



# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**General Business Meeting, Wednesday, February 15**

## President's Letter . . .

**Events.** Thanks to all who helped "undecorate" after Kids Christmas, which was a huge success.

The County Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission met in the small room of the Clubhouse for their annual retreat. They were treated to a tour of Faraway by Rich Hildahl and a catered lunch, compliments of Lynn Larson, a member of the Commission and our LIC Historian. Lynn is gathering photos and information on the history of the LIC to compile additional archives and asks that any and all who have information or photos please contact her at [llarson@laasltd.com](mailto:llarson@laasltd.com) .

If the wharf is replaced successfully by February 15th, there will be a ribbon cutting sometime in the February 21-25 timeframe. If you have ideas for events, please contact Sandy Black, the LIC Events Chair.

**Wharf Update.** Demolition has begun, the security fence has been installed, the power is cut off, and the wharf is off limits to everyone except the demolition contractor. Demolition is scheduled to be completed by February 6th, after which the LIC contractor, Marine Floats, has until February 15th to complete the in-water work. An agreement with the County is in negotiations and financing is proceeding. We are still short of our goal of \$100k by \$12k, so please do what you can to help the LIC finance the new wharf. Total costs for the wharf are up to about \$200k, which includes a \$23k contribution to the County to help fund their demolition costs.

Please contact me at [gbaillie@msn.com](mailto:gbaillie@msn.com) or 253-219-5599 with questions.



# General Membership Meeting

LIC Meeting Minutes from the  
General Membership Meeting

01/19/2011

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 19, 2011

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Geoff Baillie  
VICE PRESIDENT: Kurt Anderson  
TREASURER: Francie Carr  
TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE: Phil Johnson  
SECRETARY: Peg Bingham  
BUILDING CHAIR: Lynn Carr  
DOCK CHAIR: Pat Muchmore  
EVENTS: Sandy Black  
MEMBERSHIP: Jan Prichard

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DOCKMASTER: Pat Thompson  
BUILDING RENTAL AGENT: Sharon Gearhart

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NEW MEMBERS: Dee and Dick Scharf

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GUEST: Pat Lemagie, Tacoma Power Squadron

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58 members present.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Geoff Baillie

TREASURER: Francie Carr reported we ended the year 2010 in the black - \$29,168 due to reduced building expenses and increased membership.

MEMBERSHIP: Jan Prichard thanked tonight's Hostesses and Host, Ann Dearing, Norma and Virgil Iverson and Greeter Trish Goodvin. She invited all attending to purchase raffle tickets to benefit the scholarship fund.

BUILDING: Lynn Carr announced that we had three bids to remove the tree limbs that are extending over the roof at the rear of the building. The low bid was from a friend of Pat Thompson but club policy is that type of work be done by a licensed and bonded contractor. Lynn was instructed to have the work done by the next highest bidder (\$1,100) who is licensed and bonded. He is obtaining bids for grading and graveling the parking area. The limb removal and parking area work is to bring the club into compliance with our insurance company's recommendations and requirements following the annual inspection. Lynn also announced that on Monday we will sign a contract with a new cleaning service, Mrs. Clean (Vivian Blanchard).

GUEST SPEAKER: Geoff Baillie introduced Pat Lemagie from the Tacoma Power Squadron, which is the oldest Power Squadron organization west of the Mississippi. Pat explained that many of their members enjoyed visiting our marina and while they could not offer financial aid would like to put us in their "Adopt a Marina Program. This would entail holding an annual rendezvous at our marina and performing a one day work party in conjunction with our members for needed repairs and maintenance to the dock, floats, shelter, etc. They in turn request that they be allowed to moor at the marina for free and post, at their expense, a sign or plaque, indicating the agreement, and to provide a kiosk with printed information on boating safety and the Tacoma Power Squadron. The Dock Committee will work with the Power Squadron to set up this program.

DOCK: Pat Muchmore reported the dock work party last weekend was very successful. The fence, trellis, sign and railings were removed.

