

MEMBER NEWS



Longbranch Improvement Club JUNE 2016

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JUNE 15th-ANNUAL BBQ @ LIC CLUBHOUSE- 6:00 PM

President's Message:

According to Clark Van Bogart, Longbranch has had an accumulation of 68.75 inches of rain since September 1st? That is more than 5 feet of moisture dripping on our heads! Finally, we can now look forward to drying out and sunshine. I think that summer officially began on the Key Peninsula with the wonderful "Opening Day the Longbranch Way" dock breakfast! It was a perfect way to start summer and boating season! Many thanks to all who helped to make it such a success!

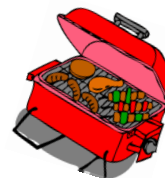
Now that summer is finally here, have you thought about enjoying some of the benefits provided by the LIC? A walk through the LIC's groomed trails behind the Clubhouse gives one time to enjoy the beauty of tall firs, cedars and sturdy undergrowth. You can hear the birds singing as they flit through the filtered sunlight. It is a beautiful spot to relax after a hectic day.

Or have you taken a beverage or a picnic down to the Dock Pavilion to enjoy the fabulous view of Mount Rainier? You can eat under the cover of the Pavilion or amble down the dock gazing at the boats and talking with boaters about their favorite places on the Sound. Another idea for those early risers is to take a mug of coffee down to the Marina to watch the sun rise from behind the mountain. What a beautiful place we live. Take time to enjoy it.

The LIC Membership meeting on June 15th is the Club's Annual BBQ. The Board will set up, clean up and provide hamburgers and hot dogs for dinner. **The BBQ will start at 6:00 pm.** Please bring a side dish or a dessert. The LIC Scholarship recipients and their families are invited. Please welcome and congratulate Maitlin Banks and Ian Lindhartsen, the 2016 LIC Scholarship recipients. We will also have Board elections to fill the Vice President, Secretary, Building and Grounds, and Event Chair Board positions. At the present time we do not have a nominee for the Event Chair position. Without someone to coordinate the LIC activities throughout the year, it will be a dismal and dull year. Please consider becoming the Event Chair and join the fun loving Event Committee which organizes the great happenings throughout the year. Delia McGinnis, the current Event Chair promises to stay on the committee and is willing to mentor the new committee chair. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for any positions.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Francie



**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2016**

The May 18, 2016 General Membership Meeting, held in the LIC lobby, was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Francie Carr. Guests Marsha Kremen, Jillie Eddy, Mike Fay, Char and Don Berger were introduced and welcomed.

Board Members present were President, Francie Carr; Vice President, Clark Van Bogart; Treasurer, Jim Hettinger; Building and Grounds, Sharon Gearhart; Events, Delia McGinnis; Membership, Nancy Carr; Member at Large, Gayle Brewer. Absent was Secretary, Judy Riggs, and Marina Chair, Mark Runions.

The presentation about the Red Barn Youth Center was given by Executive Director, Laura Condon, and Program Coordinator, Tyler Main. A video by David Montesino started the presentation followed by an explanation of what the Red Barn does and who they help. Questions and answers followed.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

LIC Dock-Master: Lynn Carr reported he has been replacing the old boards at the Marina. There is a boat race in Filucy Bay this Saturday, May 21st at 10:00 AM. For boaters that want an electronic gate card, they are now available for a \$35.00 deposit.

LIC Rental Agent: Benita Parodi was absent.

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Judy Riggs was absent. President Francie Carr asked if there was a motion to accept the April General Meeting Minutes as written. This motion was seconded and carried

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger gave his financial report. April was a great month for the LIC. The Super Sale took in about \$5,700, or \$1,700 over budget, and the cost of the sale came in about \$400 below budget!

Jim also explained that the figures on the P&L for April may look different than normal and this is due to the Longbranch Foundation receiving the Super Sale funds. Clark and Jim will address the relationship of the Foundation and the LIC and the current plan to reconcile.

Super Sale: Francie gave a gift bag to Jan Prichard for all her help in coordinating the Super, Super Sale. Jan advised she had pictures of the sail boat regatta that are available for people that want a copy of their boat. She also thanked everyone that helped make the super sale such a success. There were 47 volunteers that helped make the event successful. There are still a couple of items for sale on Craig's List that will hopefully sell for more income.

