

December 2010



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



SANTA'S COMING!!! SANTA'S COMING!!!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

December 15, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Entertainment by the Middle School Jazz Band and Choir

Once again the LIC is providing turkey and ham, with roasting help from our members. The rest of us contribute our favorite "fixings".
Come celebrate!

Donations to our local food bank can be made at the door

President's Letter . . .

Marina Wharf Replacement Status and More....

Bad news and good news on the replacement of the Longbranch Wharf. Phil Johnson and I met with representatives from the County, the Corps of Engineers, and Marine Floats to discuss the Corps review of our applications for a temporary and a permanent replacement of the wharf. The Corps of Engineers initial position was that the temporary replacement of the wharf with floats did not meet the emergency definition that the Corps uses to grant such a structure. The Corps did allow us to submit additional information in support of our request for emergency status. We submitted additional information to the Corps on time, thanks to Phil Johnson's excellent work in drafting a support document. However, the Corps was not swayed and informed us that they were not going to treat our request as an emergency (bad news). The good news is that the Corps has agreed to expedite their review of the permanent replacement, provided we submit a new JARPA, which Marine Floats prepared and I signed in time to get it to the Corps for their expedited review.

What does all this mean? Hard to say exactly, but the Corps agreement to expedite the review keeps alive our hopes to replace the wharf before the February 15th deadline for ceasing in water work. If we're not done by then, we have to wait until either May 15th or June 15th. This heightens our need for financing in the very near future, so I am again asking for pledges from members to loan the LIC money at 5% per year interest. The more we can finance privately, the less we will have to finance commercially, which makes our chances of getting commercial financing better and lowers our overall costs to finance. In the meantime, the wharf remains off limits to the LIC and the public, so please do not use the wharf. It is illegal and unsafe to use.

Congratulations to the new board members and much appreciation to Gretchen Lippert for her time as VP. We welcome Sandy Black as Events Chair and Kurt Anderson as the new VP. We look forward to working with them. Thanks to Lynn Carr and Peg Bingham for volunteering to stay on the Board in their positions as Building and Grounds and Secretary, respectively. I sincerely thank all the Board members for their efforts on behalf of the LIC.

Don't forget the fun events in December at the LIC, especially Kids Christmas and the annual Christmas pot luck. Please volunteer to help out at these two important events. See you there.

Submitted by Geoff Baillie, President LIC, 884.3951, gbaillie@msn.com

General Membership Meeting

LIC Meeting Minutes from the General Membership Meeting

11/17/2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Geoff Baillie, Lynn Carr, Francie Carr, Phil Johnson, Pat Muchmore, Jan Prichard, Peg Bingham. Visitor: Shannon Beal

CALL TO ORDER. Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President Geoff Baillie

TREASURERS REPORT:

Net income is shown over budget but \$17,800 of the total is the insurance payment received after the break-ins. The Halloween Dance netted approximately \$2,300 for the building. At this point \$4,500 has been spent on repairs and the total bill will be approximately \$5,000 to \$5,500.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

December will be a busy month for the club. Decorating the building will be December 4th starting @ 10 a.m. Volunteers are needed to decorate the club and potluck lunch contributions for the volunteers would be appreciated.

The General Membership Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 15th. Bring your favorite potluck food and join the festivities. Turkey and ham will be provided by the club, but volunteers are needed to cook them. Entertainment will be provided by the Middle School Jazz Band and Choir.

Kids and Christmas is scheduled for December 19th. Volunteers to help wrap the gifts received from Toys for Tots and purchased with donations from LIC members. Wrapping will be done Thursday – 16th and Friday – 17th.

Sign up sheets were passed around for help with the Christmas Dinner, wrapping toys and decorating the club. If you did not get a chance to sign up and would like to help please call Jan Prichard at 884-2030. A good way to pick up needed hours.

Geoff Baillie has been calling former LIC members to find out if they would be interested in re-joining the club. He has made 30 calls to date. There has been no one reason why anyone quit, although a couple people said they were disgruntled with the club. A couple people indicated they may re-join. He will continue with the survey.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT:

Lynn Carr needs a volunteer with a truck to make a dump run with the old doors from the storeroom and office that have just been replaced. Geoff offered to do it. He also needs a volunteer to paint the new door trim. Del Leaf painted the trim on the last window replaced in the main room and cleaned the stove. Lynn will be putting up a new attic ladder and will have the new door re-keyed.

CONTRACTOR SELECTION:

Pat Muchmore reported that the Dock Master panel had selected Pat Thompson as the new marina Dock Master. He has been Acting Dock Master since 10th of October.