There are tentative plans for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new wharf sometime during the week of Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. There is the possibility of Norm Dicks attending this event. An announcement will be sent when the plans are finalized.

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**EVENTS:** Sandy Black handed out copies of scheduled and tentative events. Volunteer sign-up sheets were also passed around. He asked that members not only volunteer to chair and work on events but to attend. More member attendance would be appreciated. Please contact Sandy with any suggestions and or help. He prefers to correspond by phone as opposed to e-mail. He is home in the evening.

**WHARF UPDATE:** Geoff Baillie reported that the County and the contractor were to sign the contract and work will begin early Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>. A security fence will be installed in the parking area and utilities will be off for about three weeks. Marine Floats has ordered the gangway construction started.

The County said an agreement regarding the tidelands will be ready by next week. At this time they have not said whether it will be an easement, a permit or a lease.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Dock Security System:** Dennis Carroll will install the security system at the dock as soon as he finishes a business contract out of the area. He will notify Pat Muchmore when he finalizes his schedule.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Geoff Baillie asked the membership for authorization for the Board to enter into an agreement with the County for the tidelands. The agreement will be either an easement, a permit or a lease. He also asked for authorization for the Board to execute a loan agreement with Bank of the Northwest or other financial institution to finance \$100,000 for the construction of the new wharf.

It was moved and seconded that the Board enter into an agreement with the County for an easement, a permit or a lease of the tidelands. Discussion followed. Voted on and passed.

It was moved and seconded that the Board be authorized to execute an agreement with Bank of the Northwest or other financial institution to finance construction of the new wharf. Discussion followed. Voted on and passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**BY-LAWS:** Phil Johnson presented the by-law changes recommended by the Board. The proposed by-law changes have been e-mailed to members and will be mailed to any member requesting them. Copies were also available at the meeting. Members were asked to carefully review them and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss them. They will be presented for the second time at the February meeting and a vote will be taken at that time.

**CLUB HISTORY:** Lynn Larson is the Club Historian. She said there is a definite need to document the wharf demolition and construction. She asked for someone to take photos of the project as it progresses. Mark Runions volunteered. Photos from anyone else would also be welcome. Lynn will do the documentation and would also appreciate any old photos, etc. of the marina.

Pierce County Historical Preservation Group will be holding their annual retreat at the LIC on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will tour the building and the marina and Rich Hildahl will give them a tour of Faraway. Lynn is hoping that seeing the club and marina will help them to consider a possible grant for the roof at some time. Many of the members are from the eastern part of the county and have not been to this area.

Three items were raffled off and the big winners were Barbara Van Bogart, Sharon Gearhart and Sandy Black.

Dick Van Cise announced that boathouses owned by he and Marlies and Bob and Becky Knudson are for sale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Peg Bingham, Secretary



## Dock Report.....

The Dock Committee has been busy trying to keep up with the latest happenings with the County, the demolishing of the Wharf and the replacement with our new Wharf. You'll have to check with Geoff Baillie's Report and emails to find out what is the latest.

On Sunday, January 16, 2011 we had a Dock Work Party that was extremely successful and wonderfully attended by 16 of our members. Jeff Tritt and Pat Thompson were so anxious to be helpful that they went down on Saturday, the 15th and removed the trellises where the sani-cans were. Those who attended on Sunday were, Dick Scharf, Clark Van Bogart, Denny Prichard, Robin Gould, Dick Van Cise, Bob Knudson, Bruce Jeglum, Gene Brouwn, Randy Babich, Lynn Carr, Mark Runions, Kurt & Chrissie Anderson, Harold Schlenker, Dave Wickland, Pat Thompson and Pat Muchmore. We took the large Longbranch Wharf sign down and stored it on the Marina, took the railings off of the Wharf and removed whatever old lumber from the Wharf that we could. The gate and fence will be taken down by the Contractors who'll be removing the Wharf and they'll store it on the Marina as well. After all of this was accomplished we had a warm get together in the Pavillion with coffee, pop, water, cookies, and chips. It was a very successful Work Party and I am indebted to all of those who helped.

