

October 2014



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Potluck Wed. October 15, 6:30 PM

President's Message

Clubhouse Assessment. Earlier this year we hired a professional team to do an objective assessment of our clubhouse as a historic building. We now have that report in hand and are beginning to digest it. The report is very interesting and instructive as to what areas we need to consider modifying, repairing or replacing, and how to do so in a manner that maintains the historic feel of the clubhouse. It will also help us assign priority to the various projects that will be necessary to take proper care of our building. Importantly, this report will also serve as an objective supporting document for grant requests to help offset the cost of the work.

Marina Assessment. More recently, we hired Echelon Engineering to perform an objective assessment of our marina. The field work has been done and we are awaiting the final report. Preliminary information suggests that much of the infrastructure (pilings, dock) may be in better condition with a longer life-expectancy than we had feared. Down the road, the results of this assessment will inform our decisions about necessary repairs or replacement considerations at the marina. It should also prove invaluable in supporting our application to the DNR for an extension of our lease which is set to expire in 2017.

Budget for 2015. It is now time to begin assembly of our budget for 2015. If you are involved in committee work (e.g. Events, Building & Grounds, Marina) be sure to provide your input to the process. And all LIC members are welcome to make suggestions to the Board as to how we raise and spend our funds for the coming year.

New Flagpole and Flag. The flagpole is now in place; we have a new size-appropriate flag to raise and the proper new weatherproof lighting to illuminate it. We hope to have a brief dedication ceremony and raise the new flag at the beginning of the October membership meeting. Thanks to Sharon Gearhart, Denny Prichard and Doug Lewis for their work on this project.

"History of the LIC Clubhouse" will be the program topic for the November membership meeting. This will be presented by Dr. Caroline Swope of Kingstree Studios (Tacoma) who performed the assessment referred to in the opening paragraph above.

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2014**

LIC general Meeting 09/17/14 @ LIC Hall called to order 7PM

Dr Jeff H. Tepper from UPS was the speaker at our dessert meeting presenting a program called "The Quest for Scientific Explanations of the Great Flood and Other Mythical Catastrophes." Is there geologic evidence for myths?

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reports that the dock ice sales brought in \$245. With the continued good weather, there were 114 visiting boaters in the last couple of weeks of August and early September.

Rental Agent: Kim Chaney was absent.

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked the membership to accept the Aug. General Meeting minutes as written. It was MSP.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reports that for Aug 2014 guest moorage was \$1000 over budget. Total revenue for all resources was \$315 below budget. Insurance policies for the LIC Board members, Clubhouse and Marina have gone up about \$700. All permanent moorage is almost paid up to date. A reminder letter will go out to those behind in payment.

Membership : (Eloise Colbert) There were two new memberships making 188 total.

Events: Delia McGinnis reports that the Labor Day Dance went well even with the continuous rainy weather. Visiting boater turnout was very low while pre-concert ticket sales were good and the Kim Archer band was well liked. 130 tickets were sold. Not as much booze was sold as expected, although there was \$98.50 in tips. The concert netted \$1790.

Marina: (Denny Prichard absent this meeting).

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reports that there was a mysterious leaking water line (perhaps to the old firehouse) along the Clubhouse driveway forming a sinkhole that got repaired thanks to Gayle, Clark and Sandy. The fall work party for the LIC Clubhouse is set for 9:30 Sat. Sharon will post a list the things of things that need to be done and volunteers are encouraged to pick a job and do it. Thanks to Sandy Black for repair of the electrical box that will be used for lighting the new American flag on the new pole. She also asks that after cleaning and organizing the broom closet, would members help to keep it so. Thanks are due to Doug Lewis for moving piles of chips to the trail heads for the work party.

Trustee/At Large: (Phil Johnson) has nothing to report this month.

Sunshine Lady: no report from Marlies Van Cise

Newsletter : Nancy Carr asks that articles for the LIC newsletter be submitted by Sept 25.

Historian: Lynn Larson has nothing to report.

Scholarship: Christine Anderson has nothing to report.

Vice President: (Clark Van Bogart) has nothing to report this month.

