



NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: AUGUST 16, 2023 7:00PM

President's Message

July has been a truly spectacular month on the Key Peninsula. Beautiful warm days, cool nights and clear skies. We are very lucky indeed! During the month I was in Denver for a wedding, and several attendees asked if the rain ever stopped. After a moment, I responded no, not ever, and it takes a really tough and resilient person to live in Washington. Later my wife asked me what I was doing – I explained if I told the truth, everyone would come, changing our little slice of heaven. I guess I am not destined for a role in the Washington State tourism department. Anyway, it's been wonderful.



Bob Perry



Volunteer of the Quarter Lisa Wolcott

For our LIC, it's been a busy month, and everyone has really pitched in. As I have commented previously, we are truly a volunteer organization, and our hardworking volunteers are the heart of the LIC. As part of a program to really recognize our contributors, in June the Board approved a program for Volunteer of the Quarter. Each Board member recommends a volunteer for recognition, the Board reviews each candidate, and then votes to approve the most deserving. For the 3rd Quarter of 2023, we are thrilled to recognize Lisa Wolcott for her hard work on the Centennial Garden as well as her efforts with the TLF, working on scholarship recipient selection and reviews. Lisa received a framed award at our July meeting, and one of her perks is the designated parking spot at the front of the LIC. She is

really committed to the LIC, and we are so appreciative of her hard work. When selected, she pointed out that so many others also contribute, to which we heartily agree, and I'm sure we will recognize them in time as well.

And speaking of volunteers, we have two significant vacancies – Vice-President and Events. These Board-level roles are critical to our success and growth, and we would love to discuss the positions with anyone who is interested – just reach out to me and we can discuss.

In terms of our key activities today, we are working on the redo of our website – replete with new capabilities; we are working on new plans and proposals for the re-roofing of the clubhouse; updating our Bylaws & Articles of Incorporation as well as finishing the Centennial Garden space so it can be used for everyone's enjoyment. In closing, as we move forward together, the Board wishes everyone a safe and wonderful summer – and remember – the rain never stops..... Bob

Bob Perry - LIC President
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Hello from the dock!

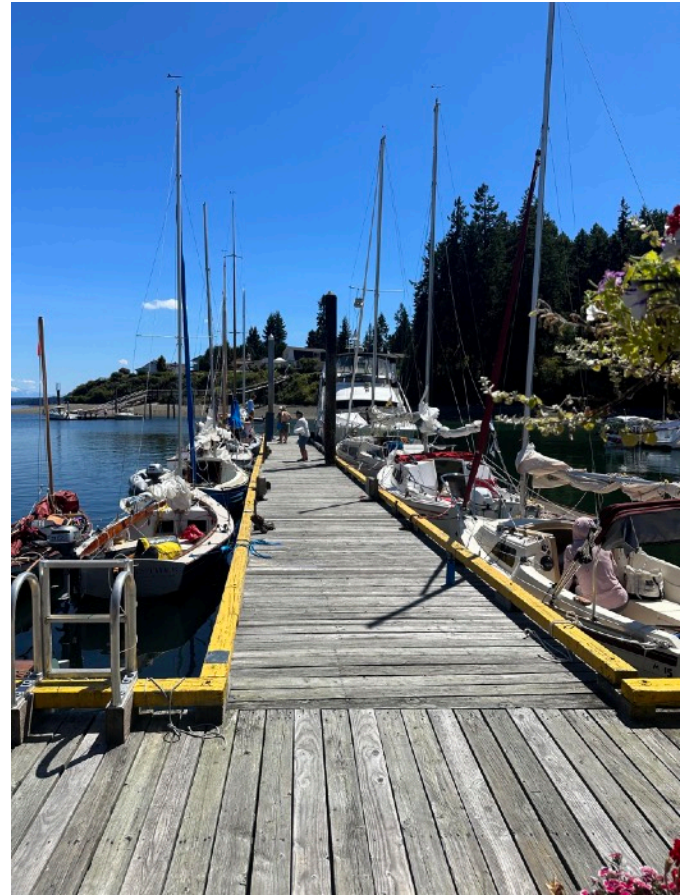
We were very excited to host for the first time ever the Salish 100!

