



## ACBC Newsletter (Fall 2024)

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Board of Directors meetings are held the third Thursdays of the month providing it's not on a holiday. Consult the ACBC calendar for any changes. They start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and usually last about 2 hours.

You may attend in person at The Shelter or via Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6548872824?pwd=d3NndXhDSII0QWQzUndyYUxxNm5rUT09>

The Zoom link seems to be working much better than in the past, so if you tried it before and had problems, give it another try. We encourage you to come and hear what your Board of Directors is working on and to see where your dues are going. We hope to see you on Thursday.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

As of September, the Club has \$ 1,128,000. Of this amount, \$56,000 is reserved for lake treatment, \$ 154,000 is reserved for the shore armoring project, and \$ 671,000 is in the reserve account. The reserve account will be used to fund the outflow project expected to occur shortly. Reserve account funds were used earlier in the year for the shelter refurbishment project.

Total revenues through September 30th were \$ 301,000, and total expenses were \$259,000. The income statements and balance sheets can be found on the club website.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Board approved monthly meeting minutes are available on the acbc-whidbey.org web site under the documents tab.

#### **2025 Annual Member Meeting Information:**

December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024: Monthly BOD meeting, 6:30 PM at the Shelter

- Final Board decisions on any Ballot assessments and/or dues increase.
- Last submittal date for member initiated annual meeting Motions to be included in the annual meeting notice.

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025: Annual meeting mailings to all ACBC members, ballots included for members in good standing.

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Annual Member Meeting at the ACBC shelter, 1:00 PM.

## **COMMITTEES:**

### **POOL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:**

We had a great summer this year with a lot of activity at the pool. Swim lessons were offered all summer. We only had a few pool closures for weather or other reasons but was open the next day. The pool slide was updated so now works with the main pump as it was designed to do. The main pump was making a noise so we have replaced it and having the old one rebuilt and will have on hand as a spare. The broken windows have been replaced. The pool has been winterized for the season.

### **GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:**

The plastic shelter windows have been replaced with standard glass windows. New siding and has been painted. We plan to put siding and paint the shed before the end of the year. The sheds roof also will be replaced. The heater in the shelter has been gone thru and the thermostat has been replaced. We worked on the member survey and will be using it to set priorities for the future.

### **TELLERS COMMITTEE:**

The Tellers will gather on January 24, 2025, 1:00pm at the shelter. The items on the ballot to count has not been determined by the Board. All members are invited to observe the proceedings. Limited snacks will be on hand!

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Sharon Savereux – Chair**

The social committee is excited to share with you several of things that have been going on at the Shelter over the past several months and a few new activities that have been added.

- o Successful Annual Garage Sale
- o Wonderful Community BBQs at the Shelter - all are welcome
- o Book club
- o Krochet, Thursdays at the Shelter
- o Coffee, Bible study on Tuesdays at the Shelter
- o Shelter rental continues to be strong

Other activities happening at the Shelter can be found on the ACBC website's community calendar.

Please visit <http://www.acbc-whidbey.org/calendar.html>.

We are hoping to add some additional events to the schedule and will be meeting soon to brainstorm ideas. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please contact Sharon Savereux [ssacbcod2023@gmail.com](mailto:ssacbcod2023@gmail.com)

### **BYLAWS COMMITTEE:**

The committee was not asked to revise any bylaws this year. For next year, so far, the bylaws committee will work a change removing a loop hole that currently allows the Board to accept real property assets without a member ballot vote.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

The committee has received two resumes for the two open 3-year full term Board positions. Both nominees are currently on the Board and seeking reelection. No other resumes were received. A one-year position is also open if interested in a short term obligation. If you are undecided whether to run and/or have any questions, please contact anyone on the nomination committee as soon as possible.

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE:**

Work continues on detailed design and cost estimates for the one-story pool building. Assessment ballot timing is TBD considering the shore armoring alternative direction.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE: Shore Armoring**

The committee is continuing the investigation of shore armoring alternatives since the State of Ecology denied our original permit. The chosen alternatives may require a revote by ACBC members. The details are included in the previously released ACBC Bulletin #14, dated Oct 25, 2024.

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (ACBC comms):**

The Communications Committee listened to its members from the 2023 annual meeting requesting members be kept more up to date with club information and expediting Bulletins. So far this year the Communications Committee has released 15 numbered Bulletins (two more are in the hopper), 2 Newsletters (this being the third) and 10 monthly Board meeting notices More than double from last year! There are approximately 492 emails in the ACBC database. Developing and distributing each email distribution entails a lot of research and work. The committee is first approached with a draft Bulletin or Board/Committee email requesting a Bulletin be developed. After a draft is written it is sent back to the originator for review and revision. After comms revises the draft, it is sent to the Board for final review, revision and approval along with any attachments.

Once approved, the Communications Committee is restricted by the database in the number of emails that can be sent to members simultaneously (50). Which means we copy paste the Bulletin and any attachments 10 or 11 times.

We are responsible for updating the database emails when a revision is provided from Branch Services thru the Board President request. We then review and revise the communication database for all emails to ensure it's as up to date as possible. Errors are made and corrected as they are provided to comms.

As of last month, ACBC has 181 property owner members that do not have emails in either the Branch Services or the ACBC database. The 181 members are not receiving Bulletin and Newsletter distributions per the bylaws. In the next annual meeting notice USPS distribution, all members will be encouraged to provide an email address to ACBC communications for inclusion in our database only.

## **LAKE COMMITTEE:**

The ACBC lake Committee had a busy summer working towards the completion of the Lake treatment and lake outfall re-lining project. The permitting for the treatment of the lake to sequester the high level of phosphorus in the water added a few additional steps which were addressed. The contractor was also very busy working on similar but much larger projects around the state so it was tough to get them scheduled. The treatment is still on schedule to be completed this fall.

The company that is going to do the re-lining project has been on site several times as needed to do initial re-inspection of the pipe, which required flushing of sediment and running a video camera through the pipe to develop a detailed plan for materials and installation. The permitting for that was carried over through the past permit efforts, and a big thanks to all of the ACBC

community who have helped keep the permit in effect to allow the project to move forward. As of now it looks like the lining will occur early to mid-December.

The Committee has cursorily investigated a secondary outfall from the Lake in the event of a large storm event or plugging of the existing outflow. The Board has approved continuance of the identifying process.

Lake Committee member Heidi Island was just inducted into the International Union for the Conservation of Nature as a member of their Otter Specialist Group. For that group she will review the science and conservation status of the 13 global species of otters and engage in thwarting the illegal trade of endangered species. Her work here with the river otters in and out of our lake contributed to her being selected for this honor. We are lucky to have her working with our committee and applaud her efforts.

Lastly the wildlife around the lake seems to be thriving with a variety of species regularly visiting the neighborhood. In our shared responsibility to keep the lake healthy for recreation and wildlife remember to keep your septic tank maintained when needed, pick up your pet waste and reduce the use of lawn fertilizer which when combined helps reduce the amount of phosphorous hopefully minimizing the need for future treatment. Thanks to you all for your stewardship of the natural resources we all enjoy.

*Happy Holidays!*