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December 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Marty Lull, Secretary
Jim Kunz, Mark Valencia and Judy Britton, Members-at-large

The ADMIRAL'S COVE BEACH CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING will be held at 2PM, 22 January 2022 via ZOOM because of the Covid-19. All members are invited but only members in good standing and proxies of members in good standing will be able to vote. Proxies and instructions for the ZOOM meetings are available on our website:

www.ACBC-whidbey.org

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84233104768?pwd=aXRLUy9HZlRhaGNUYUZoLzhTdjNuZz09>

The Board of Directors Reports

Dustin Fredrick, President:

I am very pleased to report that this past year has brought many positive changes in the ACBC community. Despite challenges, life in the Cove is still viewed as very attractive. New construction and home sales have been very robust, reflecting a change in demographics and increased value of your property. The Cove has significant advantages over many other communities with its central location, proximity to the Coupeville ferry and Port Townsend, the Crockett Lake Preserve and Fort Casey.

The efforts of the ACBC Board to maintain and upgrade our common areas and amenities are an investment in property values that will prove very valuable to members going forward. I cannot say enough about the creation of the Reserve Account and the efforts of former President Dennis Egan to guide us through that process and stay committed though thick and thin to get the fund established and properly funded. The Reserve Account is a major accomplishment and will manage the financial needs of ACBC, if funded continually each year, very well in the future.

I look forward to another great year of community involvement and growth in 2022, Happy New Year to all!

Ben Robinett, Treasurer:

ACBC is financially sound. Most expenditures in 2021 came in as budgeted or under budget. Income from past due accounts came in higher than we anticipated. The BOD decided to move most of the 2021 excess income to the Reserve Account and some will be used to balance the 2022 budget. The dues for 2022 will be the same as last year, \$384 for a perc lot. We also have an assessment of \$380 for Shore Armoring in 2022. The Treasurer's Report, profit and loss, balance sheet, and 2022 budget are attached to the Notice of Annual Meeting that is being mailed to you.

Marty Lull, Secretary:

Continue to pick up Mail in Coupeville. We have updated the proxy form.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance, Dennis Egan, Acting Chair:

The committee updated the Reserve Study and completed the 2022 Budget. Both have been approved by the BOD.

Nominations, Mike Tenore, Chair:

The Nominating Committee is pleased to report that we have two excellent residents of Admiral's Cove running for open Board positions: Sharon Savereux and Jack Burchard. Look for information about them and their vision for the Board and ACBC in the upcoming ballot mailing. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Pool Operations and Maintenance, Dennis Egan, Chair:

ACBC had a great swim season this year even with the Covid restrictions. We had 4,897 swimmers not counting the 221 swim lessons taught to the kids, bringing the total swims to over 7,000! We purchased new lounge chairs, pool furniture, umbrellas, and new lap lane floats. We are planning on a similar 2022 season with the pool open from Memorial Day weekend thru the Labor Day weekend, swim lessons and pool schedule as we had last summer. Caitlin Dennon, our head lifeguard, and most of the lifeguards from last year will be back for the 2022 season. The Pool Committee is presently working on what the refurbished pool building will look like. Even though the refurbishment is 7 years away, we have been looking at different ideas and what they will cost.

If you would like to be on the committee, contact us at poolandmaintenancecomm@acbc-whidbey.org

Lake Committee, Bill Blake and Bob Wilbur, Chairs:

The Lake Committee, after last summer's ugly blue-green algae bloom, voted in November to recommend treating the lake and submitted a budget to the Board for obtaining the necessary permits. We will first ask the membership to approve funds for treatment before committing any dollars for permits. That should all come about this spring. In the interim, the Committee will be checking the latest research for impacts of the phosphorous removal active ingredient, Lanthanum betonite, on bottom organisms and its possible toxicity to wildlife that may bio-accumulate the chemical to disadvantage. Not to pass over our fun-loving otters, we hope all of you have had a chance to enjoy the fall waterfowl migration, each month with its different group of ducks and geese enjoying the chance to rest and replenish a bit before moving on.

