

September 2010



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Need Volunteers for the Labor Day Dance . . .

President's Letter . . .

August 2010 was a very active month for the LIC with Beyond the Borders, Old Timers Day, break ins, cleanups, and the capture of several alleged thieves & vandals. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make Beyond the Borders a success despite the two consecutive nights of break ins & significant vandalism. My apologies for not allowing you all to come into the building when and how you wanted to, but it was an active crime scene. Thanks to your cooperation, the Sheriff's office was able to collect evidence that can be used against the accused. Special thanks to Lynn Carr and Mark Runions as well as all the hard working volunteers. **The teamwork was a sight to see.** The night watches worked well as a deterrent and aided in the capture of the three juveniles and one adult against which charges have been filed.

Please be aware that **we have had an alarm system working in the LIC building since the day after the last general meeting** at which the budget was approved. Many thanks to Denny Prichard for his work on getting that accomplished. If you need to access the building, please contact Lynn Dalsing, Pat Muchmore, Lynn Carr, or me as you will need an access code or a key fob to disarm and rearm the system. The insurance adjuster came to the building and we will be working with the insurance company on getting reimbursed for our losses. We will also make a claim for restitution against the suspects, if they are convicted.

The LIC loaned (*and delivered and retrieved*) 26 tables and 150 chairs to Key Fest and provided volunteers for parking and other tasks. Jan Place, who is heading up the Labor Day Dance, is still in need of volunteers, so please contact Jan to help her out. The dance is one of only a few chances for the LIC to raise revenue, which is desperately needed to fund our operations and support our community events. **Please plan on attending.** Mike and Denis Hays will have their Airstream there serving food and other items that the LIC does not provide at the dance.

Pat Muchmore is looking into our options for security at the Marina. With Waterworld having been moved, many thanks to Dave Wickland and all who helped give the DNR and Sheriff a sense of urgency and importance about the matter. The Board will consider marina security upgrades at its September meeting and have an update, and possibly a proposal, for the September general membership meeting. **The Board will also consider, at its September meeting, the significance of not having anyone on the waiting list for slips at the marina.**

There is little news to report on the replacement of the Longbranch Wharf, except that the County Engineer is reviewing the engineering report that the LIC provided and the **County Attorney has determined that County road funds cannot be used to replace the wharf.** Terry Lee has contacted Norm Dicks and Derek Kilmer for support and funding. We plan on having the two candidates who are vying to replace Terry Lee on the County Council at the October general membership meeting.

Peg Bingham is the new LIC Secretary. Thank you, Peg, for stepping in. **It is much appreciated.**

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

General Membership Meeting Minutes

LIC Meeting Minutes from the General Membership Meeting 8/18/2010

The meeting was called to order by the President Geoff Baillie at 7:08 p.m.

Fifty members and three guests were in attendance. Board Members in attendance were Geoff Baillie, Francie Carr, Lynn Carr, Phil Johnson, Pat Muchmore, Jan Prichard and Peg Bingham.

Membership Report:

Jan Prichard reported that currently there are 115 memberships and 193 members. She thanked tonight's volunteers, Sharon Gearhart, Theresa Gano and Robin Gould in the kitchen and Trish Goodvin at the sign-in desk. She also reminded members to please keep all grocery receipts from Peninsula Market. Please give or send them to her or to any Board member.

Treasurer's Report:

Francie Carr reported that we have had \$2,000 more in expenses than income. Building rental revenue is down from the amount budgeted.

The Croquet Tournament resulted in \$4,600 for the Mustard Seed Project.

Building Chair Report:

Lynn Carr gave a thank you to all the members who helped with clean-up after all the break-ins, with a special thanks to Jan and Denny Prichard and Sharon Gearhart who performed above and beyond the call of duty.

He is working with Viking Glass to get the broken windows repaired. The small individual windows will be replaced soon but it will take longer for the large wood framed windows in the main room as they have to build the frames.

The fire extinguishers have been replaced again and were back in the building for the two events last weekend.

