBC will continue the swim lesson program in 2020. We also rented the pool to the Sea Cadets for two 2 hr. sessions. Members and their guests using the pool totaled over 3700 this year. Because of the new heat pumps, the cost of heating the pool was less than half of the cost of the propane unit. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the pool operations this year and a special thanks to our 8 lifeguards and 5 assistants who made this year a success.

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### TELLERS COMMITTEE:

Please note the following. Ballots for Directors (there are 3 openings) and **any** other ballot measures if required, as directed by the BOD, will be sent out no earlier than December 13 (50 days prior to the Annual Meeting) and no later than January 11th (21 days prior to the Annual Meeting). Ballots will be telled and a report provided to the BOD on Jan 31, 2020 to support the February 1st Annual Meeting. Please reference ACBC by-laws Article IV, Section 4 for details.



### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

We have had an eventful 2019 and are gearing up for 2020. Any suggestions for activities at the shelter, please contact me at saupow@hotmail.com.

We will continue celebrating our annual BBQs/Potlucks on May 24th, July 4th, and September 6th. As always, the Social Committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken and condiments. Dennis will be making his homemade ice cream and root beer. Please bring your favorite side dish to share.

Our Tuesday morning coffee group has grown. Come meet your neighbors on Tuesdays at the shelter from 10 am to noon.

**Just a reminder** that there will be a Thanksgiving Leftover Luncheon at the shelter on Saturday, November 30th from noon to 3 pm. The Social Committee will be providing plates, cutlery, napkins, coffee, tea and sparkling cider. Bring a dish of Thanksgiving leftovers or your favorite dish to share.

An Easter Egg Hunt and the annual Garage Sale are being planned. Any help or suggestions in making these successful is much appreciated.

Thank you to those who have assisted with set-up and clean-up. We could not do it without you.

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

Another season finished! A brief review of the past year: Prep all areas prior to the three holiday BBQs, mowing the grounds and grading the parking lot. We have converted most of the overhead lighting in the Shelter and the Pool building to energy saving LED lamps. Upcoming projects: video cameras for the shelter building. New posts/basketball hoops in the playground area. Repair of the chain link fence entryway to the pool. Work party dates/times will be posted. Please join us, participate and be a part of your community.

### **BYLAWS COMMITTEE:**

The Bylaws Committee met to review, discuss and dialog several suggestions submitted by a Member in Good Standing. The committee decided not to recommend the changes to the Board for consideration and informed the member of the reasons. Nevertheless, any Member in Good Standing is free to propose bylaw changes to the Membership as a whole or to the Board in accordance with the process spelled out in the current Bylaws. Unless such proposals are timely made, it appears at this point that the membership will not be asked to vote on any bylaw changes this year.

### **LAKE COMMITTEE:**

The Lake Committee is evaluating methods to reduce pollutants in the lake that foster algae growth and considering improvements to the tide gate and the outfall pipe that drains to Admiralty Bay.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

We currently have 4 candidates for 3 open Board of Director positions.

Nominations close November 30. Applications are on [acbc-whidbey.org](http://acbc-whidbey.org). Please apply.

### **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).

### **WELCOME COMMITTEE:**

We want to help people moving in to 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

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

We have met multiple times since the last newsletter publication. We spent quite a bit of time reviewing and commenting on the Reserve Account. After working with the BOD, we approved the items covered by the Reserve Account. A copy of it is located on the ACBC-Whidbey.org web site. We encourage all members to look it over. It's a great plan to maintain our current facilities over a 30-year term and beyond.

LRPC is not standing still at this point however! Although delayed until next year, a new survey will be updated but similar to the 2015 survey. We want to know what you would like to add or enhance at Admirals Cove Beach Club for your continued recreational pleasure. Your input to the survey is critical in developing future long range planning objectives. We encourage you to come to the Annual Meeting to learn more about the Reserve Account and the 2020 survey! Remember, the survey is about the vision for the Beach Club.

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

Some of the information in the Newsletter has been repeated for new members and review is good for the rest of us.

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, if you would like to receive the newsletter via email, you can call Branch Services, 360-678-7543 or go to the club website: [acbc-whidbey.org](http://acbc-whidbey.org) then Members, then Subscribe and Join. Email saves us printing costs, paper, volunteers' time and most importantly, postage. Thank you.



Thank you to those who clean up our common area at our beach and other areas.