Social Committee, Mary Saurer, Chair:

There hasn't been much activity with the Social Committee this year due to Covid and a lack of volunteers. We are continuing with Tuesday morning coffee from 10 am to 12 noon at the Shelter.

Dennis Egan and I are the only ones currently on the Social Committee. If you would like to take part and join the committee, it would be appreciated. Volunteers are always needed. Hopefully we can continue with the Barbeques in 2022.

Communications Committee, Chair Vacant:

The Communications Committee has decided, with the approval of the BOD, to change the name of "Your ACBC News Update" to "ACBC Bulletin." In the future, look for emailed updates called "ACBC Bulletins." In order to receive these notices that are only sent via email, please call Branch Business Services at (360) 678-7543 to have your name and email address added to the ACBC list. The email-only ACBC Bulletins contain info that comes up between newsletters. To save postage and printing, etc. you can also have the ACBC Newsletter (published 3 times a year) delivered to your inbox by calling Branch and asking for both pieces to be emailed you.

Ad Hoc Shore Armoring Committee: Chair, Ed Delahanty: Membership Approves Special Assessment for Shore Armoring Project

The Admirals Cove Beach Club Membership approved the special assessment for shore armoring in the recent ballot. The Tellers Committee announced the results at a special meeting on November 6, 2021.

Ballots were mailed on October 4th to all 476 eligible ACBC members. A total of 268 valid ballots were returned by the November 5th deadline. The tally was 165 "yes" votes (62%) and 103 "no" votes (38%). A simple majority was required for approval. The purpose of the assessment is to protect our refurbished pool, buildings and other common property from the increased windstorms and king tides which threaten them.

The amount of the approved assessment is \$380 for each regular lot and \$190 for each non-perc lot. Billing for the assessment will occur at the same time as the annual dues in January. If they choose, members will be able to take advantage of several payment options that will be offered in the billing.

Members may also pay in full in advance if they choose, by mailing a check to ACBC, PO Box 366, Coupeville, WA 98239, or by contacting Branch Business Services at 360 678 7543, noting their payment is for the Shore Armoring Assessment.

What's next? Our Board will approve and distribute a Request for Quotations for qualified firms and individuals. This is a three-phase project. Phase I involves the investigation and analysis of possible alternatives. Phase II will include design and permitting. Many laws and regulations require numerous permits, inspections and agency approvals. After Phase II we will know precisely what the shore armoring will look like and exactly what it will cost.

Phase III includes the actual construction of the project on our shore. The Board hopes construction can be completed before next summer. The duration of the permitting process will be the biggest factor in meeting that timeline.

The initial parameters of the project are described in the Geocoastal/Geotechnical Report still posted on the ACBC website.

Members who are delinquent in their dues and therefore not in good standing are required to pay this assessment plus all outstanding balances.

Grounds and Buildings Committee, Marty Lull, Chair:

Our largest project this year was the refurbishment of the pool's front gate. We are currently getting bids for replacing the shelter windows and working with the county to allow tree trimming along lower Byrd. Maintenance of the club's power equipment is due and new tires have been ordered for the lawn tractor.

Playground: A slide has been requested. The merry-go-round will have boards replaced.

We have painting and clean-up to be done - **volunteers would be greatly appreciated!**

Many ACBC committees have expressed a desire for more volunteers. If you have some free time, please consider becoming an active member of Admirals Cove Beach Club. You can find a list of committees at www.ACBC-whidbey.org Any help would be greatly appreciated AND VERY WELCOME! If you are interested, please contact the committee chair or the BOD. Thank you.

The Shelter (ACBC clubhouse) is available for rent. Please go to our website:

acbc-whidbey.org for details, or call Dennis Egan, 206-229-0632.

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