

and for our community. We need to appreciate the considerable work our Board members, especially the president, do for our community.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING by Beverly Pack

On September 4th, an executive session of the Board of Directors was held. It was decided at that meeting that Andy Messer would be appointed President since John Mott has resigned. It was also decided that Beverly Pack would be appointed Secretary until the end of the year since Hilde Mott has resigned. Nancy Lawless will join the Board as the Representative for Area Six; Nancy was elected Co-Representative last fall.

TAKING THE HELM – by Andy Messer, President

My first action as president of LPIC is to ask all of us to change our vocabulary and remove the words: “them”, “they”, “those people”, “your” and “you people”. Use in their place: “We”, “our” and “us”. Try it. It’s tricky – old habits are hard to change. We are one community here in Lagoon Point and we all need to pull together to keep our neighborhood the wonderful place it can and should be. Let us begin by taking this bit of 2000-year-old guidance:

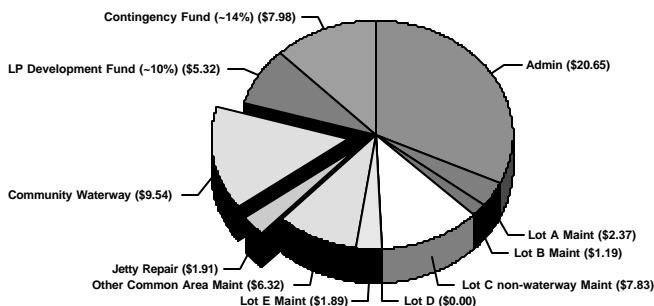
Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

WHERE DID OUR LAGOON POINT WEB SITE GO? by Andy Messer

Our web site moved! It is now at www.lagoonpoint.com. If you haven’t visited recently, check it out. There’s a lot of interesting and informative stuff there, including some great pictures. Thank you Hilde Mott for all the great work you have done and countless hours you have donated this last year, maintaining and enhancing our web site.

OUR ANNUAL BUDGET by Andy Messer

The \$65 per lot per year assessment, which was mailed out in July, is for the purpose of funding our annual operating budget. It covers a lot of individual maintenance items, as well as providing for contingencies and also for administration expenses. The pie chart below should help answer the question: Where does it all go? The detailed budget is on our Lagoon Point web page at <http://www.lagoonpoint.com/documents/Assessment%20budget.pdf>



This is the budget we approved by mail-in ballot June 26, 2002. It was conducted by mail-in ballot in accordance with the amended 1977 Lagoon Point Property Owners Resolution. Of the 524 lots, 374.8 lots or 72% voted. The 100-ballot minimum was met. There were 208.33 Yes votes and 166.47 No votes. The budget and assessment were approved by a 56% majority of the lot owners voting.

This budget covers a lot of ground for \$5.42 per lot, per month. It isn’t perfect, but it’s a start and it lets

us keep Lagoon Point “ship shape”. The Board of Directors will monitor our expenses to keep them on budget. Recommended refinements to the budget will be subject, once again, to a mail-in vote of all the lot owners.

WHERE TO FROM HERE? *By Andy Messer, President*

At the September 10th Board of Directors meeting, I proposed a priority for tasks to be completed during the remainder of 2002. The first is to draft an amendment to the by-laws that will change the way the by-laws are amended to a mail-in ballot of all of the members, a 2/3 majority of the votes cast to approve an amendment and a 100 ballot minimum to validate the vote. This will have to be approved at a special meeting of the membership by 2/3 of the members present voting for the amendment. Once done, however, all subsequent by-law amendments will be by mail-in ballot from all of the members. We will no longer be disenfranchised because we can't attend the meeting in person. Stay tuned and watch this space for updates. Once this is accomplished, we will review the remainder of the by-laws and propose amendments, as appropriate, for the approval of the membership.

In parallel with the by-law effort, we will begin a comprehensive review of all available data regarding the waterway maintenance "issue", with the objective of finding agreement after 33 years of differences and without resorting to lawsuits. We will have to learn to attack the problem and not each other. This challenge will require the best from all of us.

Questions, comments and suggestions are welcome. Please mail to LPIC PO Box 123, Greenbank, WA 98253. I read them all.

MOORAGE –KEEP 'EM TIED DOWN TIGHT AND THE BILGE PUMPS WORKING.

by Bert Pack

Recently a rather large boat moored in the East canal came within a gnat's eyebrow of sinking. A big thank you goes out to all who helped save it – Sue Bettencourt, who noticed it in the first place, and Andy and Jan Messer, Jim Tuggle and John and Hilde Mott who did the leg work rounding up pumps, getting them going, etc. Someone else was there, too, I don't know who it was, but thanks. The owner was notified, and did come to Lagoon Point. This event brings to the forefront the need for providing telephone numbers in case of an emergency. (It should be noted that there was possibly two hundred gallons of diesel on board.)

If you own a boat moored in the canals and you live somewhere else, you should post an emergency telephone number inside a window on the landward side of the boat. It's also a good idea to leave the number with the nearest neighbors as well as making sure that the LPIC Treasurer has your current contact information.