President: (Gayle Brewer) has nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

The Historical Structural Survey of the LIC Building and Grounds has been completed and copies of the report will be made.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2014

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The flag pole replacement project is complete but needs a volunteer work crew to rebuild the cement base at the bottom. Sharon will look into scheduling the Honor Guard to participate in the upcoming flag raising ceremony.

The Fire Marshal approved the repairs of the side doors and the new phone jack.

Clark reports the Marina survey is coming back with good news about the upcoming Marina upgrades, reporting that there is longer life left on some of the structures than was expected, cutting down the immediate needed expenses quite a bit. Thanks to Randy Babich for overseeing the survey project.

The Nature Trail Rehab project is almost completed with some gravel still left to be moved onto the trail. Trail head sign posts are installed and handicap parking signs in front of the Clubhouse have also been installed.

New Business

Preparation for the Fiber Arts Festival/Farm Tour is going well. Next will be Halloween's Trunk-or-Treat at the LIC in partnership with the Evergreen Elementary School PTA. Following that is the Spaghetti Social. Contact Lynn Lloyd at 884-2270 if you would like to help.

LIC Boathouse demolitions will require renting a dumpster. Also, there will be a need to purchase supplies for building the finger moorage slips to replace the boathouses. It looks like the Tacoma Power Squadron who have adopted our Marina will not be able to help us with this project on their Oct. visit. The project is currently on hold.

The 2015 LIC budget items need to be submitted to Jim Hettinger at this time, so the Committee heads can do the editing. The finished budget proposal will be presented to the membership for approval.

The LIC Historical Building survey should offer up ideas for project grant requests. A plan needs to be formulated before contracting a grant writer. Gayle will investigate resources for grant writers. Suggestions would be welcomed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. Judy Riggs

Dockmaster Report.....

September had a few yacht clubs visit, but quite a few independent boaters. We ended the month with a good showing from the Trawler Crawlers. October looks good with boaters coming in most weekends. The Tacoma Power Squadron (who has adopted our Marina), will be here October 17-19th. This is always a fun weekend.

Lynn Carr

From Sunshine.....

A condolence card was sent to our member Gene Brown on the passing of his wife Louise.

Marlies



Upcoming Events

Wed. Oct 1—Marina Meeting, 9:00 AM

Wed. Oct 1—International Day for the Elderly

Thu. Oct 2—Events Meeting, 7:00 PM

Sat. Oct 4—Fiber Arts at LIC Clubhouse 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Wed. Oct 15— Pot Luck General Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 PM

Fri. Oct 31—Trunk-or-Treat, LIC Clubhouse and grounds 6:00 PM

Fri. Nov 7—Spaghetti Social, LIC Clubhouse, 5:00—9:00 PM

Trunk-or-Treat

Again, we will cooperate with the Evergreen PTA to put on a “Trunk or Treat” evening on October 31st. The PTA plans some games indoors for the children, and they will need some willing volunteers to help with that. Outside, decorated trunks of our cars will be open with candy for all the little goblins. If you want to help decorate, we will be doing that on Wednesday, Thursday, and taking it down on Saturday. Let me (Lynn Lloyd) know if you want to help in any way. Mostly, I think we will just need willing people to help on that evening. My phone number is 884-2270, or email is lloydlynn52@gmail.com. Also Ramona Dixon will be the PTA representative, and you could call her at 360-790-3812. It will be fun!