The door for the storeroom and the office must be replaced and the door frames rebuilt.

A special thanks was given to Lynn for all his hard work and the many hours he has put into getting the building back to usable condition.

Geoff said when all the costs are in they will be putting together the bills and looking into the insurance coverage.

Dock Chair Report:

Pat Muchmore announced the Flotilla (WaterWorld) was moved out of Filucy Bay and has anchored in the bay at Home. The Lutheran Church was the site of a large meeting of residents concerned about the current location of the Flotilla. The DNR enforcement officer has given the owner until Friday to get it out of Home or they will. Dave Wickland deserves the credit for pressuring the DNR as does Ernie Evans for bringing the matter to the forefront with his actions.

Pat reported there are no names on the waiting list for moorage.

The gate is now locked from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. The purpose is to keep out nonmembers and nonpaying guests during nighttime hours. The code is changed once a week. The gate has been fixed so if a member's card does not work call Dave Wickland for a new card and you will not be charged for the new one.

Events: (no chair at this time)

Geoff said that Jan Place, chair of the Labor Day dance needs wine and beer servers and volunteers for clean-up at 3:00 p.m. the day after the dance (Sunday). Any member that can help please contact Jan.

Mark Runions gave a thank you to all who helped at the Beyond the Borders event. He announced the drum group and the ukulele group have donated their proceeds back to the LIC to help pay for the destruction at the club. They are donating \$200. Thank you notes to the two groups will be sent. Mark was given a big hand for all his work putting the event

together and then making the day work in spite of all the damage to the club and moving everything outside on a rainy day.

Geoff asked if the members would support a dance between Labor Day and Thanksgiving to raise money for repairing the damage done to the building. There was a positive response from the members present. More information will be presented in the near future.

Wharf Report:

Geoff reported that the County has informed him that road funds cannot be used to rebuild the wharf. We have been assured orally that we can continue to use the wharf at this time as we are actively pursuing solutions to the problem.

Old Business:

Building Security – The Board presented their recommendation to have IntelliSystems install a system of 5 motion detectors with a central control, monitoring, sirens and lights. The system is expandable and cameras can be added at a later date. The system would cost approximately \$2,000 and could be installed this week. A motion was made to authorize the Board to go ahead with the IntelliSystem. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The monitoring will cost \$35-\$40/month. The Board will also look into outside lights.

Sandy Black raised the question of security for the marina and it was suggested that he take his concerns to the Dock Committee and they would present it to the Board.

New Business:

The members present were asked if they would like to have a Candidate's Night with the candidates running for the County Council. A positive response was voiced and the meeting night of Oct. 20th was chosen. It can be open to the public.

There will be a Block Watch speaker at the September general meeting and Doug Silvers has a speaker lined up to speak on water quality at the November general meeting.

Pat Muchmore asked that if a member is in the club and answers the phone and the call is regarding a rental to ask the caller to please call back and the phone will not be answered but will go to the answering machine. This will insure that our rental agent receives the message.

Lynn Carr said the piano was damaged beyond repair and must be discarded. If anyone has a piano they would like to donate, the LIC would be happy to receive it.

Geoff Baillie said he had received from the prosecutor a handwritten list of items taken from the building and discarded by the vandals. Geoff is attending the hearings for the young men arrested in the vandalism and burglaries. An amount for restitution is being put together to be submitted to the court by the LIC.

The club is also looking for a clock to replace the antique clock in the meeting room that was destroyed.

A thank you note was received from Norma and Jim Larson for the bouquet sent to them for their 60th anniversary. They also thanked all the people who worked so hard to get the club ready for their party after the vandalism. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Bingham, Secretary LIC

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Third Annual
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*Artistic to Utilitarian
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10am to 4pm

Longbranch Improvement Club

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Presented by LIC and friends

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS
FOR SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2ND
10-4**

The 3rd LIC Fiber Arts Show is presented in association with the KP/Pierce County Farm Tour.

Some of you have already expressed interest in participating, as exhibitors, or as volunteers.

