

August2011



Member Newsletter

# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**Beyond the Borders, Saturday, August 6 Noon to 6:00 PM**

## President's Report . . .

Things continue to get better for the LIC. Membership is up, volunteer hours are up, and the LIC continues to support and improve the community by sponsoring and delivering quality events like the recent Croquet Tournament. Thanks to all the volunteers, and special thanks to Tim Heitzman, Gayle Brewer, and Sandy Black.

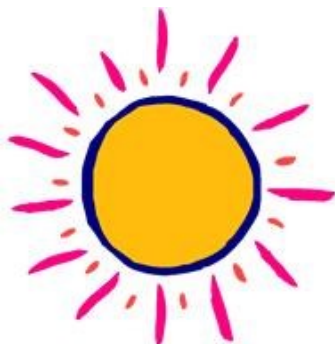
Coming up is Beyond the Borders, a truly enriching community event that allows Key Peninsula residents to experience cultures from afar in the comfort of the LIC grounds. Volunteers are very much needed so please contact Mark Runions or Sandy Black to help out. This month brings the Salmon bake as well, a community event for the entire Peninsula.

Special thanks to Jim Lemon and Bruce Jeglum for their fantastic job of designing and completing the entrance to the Marina. We will have ice soon at the Marina, thanks to the Marina Committee and a special thanks to Mike and Denise Hays for their help in getting it delivered and installed. The large rocks in the vicinity of the LIC Clubhouse and wellhead were installed by Sharon Gearhart and Lynn Carr, thank you. The rocks have proven successful in establishing a more orderly parking layout for the LIC.

Last, don't forget that the LIC is going country for this year's Labor Day Dance. The band is Renegade Train, and their leader, long time Key Pen resident Donn Allard, assures me that they also play rock and blues, country style. The dance is an important fund raiser for the LIC, so please plan on attending and, if you can't attend, please help out by buying a ticket. Volunteers, please contact Sandy Black.

Enjoy the summer, now that it has arrived.

Geoffff Baillie, President LIC  
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# LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES July 20, 2011

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Geoff Baillie, Kurt Anderson, Francie Carr, Jan Prichard, Sharon Gearhart, Sandy Black, CC Williams

**NEW MEMBERS:** Larry Bohnstadt, William Buckner, Bert and Christie Saywers, Russ and Laura Anderson

**GUESTS:** Randy Niven, Sheila Hunt, Morgan Larson, Melissa Larson, Conner Baillie

Gayle Brewer announced that there are two programs coming up that will be presented on non-meeting nights. On Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, the Center for Wooden Boats will be making a one hour presentation at the LIC. A date is still to be set for a presentation by Dr. Jeff Tepper, the chairman of the Geology Department of the University of Puget Sound. He will be talking about Earthquakes and Volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest and will probably be speaking to us sometime in September.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

CC Williams, our membership chair, thanked our host and hostesses for the evening, Pat and Ruth Thompson and Dee Scharf.

## **TREASURER**

Francie Carr, treasurer, handed out the balance sheet and profit and loss budget performance for the LIC as of June 30, 2011. Our savings are \$47,000. We continue to pay \$2,500 each month on our wharf bank loan, and the loan balance stands at \$92,600. The third quarter moorage payments are due July 31<sup>st</sup>. Francie also asked for all bills for the Croquet Tournament to be turned in as soon as possible.

Geoff announced that the moorage entrance was finished today and he thanked Bruce Jeglum and his team of designers and builders.

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Sharon Gearhart, Building and Grounds Chair, thanked Mike Runyon for donating the large rocks that are now lining the parking area of the LIC grounds, and thanked Lynn Carr for helping to get them in place. We have a new light in the kitchen and a new cover for the thermostat. The grounds are looking great and she thanked all the folks who have been working on the lawns and gardens. She reminded us that to be "members in good standing" we need to give 15 hours on volunteer service to the LIC and she has jobs for anyone who may wish to get in some volunteer hours, cleaning and painting the office being just one example. The building is rented every weekend in August.