Lynn Lloyd

Building and Grounds Chat Room October 2014

We survived another month with only one major problem: Another water leak in the driveway of unknown origin. I am beginning to think that perhaps a poltergeist is living on the grounds and periodically decides to test our resolve with another mysterious water pipe. With the help of Gayle Brewer, Clark VanBogart and Tom Clark and his magical backhoe the problem was located and capped off. A rather lethal looking electrical wire was running in the same trench as the leaking pipe but Sandy Black determined that it was not live. Whatever it was used for remains a mystery. I want to extend continued thanks to the crew who have "adopted" the lawns and are keeping them looking terrific. Thanks also to Larry and Clark and all those wheelbarrow pushers who have continued the work to finish the trail and Doug Lewis who moved horrendous amounts of chips to the head of the trails for dispersal during the fall cleanup day. Speaking of which we had a very successful fall clean up although we did not accomplish much inside as the weather was more conducive to being outdoors. About a dozen members showed up to work. We finally received the light for the flag pole and Sandy Black will install it for us and we hope to have a flag raising ceremony next month. We will keep you posted. It will be good to see 'Old Glory' waving next to the building again. I want to thank everyone who donated funds for the new flag. I have a couple of projects that need to get accomplished-one being cleaning the gutters before winter truly sets in and the other working with Larry to pour an extended base for the flag pole. If you are interested in either let me know. I will be gone from Sept. 27-Oct. 6 and out of phone, TV, computer and any other electronic gadget range. Until then thanks for listening. Sharon

From the LIC Historian...and More on Baseball

So popular were the baseball games in Longbranch, that baseball was one of the major reasons for the formation of the Longbranch Improvement Club, incorporated on December 21, 1921. According to Addie McMenamin, who, with her husband, John McMenamin, were unofficial historians for the Longbranch area in the 1970s, finding a larger baseball field was essential to Longbranch, whose team was a powerhouse. In 1922, volunteers from the community cleared and leveled a baseball field from the ten acres purchased by the LIC adjacent to the existing building.

This information comes from "The History of the Longbranch Improvement Club and Dock," which appears to be lost. If anyone has a copy, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Lynn Larson

Road Clean Up

We had a very successful Road Clean Up on 9/13/14 which started at 10:00 am. This is all due to the efficient and hard work of our wonderful volunteers. Many thanks to Bert and Christie Saywers, Gayle and Shirley Brewer, Susan Quigley, Delia McGinnis and Lauren Fanning. They collected six bags of aluminum cans and 20 bags of debris. In addition, Gayle found an old stereo left on the side of the road. Once again, he wins the prize for the heaviest, largest and different find! For the first time, the County allowed us to leave the bags of debris at the triangle on Rouse Road.

When I took all of the County's equipment back to them, I mentioned that we probably would not have another pick up this year since the rainy season will be upon us soon. They mentioned that if we notice any large items on the road side before we have another Road Clean Up, that they could come pick it up once they were informed. So all of you "roadies" keep an eye out and if you notice any undo mess, give me a call at 884-3890 and I'll make arrangements with them to pick it up. We probably will not be doing another pick up this year and we will let you know, in advance, when the next one will be. Thank you, again, to everyone that was involved in making this such a successful year.

Pat Muchmore



Plan Ahead.....

Mark your calendars for the Annual Spaghetti Social on Friday, November 7, from 5 - 8 p.m.! We will once again have spaghetti with red and/or white sauce, Caesar salad and hot French bread. Wine and beer also available! This year we will be offering take out (hooray!!) for those unable to stay and join in what has become a great event for good eats and an opportunity to relax and wind down after a busy week. Stay tuned for more details...

Barb VanBogart

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Events Committee is submitting the final draft of the Event's Long Range plan. One goal is to want to expand the array of activities we offer by including more family oriented programming. We have plans to collaborate with the Membership committee as well.

The Labor Day Dance was quite successful. We had 130 guests who enjoyed the amazing Kim Archer Band. What an entertainer!. I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help with the various tasks involved to get the LIC ready for such an event. The response has been overwhelming.

We are in the final stages of preparation for the Farm Tour and Fiber Arts program on October 4th. Shirley Brewer will be the featured artist. It promises to be a wonderful event. A huge thank you to Carolyn Wiley for being the Event Captain and taking on this monumental task. We're still looking for volunteer help in various areas. You can either contact me delia.mcginis1@gmail.com, or Carolyn directly at c.wiley@mac.com. See you on October 4th!!!!

Delia



LIC Membership Report

Thanks to Theresa Gano & Sandy Black for hosting the September meeting.

I need three volunteers to host/hostess at the October 15 meeting. Please email eacolbert@msn.com or call 253-225-5115 if you would like to volunteer.

Eloise Colbert

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See you on Oct 15th
at the potluck
meeting

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