Geoff Baillie announced the selection of Sharon Gearhart as Rental Agent for the building. Lynn Dalsing will be paid to develop and implement an enhanced marketing plan to increase building revenue.

Geoff and Lynn Carr will get together with the current cleaning contractor to sign a contract for the coming year.

Geoff announced that the current Beverage Manager will continue to do the job for the coming year.

Geoff will bring our excess alcohol beverages to the December meeting for member disposal.

DOCK REPORT:

Pat Muchmore reported that from October 10th to the end of the month there were 80 nights spent by visiting boats. It was a busy month. November has not been busy. The dock committee will be looking at the rules and regulations for the dock in order to implement the changes in moorage policy adopted at the October 2010 general membership meeting.

EVENTS:

Geoff was thanked for his work on the Halloween Dance. There was a fairly good turnout but few LIC members showed up for the event. The three bands performed for free and were thoroughly enjoyed. Money donated to the bands by the attendees was in turn donated to the LIC for the building.

Kids and Christmas is December 19th. Nancy Carr and Carolyn Wiley are coordinating with the Toys for Tots organization for the event. Ten Scout troops are participating to assist the children in making gifts for their parents or siblings. Santa Claus will be present arriving by fire truck.

Another plea for volunteers for club decoration day on December 4th was made. Decorating this building is a very large job and requires a lot of volunteers.

General Membership Meeting November 17, 2010

(continued)

Geoff thanked Hostesses Theresa Gano and Eloise Colbert, Greeter Connie Hildahl, and Raffle Master Delores Argabright for their work this evening.

Robin Gould will re-upholster the Santa Chair and Delores Argabright has offered to pay for the materials to be used. Green fabric and a red trim will be used with increased padding for the chair.

Bob McFarland announced there will be a road clean-up done starting at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 19th.

WHARF UPDATE:

Geoff Baillie and Phil Johnson are meeting with the Corp of Engineers regarding the permitting. The Corp is resisting agreeing to emergency status for the work, but they will be given new information regarding the need which hopefully will help with our case.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marina Security: LIC member Dennis Carroll has given Pat Muchmore a proposal and bid for a dock security system. The total amount of the bid was \$2,681.88 including tax. Under the proposal there would be cameras at four prominent areas, using new wireless motion systems. These are now very reliable. There would be a computer in the office to record activities. Concerns about wildlife activity activating the system have been addressed with Dennis and he feels that under most circumstances it will not be a problem. There would be no alarm sounded but any alarm would be recorded. This would be an after the fact system. The bid included training three individuals to monitor the system. The bid does not include the computer but Denny Prichard and Pat Muchmore have located one that will do the job for \$299 plus tax. The system would protect the entire marina - transient moorage area, permanently moored boats and dinghy dock.

Dennis also has security systems available for individual boats if any member is interested.

There is no money budgeted in the 2010 budget for this purchase and it will be included in the 2011 budget.

A motion was made and seconded to accelerate the purchase to be done this year. A discussion followed and the motion was amended to limit the purchase to a maximum of \$3,100. Motion carried.

Robin Gould felt the new dues structure of doubling the dues would be detrimental to increasing membership and retaining current members. She made a motion reducing by half the dues increases adopted at the October 20th general membership meeting. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The motion was amended to add a donation box on the membership form for optional donations. Question called and motion failed.

BUDGET:

Francie Carr presented the proposed 2011 budget for adoption. Discussion followed. It was moved, seconded and passed to adopt the budget as presented, but with the deletion of the budgeted amount for the St. Patrick's Day event.

NOMINATIONS:

The nominating committee of Mary Mazur, Joe Barrow and Robin Gould presented the following slate of officers for consideration:

Events: Sandy Black

Building and Grounds: Lynn Carr

Secretary: Peg Bingham

Vice President: Kurt Anderson and Jim Verstrate

Geoff announced according to the bylaws as there were two candidates for the position of Vice President voting for that position would be by paper ballot.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the slate for Events, Buildings and Grounds and Secretary be accepted. Motion passed.

Ballot count completed and it was moved and seconded to ratify Kurt Anderson as Vice President.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Peg Bingham, Secretary

Dock Report . . .

Obviously, with all the cold weather, rain and more recently, snow the Marina has been relatively quiet. The Dock Committee continues to work on getting Winter Moorage up to date as well as answering requests for permanent moorage. However, I have been working with Denny Prichard on getting the computer equipment picked out for the Security System. He and I did go down to the State's Warehouse in Olympia to find various pieces of it, but the only one that was worthwhile is a moniter. However, we did get it for a good price and after researching the various "box stores", it was decided to get the hard drive, etc. from Office Depot as well as a good surge protector in order to deal with the power outages we have been experiecing more frequently than any of us want to.