My understanding is that the electricity is now been removed, the water has been off since the cold weather last month and we are all anxiously awaiting the demolition and the replacement of our own Wharf before February 15th. If this is all completed by that date, our next project is to have Congressman Norm Dicks come sometime during the week of February 21 - 25 for a ribbon cutting ceremony for our new Wharf. If he won't be able to make it, hopefully one of his Aides will be his replacement. As plans become more of a "sure thing", we'll get a blast email out to all members. Both the Key Pen. News and the Gateway will be contacted in order to have pictures, news article, etc. If anyone has any other suggestions for this most memorable occasion, please contact me and we'll move forward with them.

Don't forget your favorite Valentine(s) and here's looking forward to the best news ever about our Wharf and Marina.

Submitted by:

Pat Muchmore, Dock Chair  
884-3890, patroon9047@aol.com

### Announcements:

- Two boathouses for sale. If interested, contact: Marleise and Dick VanCise. 884-5608, or Becky and Bob Knudson: 884-8111
- Lynn Larson is looking for photographers to help document all or most all of LIC events with photos including a photo log with date, event, subject and names of people in the photo.  
If you can help, contact Lynn Larson, 884-3951





## EVENTS . . . . .

I'm looking forward to a great year and thinking positive. I hope everyone will join me in going to our events, suggesting new ones and inviting neighbors to see what is happening. February's big activity is watching the wharf progress. Hoping for a ribbon cutting ceremony, possibly with great fanfare and local dignitaries. Details will be announced.

March 8 is Feast or Famine. This is always a great dinner event to benefit the food bank at Key Peninsula Community Services. LIC partners with the food bank and the Key Peninsula Family Resource Center for this event. Dinner tickets are \$25 and all funds go to the food bank. Please contact Carolyn Wiley, 884-9157 if you would like to be part of this great cause. Please call Carolyn if you can help with the pre-event planning.

I'm looking for folks interested in gardening to help around the club. Call me at 884-1309 if you can help. We will probably do this in April when we have a club spruce-up.

Sandy Black, Events Chair

884-1309, [swblack1216@centurytel.net](mailto:swblack1216@centurytel.net)



The wharf, after the work party and after security fence installed

Photo taken by Lynn Carr, January 21, 2011



# LIC Membership Report

Mark your calendars for the February General "Potluck" Meeting Wednesday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m .

Happy February everyone! It's hard to believe 2011 is already in its second month. The membership renewal forms are arriving daily in the LIC office. Thanks to all of you for remembering and to all of you who will be getting your envelope in the mail any day now! You can get a renewal form from your most recent newsletters, or online on the LIC website, [www.longbranchimprovementclub.org](http://www.longbranchimprovementclub.org).

Thanks to the 20+ members and friends who helped "De-Dec" the LIC halls on January 8th. You were an efficient, dedicated and cheerful bunch. Great job!

Kudos, too, to our able host , hostesses and greeter at our January meeting: Vern and Norma Iverson, Anne Dearing and Trish Goodvin, who did double duty signing everyone in and selling raffle tickets.

A hearty WELCOME to new members!  
*Doug and Betty Lewis  
Bob and Barbara Robinson  
Dick and Dee Scharf*

Happy Valentine's Day!

Jan Prichard  
Membership Chair  
[jan@pacinfo.com](mailto:jan@pacinfo.com)

**Mark your calendars for the Feb. General Membership "Pot Luck" Meeting, Wed., Feb. 17th at 7:00 p.m.**

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Set up/tear down
- Food prep/kitchen
- Hostess/host
- \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTIVITIES

- Programs and speakers
- Historian/archives
- Newsletter/ mailing
- Telephone tree
- Publicity
- Sign making
- Road crew pickup
- \_\_\_\_\_

## FACILITIES

- Building general
- Grounds/garden
- Dock general
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Painting
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- Heavy equipment
- Mowing/weeding
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## SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee
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