Special thanks to Jack Dunne for bringing Costco hot dogs down for them to grill. The group had a fabulous time and loved our marina. We hope they keep Longbranch on their route for next year.

Another first time visit was the Bremerton Yacht Club. They were very impressed by our little marina and ended up staying an extra day!

July was a busy month at the marina and we should have a lot of guest boaters through October.

Katie Harrison
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First arrivals from the "Salish 100"

Thirsty Thursday



June
1ST!

Thirsty Thursday starts Thursday June 1ST!

For those of you who have never attended a Thirsty Thursday come down to the marina at 4:30, bring a beverage and a nibble to share. TT will continue until Labor Day. Depending on the crowd, weather and boats available we will head out for a cocktail cruise or just cocktail at the dock. We have been known to tie 3 boats together and cruise the bay with our nibbles and cocktails. Questions contact Kelly Hettinger your TT cruise director 253-220-7808

Come join the fun!

PICKLEBALL AT THE LIC



Come play with us every **Tuesdays from 10-6**. Dress warm. Temperature will be about 60 degrees in the gym. We have paddles to share until you fall in love with this and purchase your own.

Any Questions call, text or email Kelly Hettinger
253-220-7808 kelhettinger@gmail.com



Membership

Thanks everyone for your patience and help in getting the membership data sorted for Track It Forward.

There is now a new membership list to the Members Only section of the website.

As I announced in the July member meeting, I will be starting to send out e-mails to folks who have not paid their entire 2023 dues. Neon was not using the January – December fiscal calendar that the LIC Bylaws require. Some of you folks paid dues mid-year so your dues expired outside this fiscal calendar. We are pro-rating the dues so everyone will be current through December 31, 2023. Regular Couples dues will be \$20 and Individual and Associate dues will be \$13. The new website is not available yet, so the easiest way to pay your dues is by check (LIC – Membership, P.O. Box 111, Lakebay, WA 98349), or come to the August 16th meeting. If you need to pay by credit card, please call me to make arrangements. It would be good to have the records updated by the end of August. Thank you for this. If anyone is having trouble with Track It Forward, please let me know. This is not a difficult system to use and we want everyone to feel comfortable submitting their time (and signing up for events). Currently, we have 238 registered users in this system. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Nancy Carr – LIC Membership Chair
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Rentals & Marketing

Since last month we've booked two more reservations for 2023, with more interested parties considering dates in 2024. The clubhouse continues to be very busy throughout the summer months. When you're leaving the clubhouse after an LIC-sponsored event, please help out by taking a moment to make sure all areas are tidy - including removing leftovers from the counter, fridge and freezer. Thank you! Thank you!

Stefanie Warren – Building Rentals
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From the Sunshine Corner

This month, I mailed out two encouragement cards, both to members that have been struggling with significant health issues. Remember, if you are aware of a member that needs a bit of Sunshine, please let me know.

Thank you.

Cheril Allen – *Sunshine Representative*
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“Tough times never last, but tough people do.”
~ Robert H. Schuller



Longbranch Improvement Club

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The Longbranch Foundation

July is the start of a new Board year for the Longbranch Foundation and at our July meeting, we welcomed new board members Bette McCord (Director - Student Programs) Nancy Carr (Director - LIC) Bob Perry (Director - LIC president, Marsha Kremen (Director) and our continuing Board Members, Beth Porter (Director - Higher Ed), Jim Hettinger (Director - LIC/TLF Treasurer), and Xoe Frederick (Director - LIC/TLF Secretary). It was a great meeting with a vital discussion of our mission, a review of our six Charitable purposes, the 2021 Strategic plan and development of a sustainable plan to continue to meet those Purposes.