Building and Grounds: Sharon advised a Spring Cleanup was held last Saturday May 14, 2016. 15 volunteers showed up and almost all of the tasks listed on the chalk board were accomplished. There are a few minor tasks to be done if any member is in need of hours.

A second coat of paint has been applied to the stage doors and Tom Clark put more gravel on the driveway and graded to the fence. The new tables are much easier to setup and take down and the table cart makes it super easy. A new chair dolly was obtained, and thanks to Tim Heitzman and Bill Lloyd, the meeting room now has a working sound system with two microphones. Most of the grant work on the Lodge will be done in August, between the 8th and 19th. There are a few old tables for sale if anyone wants one, or knows of someone who can use them.

DNR Update: Denny Prichard advised they had a good meeting with DNR in the morning (of May 18th). They are finding out what work does not have to be contracted and can be done by the LIC. Also, the permitting process for the new pilings has begun.

Events: Delia advised there are still some volunteer opportunities for the Memorial Dance. She passed around a sheet with the jobs that are open. We especially need shuttle drivers, and can use help with setup (Saturday from 10:00 AM – Noon) and cleanup (Sunday from 10:00 AM to Noon).

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A new dance has been added to the LIC calendar. The Chris Friel Band had an opening on July 2nd and have been signed for a dance at the LIC. Tim Heitzman and Jeff Tritt will be handling this dance, so there will be more information on this later.

Marina: The Dock Breakfast was a huge success. Kelly Hettinger was thanked for heading up this event, and received a gift bag from Francie.

Membership: Nancy Carr thanked the folks that helped setup the meeting room (Kelly Hettinger, Tim and Robyn Enders) and the kitchen helpers (Pat Muchmore, Lynn Lloyd, Robyn Enders, Kelly Hettinger and Delia McGinnis). There is a new policy on collecting and reporting volunteer hours. Nancy, Clark Van Bogart and Sharon Gearhart helped explain some of the reasons for this policy. This policy will be e-mailed to all members and be available on the web site. For the folks that do not get e-mail, Nancy will mail a copy. Nancy advised the June Membership Meeting is the annual BBQ with the hamburger, hot dogs, and buns provided by the Board with members bringing a side dish.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson asked that all pictures and articles be sent to her by May 25th.

Nominating Committee: Larry Bingham advised the nominees he has so far:

- Vice President: Clark Van Bogart
- Secretary: Jane Eiseman
- Building & Grounds: Sharon Gearhart
- Events: This position is still open.

Voting will take place at the June Membership meeting. Nominations from the floor are always accepted!

New Business:

Pat Muchmore advised that there will be a road pickup planned for June 18th at 10:00 AM. At least 6 folks are needed for this job.

Theresa Gano advised the Washington State Parks and Recreational Boating Commission Program provides life jackets to boaters throughout the State. This is provided from a grant from the Sport Fishing Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. This is administered by the U.S. Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety Funds. Life jacket stations are in marinas, near boat ramps and some parks. Boaters and swimmers may borrow these life jackets. Jim Hettinger built a 'life jacket station' that holds 12 life jackets. This station is on wheels and can be moved around as needed. For more information on this program, go to: www.boat.wa.gov. The lifejacket program was encouraging all Marina's and boating groups to get together at 930 AM Saturday, May 21 and take a picture of everyone wearing their life jackets. They are hoping to get pictures with 1100 folks in life jackets. Theresa said she would be at the Marina at 9:30 Saturday morning to take a picture and forward.

Old Business:

Clark talked about the Longbranch Foundation and that the determination letter making this a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization was received a couple of weeks ago. The Foundation is now official! The Foundation is now working on some grants for the LIC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Carr {for Judy Riggs}*



Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.





FROM THE DOCK CHAIR:

If you didn't make it down to the Marina for the Dock Breakfast, you missed one of the best ones ever! And I have been to them all. Hats off to Kelly Hettinger and her amazing crew of volunteers for coming up with not only the usual tasty and well-prepared breakfast, but classy shirts and hats with the now famous "Opening Day the Longbranch Way" logo embroidered on them (thank you Nancy Carr!), a refreshing Mimosa Shack at the end of the dock that quickly became a Bloody Mary outpost as well (thanks to the Enders), and the best bunch of booty for the raffle that I have ever seen, highlighted by a miniature dinghy custom made by member Mark Lemon which served as the "vessel" containing many items up for raffle. There was even live music by the Trio Tropicale that set the sunny and warm tone for the day, enhanced by the best weather possible. The event netted \$1200 for the Marina Reserve Fund, and also brought in over \$200 more for the quilt raffle, and \$140 for the Mustard Seed Project from the Regatta entry fees.