Dennis Carroll will be coming down on November 27th to start installing the various cameras and prepare to connect everything to our computer in order to complete the task of securing the Marina. As soon as it is all completed, it will be on top of the list for my report to all of you. I should have prefaced this entire subject by first thanking the Membership for approving the Security System for the Marina and allowing the Dock Committee to purchase the necessary equipment to complete the project. Also, I want to remind any of you who have boats at the Marina or elsewhere that Dennis does have a GPS system that creates a perimeter around your boat, and, if it is moved it can be tracked for recovery. If anyone is interested in this, please let me know and I will put you in touch with Dennis in order to answer all of your questions, etc.

The one thing about our recent snow and cold, cold weather is a good reminder that December and our beautiful Christmas Season is right around the corner. In case I don't see you to tell you in person, I wish all of you the best of the Season. As you are well aware we have our wonderful Kids and Christmas coming up and our Christmas Dinner for all of us on the 15th of December. Enjoy your family, friends and thank you for making this such a fulfilling role to do as Dock Chair.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Muchmore, Dock Chair

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Children's Events Trunk or Treat

This was the fifth year for our Halloween Trunk or Treat and I have to say it was once again a huge success. We were a little short on trunks handing out candy, but the kids had a wonderful time dressing up, playing games, making crafts and enjoying the ever popular haunted house. I can't even begin to thank all the people that made this event possible, but please know that everyone's participation is greatly appreciated as it is truly a loved event by all kids, big and small. I look forward to doing it again next year as it is a pleasure to be able to share in such a wonder event that brings so many smiles.

Happy Holidays!!
Debbie Ehrhardt

Santa's Coming! Santa's Coming!

I'm so excited. I can already here the clickitty-clack of reindeer hooves on the Historic L.I.C. roof. Tough landing for Santa, very steep, maybe the Fire Department will help out!

There will be lots of preparations for his arrival. Girl Scouts from Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula will be there to help Santa and the children make gifts. There will be plenty of veteran elves but we could always use more. The festivities begin on Sunday December 19, 1:00pm and should be done by 4pm. So kids bring your parents. grandparents and lets start Christmas a little early.

Oh by the way, I'm Santas helper-in-training, Sandy Black. I'll be looking for all the help I can get in the coming year. This event is being coordinated by Carolyn Wiley (884-9157). Contact us if you can be a Santa's helper.

A planning meeting will be scheduled after the holidays for planning next year's events. Watch your e-mail and newsletter.

THANK YOU NORMA-JEAN!

Norma-Jean Gibson had edited the LIC newsletter since May of 2007, and only last month relinquished her title to Nancy Carr so she could focus more of her energy on her real estate business. Putting up with neophyte reporters with flexible interpretations of publishing deadlines can't have been easy, but Norma-Jean did it with friendliness and flair. Thanks Norma-Jean. You are appreciated!

Upcoming Events!

Sat, Dec 4th, 10 a.m—? Decoration day at L.I.C. Needed: boughs and holly, garden nippers, wire cutters and willing hands and hearts! (Latecomers welcome. Donations of food to feed the elves also welcome!)

Tue, Dec. 14, 4:00 pm, Set-up for next days Christmas potluck

Wed, Dec 15, 6:30 pm, 7:00 pm, LIC General Membership Christmas Potluck

Thurs and Fri, Dec 16 and 17, 10 am—? Gift wrapping for Toys for Tots (note New dates)

Sun, Dec 19th, 1-4 pm, Kids and Christmas



LIC Membership Report

Mark your calendar for the LIC Christmas Potluck, Wednesday Dec. 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Many thanks to Connie Hildahl, Dolores Argabright, Theresa Gano and Eloise Colbert for helping out at our dessert meeting in November. The spirit of volunteerism was contagious that night! It was truly gratifying to have so many folks sign up to help with the Christmas decorating, the potluck, the gift wrapping and Kids and Christmas. Thank you members!

If you weren't at the meeting and would like to help with preparing for the festivities. Opportunities still abound! I could still use 3 more hosts or hostesses for the potluck and one more turkey roaster.

More hall decorators, gift wrappers and helpers during Kids and Christmas would also merit a round of applause. Check out the schedule of events and give me a call.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you all at the December Potluck. The hall will be beautiful, the food bountiful, the entertainment grand and the company most merry. This will be a special night to celebrate the membership and the season. You deserve a great night out!

Happy December!
Jan Prichard
Membership Chair
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