Our six Charitable Purposes are:

1. Scholarship and Student Programs.
2. Preservation and Maintenance of the LIC Historic Clubhouse.
3. Maintenance and Improvement to local area Recreational Grounds and Trails, and Centennial Garden.
4. Environmental Protection and Safety at the Longbranch Marina.
5. Support of other Community Service organizations and activities and
6. Support the Community where the need is greatest.

To accomplish these purposes we rely on a collaborative and intertwined relationship with the Longbranch Improvement Club (LIC). All of our fundraising activities are done by volunteers within the LIC membership and from the community. We recently had many volunteers who helped make our Auction for Education 2023 a fabulous success with a net income of \$70,850. This puts our current assets at \$224,749, which is remarkable for such a young organization. This "Collaborative Success on the Key" is a model set-up by the founding President Clark Van Bogart and original Board members. We need both organizations, the LIC and TLF to accomplish good work on the Key Peninsula.



There are several struggles right now that made the Board discuss our plans to achieve those purposes in a sustainable way.

1. Need for a few more Board Members. We are seeking a Vice-President for our Board and another Board member to help with Community Outreach. As President, I am doing these roles myself, as well as the major fundraisers which is not sustainable for me personally or the organization.
2. Overlap of Fundraising Activities with other non-profits. This past 12 months, there were three fundraising auctions on the south Key Peninsula. The Civic center does Flavors of Fall, we held our auction in April, and the Mustard Seed held theirs in June. This is quite a strain on the volunteer and economic resources for our small community.
3. Need for volunteers to help achieve those goals. Both the LIC and TLF are struggling to get enough volunteers.

Resolutions

1. This led the TLF Board to make some changes to how we accomplish our goals in the next three years. We decided to move our Auction for Education to alternate years of when the Civic Center holds their fundraising event. So our next Biennial Auction will skip a year and move from 2025 to 2026 and be held in the Fall. This agreement will be more sustainable as a

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The Longbranch Foundation cont:

- fundraising event for the community at large, so that we are not asking the same group of people to donate, volunteer and give funds to three organizations all in the same year.
2. We have a sustainable plan to continue to support our scholarships/student programs for the next three years from our current assets.
 3. We also decided that the SuperSale which only nets about \$3,000 may not be the best way to raise money for the building fund. This event requires seeking donations of items from the community, storage, set-up, pricing all items, soliciting vendors, coordination of all vendors and then disposal of all items not sold. I have proposed that there are other fundraising methods we could pursue to raise those funds, such as grants, corporate donors. We feel the event should continue, much as the Fiber Arts Show does as a service to the community. So we have let the LIC know that we would not use that event as one of our fundraisers, but hope the LIC can take it on as a community flea market event.

These resolutions will allow the TLF board time to regroup, find enthusiastic board members, and truly continue the good work that was started in 2016 through our collaboration with the LIC.

Dr. Sheryl Lowe – TLF President
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Building & Grounds

Volunteers Needed for the following activities:

Trails: We're looking for volunteers to maintain the trail system. Trail committee members would hike the trails occasionally and perform maintenance on trimming back the brush and removing debris from the trails.

Centennial Garden: Volunteers are needed for ongoing projects in the garden. Also weed whacking is needed for the outside perimeter of the garden fence. With the right amount of commitment the garden has the potential to become a showcase for the LIC. But your help is needed.

Sign Committee: Please help beautify our LIC road signs. Pull weeds, plant flowers, fun stuff with your friends!

Recycling Committee: Take aluminum cans and cardboard to the local KP hwy recycling center, maybe twice a month. Dumpster diving, yuk, not required.

Thank you to all the current members who take the time to help out and keep OUR club looking tidy. I do appreciate so much your help with the work. Honorable mention goes out to Mike Fay who is always there to mow the grass when needed. I'll include Dave Haggerty in that mention for mowing the entire field with his mega mower. If you want to help with these efforts, a trim crew is needed for all the edges. Second honorable mention goes to me for emptying out the dog poop buckets. Ha! Double yuk. I just love little doggo.