## **MARINA COMMITTEE**

Denny Prichard gave the marina report in Randy Babich's absence. A new freezer is on the dock ready to be plugged in if the members give the okay. The new security system is in and working. It records on motion detection at the parking lot and the dock. Lynn Carr is a new member of the dock committee and has agreed to be in charge of the maintenance. There is much to be done and Lynn has a sign up sheet for willing volunteers. Denny thanked Tom Lupo for getting his insurance up to date and there is just one more boat that is still working to comply with our insurance requirements. The marina is now full.

Geoff mentioned that we are working with the heirs to Don Jopp's boat to help them stay at the dock while they are in the process of trying to find a buyer and with the members permission, we will continue to work with them.

## **EVENTS**

Sandy Black, Events Chair, thanked everyone who has helped out with recent events and who have volunteered for Beyond the Borders. He especially thanked new members Bert and Christie Sawyers, Bill Buckner, and Larry and Laurie Anderson for working all day at Key Fest and also at the Croquet Tournament. He read a letter from Edie Morgan thanking the LIC for the money received from the Regatta held in May. Lynn Larson then read a thank you letter from Community in Schools for all the work that was done and all the fun that was had at the Croquet Tournament.

Sandy asked for more volunteers for Beyond the Borders and encouraged everyone to attend this great event. He especially asked for help with early set up on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Help can also be used Friday afternoon around 3 or 4 p.m. He added another "Thank You" to all the members who are so faithful and always help out. "You know who you are!"

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## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES** (continued from page 2)

Peg Bingham asked for anyone who has a food handler's card and can help baking before and/or serving at Beyond the Borders to please contact her. We need enough volunteers so that there can be shifts so no one has to work the entire time. She has enough cashiers.

Sharon Gearhart complimented the Croquet Tournament organizers for a very well run and fun event. Much applause and agreement ensued.

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Kurt Anderson, Vice-President, said we still have some LIC cups for sale. We're getting down on our logo wear, but will order more when needed. Nancy Carr is still taking order for fleeces and there are many options available. Getting our name on clothing is working for us. It does get noticed and people do comment on it.

### **PRESIDENT**

Geoff Baillie, president, mentioned that Emergency Planning for the Peninsula is ongoing, but still in its infancy. The LIC is represented at those meetings and will continue to be involved. He thanked the membership for their willingness to help, and especially appreciated the help with moving the tables and chairs for Key Fest.

### **SECRETARY**

Jan Prichard, Secretary, read a thank you note from the Key Peninsula Veterans for the use of our chairs for the Memorial Day Ceremony in May. She asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. A motion to approve was made, seconded and passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Geoff announced that the floating restroom for the marina would not be happening this year, but that we will try for next year if state funds become available.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The ice freezer at the dock is up for approval. The Board made a tentative okay for the used freezer to be purchased from Denise Hayes. It is a \$600 item to be used for ice at the marina. There has been ice at the marina in times past with mixed results, and the marina committee has promised there would be a management plan for stocking it through the summer and dealing with any money collection problems that might arise. A motion was made and seconded and passed to buy the machine for \$600.

Sandy Black mentioned that Mr. Young, owner of the Shell station, has been providing ice for free for our events for years. It's a lot of work and very generous of him to do so. Kurt will send him a thank you note. We will buy our ice from Mr. Young for the new ice machine.

Geoff talked about the Dayna Hanson proposal to use the LIC building and grounds to make a feature film and asked for the members' thoughts on that idea. Comments from the members were favorable. She would not be filming during the Labor Day Dance as she had first proposed. The Board will continue negotiations with her and sort out issues such as risk, liability and cost, and get out the information to the members by email and on the website

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Carolyn Wiley said there are about 200 photos from the Croquet Tournament on the LIC Facebook page. Francie said that we will probably have proceeds of around \$1800 to give to Community in Schools after all the bills have been paid.