This is a fairly big project so please let me know if you want to play.

**SOME TASKS NEEDING
TO BE DONE:**

Promotion--
Distribution, Phone contact with potential exhibitors, Set up on Friday, Oct 1, Door keeping, Sign-in & Exhibit set up, Hospitality, etc. etc.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call 253.884.9157 or e-mail me @ c.wiley@mac.com

Carolyn Wiley

Dock Report . . .

On Friday, August 13th the Dock Committee held a Work Party; however, since there were several guest moorage boats in, we decided to only work for an hour and allow our guests to have the Marina to themselves. We did tighten quite a few boards on the main part of the Marina, but the pounding was a little too much for our guests. In hind sight, we will have our main Work Parties after Labor Day and prior to Memorial Day, weather permitting. There are still several items that need to be addressed like repainting the bull rails, finishing tightening up the loose boards, etc.

On Sunday, August 8th our Dock Master and I started changing the code to the gate to the Marina on a weekly basis. As many of you are aware, we were having a great deal of vandalism, usage of our dinghy dock and other peoples dinghy's by non members. All of our permanent moorage folks were told they would need to use their key card and if they didn't have one or the one they did have wasn't functioning properly to contact Dave Wickland for a new one. Our guest moorage boaters are given the new code as they tie up and, as far as I know, the program is working quite well. Due to the function of our clock on the gate lock, our Summer hours are from 8am to 8pm. However, there are times when the gate will lock 10 to 15 minutes early and members and guest need to be aware and plan accordingly.

Sandy Black brought up the point that we still didn't have a security system at the Marina during our recent Membership meeting on 8/18/10. The Dock Committee has been researching this, but as of yet we have not been able to come up with a plan that will satisfy the Marina's needs and meet the Board's approval. We are continuing to research this and hope to have a proposal that will meet the needs. However, we did improve the lighting with sensor lights and made some other changes, but Sandy is right.....there is still more to be done.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Muchmore, Dock Chair
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The LIC Board of Directors wishes to announce that as of September we are accepting applications for our 3 Contractor Positions;

Dock Master * Cleaning Service
* Rental Agent

Anyone interested should contact the LIC at our P.O. Box 111, Lakebay, WA, 98349. These 3 positions will be announced in our September, October, November and December Newsletters. Once we have applications, the individuals who applied will be called for interviews and after all applicants have been interviewed, a decision will be made. The Contract runs from 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011. Please help us get this word out in order to have the best selection possible.

Hello Roadies,

It's time for our autumnal cleansing of our section of KPS. We'll do it this coming Thursday, October 21st, starting at 10:00 am. We'll meet at the clubhouse, where we'll get vests and bags, and go from there. It usually takes 2 hours or less, depending on how many are able to "hunt for treasure". I'll be notifying folks at the meeting on Wednesday evening, too.

(Sorry to be later than usual in notifying everyone. I have several invalid excuses. If you'd like to hear them, let me know).

Hope to see you then.

Bob McFarlane



LIC Membership Report

**Mark your calendars
for the September
General "Dessert"
Meeting ...**

Wednesday,

**September 15th at
7:00 p.m.**

It was great to see so many members at the August potluck and the food was outstanding! Many thanks go to Theresa Gano, Sharon Gearhart, Robin Gould and Trish Goodvin for hostessing, signing us in, and generally taking good care of us.

Watch" programs. Please come and invite your neighbors for this important and timely topic.

Members have put in many hours lately on projects, events and the clean-up after the break-ins: Mark Runions and his volunteers put on a marvelous "Beyond the Borders"; Dale Brewer spent many volunteer hours installing a sprinkler system; the clean-up efforts are ongoing and so far we've logged 59 volunteer hours for that alone; after the break-ins, "night-watchers" kept protective eyes on the clubhouse through the night until the security system was installed on August 20th. **Thank you everyone!**

As I'll be away for a month, please contact Marlies Van Cise, 884-5608, with any membership concerns.

At our September meeting we will be having someone from the Sheriff's department speaking to us about setting up "Block

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