Did I say Regatta? I guess that's the right word, because it wasn't much of a race due to lack of wind and ultimately, an adverse current. Mark Lemon on his beautiful 40' Beneteau quickly assumed the lead and held it until he took mercy on the rest of the fleet and called the race as the tide turned and put the brakes on everyone at Balch Passage (Eagle Island). Somehow, all the other boats managed to get to the finish line at about the same time, making it difficult to determine what the order of finish was. But hey, as far as I could see, everyone was having a good time, there was minimal yelling (well, there was one boat that could be heard all over the course, with laughter and singing and other silliness coming from Jim Hettinger's crew of six women), and no Protests were filed. Thanks to Mark Lemon for heading up the Regatta.

Meanwhile, the permitting process for the piling replacement is under way, and the DNR Lease appears to be going through the appropriate channels and we are hopeful of the renewal application being approved.

Sadly, I must report that a 12' boat and motor (Hi Laker with recent 4-stroke 9.9 Mercury) were stolen off the dinghy dock sometime on June 19. Bolt cutters were used to cut the chain that secured the boat to the dock. The theft was probably done by water, since there was no gas line or tank in the boat to start the engine. Unfortunately, all of the cameras and security equipment came up empty of any video of the person involved in the theft. I honestly don't think there was much more the owner could have done to secure his boat. We just all have to be vigilant and watch out for each other, and take note of any suspicious activity on the dock. Most likely, someone "cased" the situation ahead of time, probably during the day while maybe even you or I were on the dock. It seems there are just enough "bad apples" in our neighborhood to poison the atmosphere and put us on edge - from dumping trash and stealing new fencing on Ericson Rd. behind the LIC, to abusing the dumpsters at the Marina (recently stuffed with old TV's, circuit boards, and broken laptops among other non-boater trash), and now again, to stealing boats and motors. Enough, already.

Mark Runtions



DOCKMASTER REPORT:



This last weekend, the South Island Yacht Club came in and what a party they had, along with a boat race. One of the boats flipped during the race, but they were able to save it and no one was hurt. They did have a dog fall overboard, however. The owner jumped in to save the dog, but the wife had to throw a rope and save them both! Obviously, there were no life jackets involved.

Today, Tuesday, the 24th, I was in my boat heading for the boat launch and saw a big, black lump of something in the water. I got closer and found it was a bear heading to the point by the Hildahl's. I decided the bear could have the water, but I did call the Hildahl's to warn them.

LIC members make a lunch run to Olympia, but inadvertently enter an antique furniture store !! OOPS!

photo by: *Anonymous*



June 2016 Building and Grounds Chat Room:

Happy to say we had a very successful Spring Clean-Up with 15 hardy souls participating. We got almost everything on the list accomplished and mother nature was kind to us with the weather. Trails were cleared, flower beds were cleaned and planted, the stage doors got a second coat of paint, all windows were washed inside and out, all upholstered chairs were spot checked and cleaned, gutters were cleaned and weed eating was done as were many other tasks. Huge thanks to all of you who helped to make this happen. Our drive way has been graded and graveled by Tom Clark and is in great shape, now we need to work on keeping it that way by watching our speed while on the LIC grounds. Our new tables working out wonderfully well. Easy to put up and take down and store in a space much, much smaller than the old tables. Speaking of the old tables we sold 5 at the garage sale but we still have 7 left. If anyone is interested buying any of them or you know anyone who is interested let me know-we need dispose of them and we will let them go cheap. In addition to the new tables we now have a second chair dolly so setting up and putting chairs away can go twice as fast. A note about the large ladders under the stage-I have chained them together so that renters cannot remove them to use to decorate the rafters (safety hazard extraordinaire) and the key is on the main key ring in the office. Finally, a reminder that we will be doing the outside grant work August 8-19 so keep your calendar open. We will need the help. To close on a very positive note our rental agent Benida Perodi told me that organizers of a wedding party a few weeks ago commented that they had been to the LIC for a wedding about 4 years ago and the improvement in the condition of the building and grounds is impressive. They would highly recommend it as an event venue. We all know who to thank for that-all of you who have helped clean, mow, repair and maintain. For that you have my undying gratitude and pride. *Sharon*