Mark Runions commended the club members on their spirit of helpfulness and camaraderie, in evidence at our meetings and at the Croquet Tournament. He asked for members to be thinking how they can help out at Beyond the Borders and encouraged everyone to come and to invite their neighbors and spread the word. The first band will be a steel band from Trinidad, followed by Russian folk music, a Latin American folk trio and a drum circle. The leader of the drum circle is Jeff Johns and who is an amazing instructor and motivator and there will be time after the drum circle performance for audience members to try their hand at drumming with his guidance. There will be a beer garden, Hawaiian food, nachos, brauts and great desserts all at affordable prices.

Pat Thompson, dock master, announced we are averaging about 30 boat visitors per week and we've had two yacht clubs as well. A car crashed down there last week which took out our power for awhile and Virgil Iverson had some vandalism done to the gas tank on his boat. Last week a boat came in to do free pump outs, and only had four takers.

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (continued from page 3)

On the third Sunday of each month, from 7-8:30 there will be a Bluegrass jam session at the church...a great time and some excellent musicians.

There has been some vandalism at the church and we were reminded to set the alarm and take the pin out of the door when we lock up. Also the noise makers to deter the mice really do work and we were reminded to plug them back in before leaving the building.

It was recommended to give the owner of the field across the street a free membership for the use of his land for parking.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Prichard  
Secretary

### Building and Grounds Chat Room:

I would like to again thank those who have been mowing the fields and those who have been maintaining the flower beds (would that be Gayle and Shirley Brewer and Carolyn Wiley? If I have not named you please forgive me as I am not aware of who all is involved.) The building looks sharp! Thank you Mike Runyon for donating the large rocks and having them hauled to the building. They add a nice dimension and help protect our limited grassy area from stray cars and trucks. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would be interested in cleaning (to include sweeping and moping the floor) and painting the office. We still have reminders of the vandalism showing on the walls and it would be nice to finally erase them. I can promise pizza and beer and a real sense of satisfaction when the work is done. If you are interested please call me at 884-3890. I will be putting volunteer sheets in a plastic cover on the bulletin board outside the front door. Please be sure to fill one out if you do any work (you can put it back in the plastic if you want.) It gains you hours and helps the LIC at tax time as all those volunteer hours go toward deductions on our income tax. Finally, I would like to form a Building and Grounds committee. I promise that it will not involve hours of meetings but rather see it as several minds with good ideas coming together for the betterment of the building. I already have a couple of volunteers so if you are interested please give me a call at 884-3890. Thank you all for the wonderful group that you are. I am proud to be part of this community.

Sharon

## Upcoming Events!!

August 6—Beyond the Borders, NOON to 6:00 P.M.

August 10—National Smores Day

August 17—General Membership Pot Luck Meeting 6:30 P.M.

August 19-21—Old Timers Days

August 25—Presentation by Center for Wooden Boats



## Join the Fun!!

The LIC kitchen crew is looking for new volunteers with Food Handler's cards. The card can be obtained online at [www.foodworkercard.wa.gov](http://www.foodworkercard.wa.gov). The \$10 fee will be reimbursed by the LIC. Join the fun with the kitchen crew at many upcoming LIC events.

## Cups, Caps, Jackets, Vests

There are Longbranch Improvement Club and Longbranch Marina branded coffee cups, hats, jackets and vests available from Kurt Anderson (for the Cups and Caps) and Nancy Carr (for the fleece jackets and vests). Please contact:

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Nancy Carr, 884-1384, [ncarr44@centurytel.net](mailto:ncarr44@centurytel.net)

## From the Marina—

We are now selling ice at the marina (sold 5 bags last weekend) - and the security camera's are working! (information from Denny Prichard)



The new Marina entrance —

(Pictures from Lynn Carr)





# LIC Membership Report

**Mark your  
calendars for the  
General  
Membership Pot  
Luck Meeting,  
Wed., August  
17th at 7:00 p.m.  
Look for  
Upcoming  
Events.**

What a great turnout for the Dessert Potluck, and update on what is happening. Be sure to read the minutes.

We have three new members John (Jack) Kennedy , William and Debra Pinkham, Larry Bohnstedt and a renewal, Wal-ly Johnson .

We need help for the next couple of months for the Hostess position. Would love to hear from you if you can help.

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