Remember, this is YOUR club. Lots of people doing a little bit will go a long way in keeping the place looking spiffy. (Who says spiffy anymore? Boomers)

For help or suggestions, Please contact me by text or Voice:

Chris Wright – B&G Chair 509-710-6525
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Membership Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:10PM.

President's Welcome & Remarks

Bob Perry spoke about having the goal of expanding our mission and the work we do for the community. He also spoke about the origins and history of the clubhouse.

Bob offered up some ideas for expanding our services including having buses drop off kids after school at the clubhouse to have snacks, use the WiFi for getting homework done, and just generally be in a safe place until a parent arrives from home.

Bob spoke about the need for more volunteers and expanding membership. He also announced the Volunteer of the Quarter program. The volunteer of the Quarter will have parking privileges in the "special" parking spot in front of the clubhouse.

Volunteer of the Quarter (3rd Quarter of 2023) was awarded to Lisa Wolcott. She worked tirelessly on the Centennial Garden and the Longbranch Foundation's Scholarship program. Congrats Lisa!!



Donna Daily - Longbranch Cemetery

Guest Speaker

Donna Daily - Longbranch Cemetery

Donna spoke about the Longbranch Cemetery which is 122 years old. The Longbranch Cemetery is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. The cemetery is taken care of entirely by volunteers. If you are interested in genealogy, learning about how cemeteries work in general, helping maintain the grounds, or just interested in helping the cemetery remain viable, please reach out to Donna at donnasdaily@gmail.com. Currently there are grounds clean-up opportunities the 2nd Saturday in September and the 2nd Saturday in October.

Secretary

MOTION: Approve the June membership meeting minutes. MSP

Treasurer

Updated financials were presented.

Building & Grounds

Chris Wright is looking for volunteers to head up and work on committees for trails and recycling. Signup sheets were available at the meeting and you can always reach out to Chris Wright at bldg-grounds@lic-kpwa.com.

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Membership Meeting Minutes cont:

Membership

Nancy Carr spoke about the timing of membership dues which, according to the bylaws, run January - December. Neon tracked dues based on a yearly basis starting on the date you signed up and starting paying dues. Members who are not paid through 2023 will be given prorated dues to bring everyone in line with yearly dues being due January 1st every year.

If you have any questions regarding Track It Forward, please reach out to Nancy at membership@lic-kpwa.com.

Marina

Rick Harrison spoke about enhanced security at the marina due to a few incidents. He also spoke about eliminating after hours gate codes for members. The plan is to offer a key fob for gate access. The fobs will be \$35. This is a security deposit which is refunded when a person vacates their slip and returns the fob. This will provide all members with boats at the marina much more security. The fobs are registered to the fob holder and can be turned off in case it is lost or stolen. Fobs will also be available to members without boats at the marina. Gate code access will be restricted to visiting boating clubs and people utilizing guest moorage. Rick also clarified that "open to the public" means the marina is open to the "boating public." This is in accordance with the DNR lease.

If you have a boat in the marina you are required to have an updated registration sticker. Updated stickers were before July 1, 2023.

Salish 100 is visiting this weekend 7/22/2023 - 7/23/2023. There will be people sleeping on the dock as not all of the participating boats have sleeping accommodations on board.

Sunshine Report

No report given

Events

Rosa Velder, the events chair, has resigned and the board is hoping a member will be willing to step in and fill this position within the next week or two. The events chair works with different committees to run all of the events. Please reach out to Bob Perry at president@lic-kpwa.com if you are interested in serving on the board.

Trustee

No report given

The Longbranch Foundation

No report given

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Pickleball every Tuesday 10:00AM - 6:00PM
- Thirsty Thursday - Every Thursday at the Marina
- Next board meeting - August 9, 2023
- TGIF - August 11, 2023
- Next membership meeting - August 16, 2023
This will be a potluck meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by
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