If you rent your dock to someone who does not live in the vicinity, it would be prudent on your part not only to provide emergency telephone numbers, but to have them provide you with proof of liability insurance in case of an oil/gas leak or other possible damage.

SALMON DERBY RESULTS *by Beverly Pack*

Our annual Salmon Derby and Potluck Dinner was held August 31st at the Greenbank Clubhouse. First of all, a big thank you to Sylvia Brown, Mary Hatch and anyone who gave them a hand, for all the work they do to make our gatherings so nice.

There were 121 Derby tickets sold, and 25 fish turned in to be weighed. And now for the results of the Derby:

First Prize went to Evan Easley who caught a 12 1/8 pound silver.

Second Prize – Craig Willis for a 9 7/16 pounder.

Third Prize – Pat Moody with a 7 15/16 pounder.

Fourth Prize – Kathryn Bennett with a 7 5/8 pounder.

Fifth Prize – Jake Russell with a 7 5/16 pounder.

CHILDREN'S SALMON DERBY

In the children's division, Chance Brock took the first place prize for biggest salmon; his fish weighed 7 pounds. Hannah Swanson caught a salmon weighing 4 pounds, for second prize.

The kids also caught dogfish, bullheads, perch and flounder. Prizes were awarded to Adrian Shbir, Jacob Brock, JT Babst, David Shelton, Josh Babst, Zachary Karpeleon, Francesca Galeotti, Lauren Galeotti, Patrick Connors and Chase Brock.

Congratulations to all the winners.

BONNIE AND OWEN LEWIS ARE MOVING by *Monica Shull*

Longtime residents, Bonnie and Owen Lewis are leaving Lagoon Point and moving to their new home in Everett. They came to Lagoon Pt in 1978 and moved to their present home on Shell Street in 1986.

Their immense contribution to the development of LP will be remembered for many years. Owen, being the humble man that he is, diverts any compliments to Bonnie. He says that she is the one who always went out of her way to make newcomers feel welcomed. Many new owners credit Bonnie and Owen for making them part of the community when they first came to the Island.

Owen served as President and /or vice president for 5 years, served on the Board for 3 years and gave many unselfish hours to the betterment of LP. He chaired the waterways committee for several years. He designed the Dock and Ramp of the Main Boat Launch and with the help of the waterway committee was able to get the permits and supervised the construction. Bonnie served on many social committees and to this day, gives unselfishly to the South Whidbey Senior Center.

According to Owen, the biggest change in LP is the diversity of interests within the community. Originally, fishing was the primary interest of the residents at LP. Today, we have diversified interests such as views, waterfront living, boating, weekend living, etc. This diversity of interests makes it increasingly difficult to manage LPIC to everyone's satisfaction. The thing that he likes most about the changes in the community is that 3 and 4 generations are enjoying the same house. His best wish for LP is that the residents come together as a strong community to solve their current problems. He feels that the current situation has been a hardship on families and friendships and would like to see it resolved peacefully.

Lagoon Point is a much better place to live because of Bonnie and Owen. We appreciate their hard work, sacrifice of both time and money, and their unselfish desire to see that LP is a peaceful place for all of us. We wish them good luck in their new home. We hope they will come back to visit and catch some of those "big ones" waiting for them!

LPIC "LETTERS FROM THE ATTORNEY"

Several months ago the board sent you a letter from the LPIC attorney, Daniel Fosso, advising you on the issue pertaining to Lot C and the Fairness Committee. There was a request from a member for a copy of all of the legal correspondence between the LPIC attorney and the board. It is the opinion of the attorney, and the board, that any LPIC member should be allowed to have copies of these documents. *It should be noted that the LPIC attorney is an attorney for the LPIC members and Lagoon Point homeowners, and not an agent or advocate*

for the Board or the individual members of the Board. To obtain a copy of all of the correspondence, send a stamped, self-addresses envelope to: LPIC PO Box 123, Greenbank, WA 98253. There is a fee of 25 cents per page, please include a check, payable to LPIC, for \$1.50.

BULLETIN BOARD

- Wanted, dock space to rent on Oceanside, or Lagoon Point lot to purchase on Oceanside. Call Mike at (h) 425 688-9242 or (w) 1 800 323-1218.
- Hi, my name is Maddy Ess and I would like to walk or take care of your pets for you. Rates are negotiable & reasonable. 678-2913.
- Need sewing done? Experienced seamstress. Many baby afghans, a few baby quilts made up, can take orders, great handmade gifts for a shower. Call Monica Vierra 678-6310
- Notary services in Lagoon Point, free for LP'ers. Call Suzanne Hoel 678-6579
- LP HERON SWEATS and T's! Available in several sizes, they Benefit "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", our own, voluntary LP help org. Call Janet, 678-6156
- Experienced. 15 year old girl to baby-sit your small children. Infant and child. CPR. Certified babysitter. Refs. \$3.50/child \$2.00 add'l./child. Call Kelly. 678-2913 or 222-3045
- 7' Livingston Dingy \$200.00 obo Ralph Ruffolo (206) 419-0916 or (702) 254-5599

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