Projects room:

- need to replace batteries in all smoke detectors (4)-I have batteries
- need to change the water filter under the sink-I have a new filter
- need to repaint the cement base to the flag pole-I have paint and brushes/rollers

"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went." Will Rogers



LIC Boaters Outings

It's that time of year again, so we will soon be out plying the waters of the Sound looking for a good meal. Unfortunately, this year the number of full-size boats available to haul participants has been significantly reduced. That won't stop us, but it will reduce the size of the group at any one event, and it will change the way we organize our outings. We will not know the date and location of each outing until about 7-10 days before the event. We therefore need to make sure we have a complete list of every person who wants to be contacted when an outing is being planned. So if you think you might want to participate, now is the time to make sure I have you, your phone number, and your email on the list. The best way to do that is to send me an email at (hound356@gmail.com).

Kurt



The Longbranch Foundation – June Update

The Foundation's application for 501(c)(3) status has been approved by the IRS! This is great news because it confirms your donations to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. You may direct a contribution to any one of the Foundation's charitable purposes or leave it undesignated. In latter case, the Foundation's board of directors will put the money to work where the need is most urgent.

The Foundation's approved charitable purposes include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Environmental protection and public safety at the Longbranch Marina.
2. Preservation of the historic LIC clubhouse.
3. Maintenance and improvement of the nature trails on the LIC grounds.
4. Advancing education by supporting student scholarships programs and public school activities and programs.
5. Supporting other public organizations dedicated to similar charitable purposes.

Also, as reported to the membership at the May meeting, the Foundation is holding approximately \$4,200 in proceeds from the Garage Sale earmarked for LIC clubhouse preservation. Our tax advisor has given us guidance regarding the procedure for accomplishing the transfer of funds to the LIC, and we expect that process to be completed in July.

As always, if you have questions, comments or ideas for fundraising, please give me a call or send an e-mail note.

Clark Van Bogart, President

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...THE WINNER IS: LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB & MARINA !

LONGBRANCH BOATERS
WER THEIR LIFE JACKETS!~



WHATS HAPPENING



We had a wonderful turn out for the dock breakfast. (More on that from the Marina Committee)

The next big event is the Memorial Day dance this Saturday with The Kim Archer Band. It should be a rocking good time. I hear there are several yacht clubs and individual boats coming in. We're looking for a full house. Many, many, thanks to the volunteers who will be working to make this event successful.

Delta



The sunshine lady used all the sunshine that was available to take care of her own needs AFTER RETURNING FROM THE HOSPITAL ! Send healing thoughts to Marlies!

Helen

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All you "Roadies" get ready for our **Road Clean Up** on June 18th! We'll meet at the Club House at 10 AM; I'll have pickers for everyone and will have helmets, vests and bags for your goodies that you find. Additionally, there will be several forms that you need to sign for the County as well as a Volunteer sheet for the LIC. We'll have coffee ready for you and maybe a little goodie to brighten your day.

We need at least six volunteers and I already have two that have signed up. You can contact me or just be there at 10:00 AM and I'll explain everything before assigning you to an area for 'picking'. If you have any questions, you can call me at home, or at the get together. I look forward to seeing you. *Pat Muchmore*



SPECIAL EVENT!

Advance Tickets: \$12.50 Sunnycrest | Blend | Marina \$15/door



This is where Kerry & Helen
Jamieson are when you all are
having fun during Opening Day @
Longbranch!

{The Olympia Wood Boat Fair.}



LIC Membership Report

Thanks to Robyn and Tim Enders and Kelly Hettinger for setting up for the May Membership Meeting. They really like the new tables, they are much easier to set up. The kitchen was handled by Lynn Lloyd, Pat Muchmore, Robyn Enders, Delia McGinnis and Kelly Hettinger at the bar. Thanks to these folks

The June meeting will be the membership BBQ and will start at 6:00. The Board will provide the hamburgers (meat and veggie), hot dogs, buns and condiments. Please bring a side dish. Note the earlier start time of 6:00 pm. If there are volunteers to help setup and help in the kitchen, please let me know. Thanks, *Nancy Carr*

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