

Lagoon Point Newsletter

September 2003

Next regular open Board meeting: 6:30 pm, Tuesday, October 7th, at the Greenbank Clubhouse

Election of Officers – Results

Election ballots for LPIC Officers were counted immediately after the August 30th meeting by: Andy Messer, Linda Armstrong, Kathryn Sullivan, Rosemary Chamberlain, Hedy Couret, Dave Shelton, Paulette Clayton and Tom Miller. Final election results were verified September 2nd, 66% of the lots voted, the contested positions were:

President:	Andy Messer	224.83	John Calkins:	111.80
Vice President:	Ernie Clayton	202.33	Dan Williamson:	142.30
Area 2 Rep:	Graham Benson	182.33	Bill Byrne:	139.30

A few additional valid election ballots were found in with jetty envelopes that had been received before the Saturday meeting. Also there were some tally errors from the meeting count that were corrected by computer verification. The outcome remained unchanged from the preliminary result given at the meeting.

The 2004 Board of Directors is:

President	Andy Messer	Area 1 Rep	Bob Vierra
Vice President	Ernie Clayton	Area 2 Rep	Graham Benson
Secretary	Linda Armstrong	Area 3 Rep	Roy Blackwell
Assistant Secretary	Paula Ratcliff	Area 4 Rep	Mike Stevens
Treasurer	Bill Schmid	Area 5 Rep	Bob Rodgers
Assistant Treasurer	Bob Bennett	Area 6 Rep	Janet Bondelid

Jetty Repair Project Approved

Jetty Ballots were counted September 2nd by: Andy Messer, Bill Schmid, Linda Armstrong, Bob Bennett, Bob Vierra, Don Franett and Dan Williamson. Ballots were sealed until the count began. After sorting, validating, hand counting and rechecking by computer, **197 lots voted Yes (52.5%)** and **178.3 lots voted No (47.5%)**. Of the 523 lots, **375.3 lots voted (71.8%)**. Anyone who wishes to verify that their ballot was received, may do so by contacting the LPIC President.

Jetty Permit Status

Additional required documents have been submitted to Island County Planning, for their final approval; however, the Army Corps of Engineers is reviewing our permit and has one additional issue to resolve. While it is still possible to get a permit in time to perform the Jetty repair work this year, time is very short.

Fishing Derby and Desert Social *By Bill Schmid*

The 2003 fishing derby was a great success. Over 130 members and guests took this opportunity to enjoy a great afternoon to visit with old friends and neighbors. Over 119 Derby tickets were sold. Jim Tuggle was the Grand Prizewinner of \$150 with a 10Lb. 1 ½ ounce salmon followed by Geoff Wacker, Bert Pack, Bev Pack and Patty Sloan. Don Shull and Ray Lane weighed and recorded the salmon. In the Children's Derby, prizes were selected for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in catching Dog Fish, Bullheads, Perch, Flounder and Crab. In addition, there were enough children's prizes so that all of the 19 children present were able to select a prize.

Again, I wish to acknowledge and thank Ace Hardware in Freeland and especially Rick Gauger, Manager for the generous discount and donations for the Kids prizes. Monica Shull and Margo Lane with the assistance from other volunteers did a splendid job of organizing the Dessert Social. There were many "WONDERFUL" Desserts, which were heartily consumed. Thanks to all the participants for making this a successful LPIC event. See you next year.

Conduct by Andy Messer, President

Read at the January 7th LPIC Board meeting:

The standard shall be "attack the problem not the person". All else is "out of order". Verbal attacks, judgments, presumptions of motive, insults, innuendo, foul, abusive or disrespectful language is "out of order" and will not be permitted at any time by any one present at the meeting.

As a result, our meetings are civil and productive. This standard has been applied to email and other forms of communications as well. It is time to extend it beyond meetings.

Unfortunately, during the recent election campaign, an anonymous email was sent to a number of people in our community, defaming several of the candidates. This email was transmitted in a manner so as to appear to have been sent by one of those candidates. Regardless of the motives of the true sender, this type of conduct, by anyone in our community, is totally unacceptable. It crosses the line from political criticism to slander and identity theft. Any conduct that pits neighbor against neighbor, tears down everything we enjoy about Lagoon Point. "There are no problems too big to solve, only people too small to solve them." Let us all apply the conduct standard above, to each other in our daily lives.

The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met Tuesday evening September 9th at the Greenbank Clubhouse. Minutes of the August 5th Board meeting were read. Treasurer's report, Area Representative and committee reports were presented. Following the announcement of the election and jetty ballot results, the Board of Directors approved an extension of the first late fee for the jetty assessment to October 15th, 2003, due to the short time from the current billing to the October 1st due date. Letters to be included in the jetty statement mail-out were reviewed. The September Newsletter was previewed, as well as priorities for the coming year.

Priorities

4th Quarter 2003: With the election behind us, and the Jetty Repair authorized, the next issue is dredging. How will it be funded? The board has committed to pursue a resolution to the "waterway funding issue" based on the principle that all lots pay equally for everything except dredging. Dredging will be assessed differentially, with the canal lots paying more than the non-canal lots. The ratio will be the single issue to be resolved, which is intended to balance any other equity considerations.

1st Quarter 2004: Bylaws. The election process needs to be revamped, to provide for nominations at the Annual Membership Meeting and mail-in voting at a later date. Duties of officers need to be updated, as well as numerous details regarding meetings and the board of directors. In addition there are still pending five petitioned amendments to the LPIC Constitution. These will be addressed and the constitution will be integrated into the bylaws to create a single document. There will also be new articles: definitions, records.

2nd Quarter 2004: The 2004-5 Budget will be refined to provide corrected annual contributions to the various long-term reserve funds, based on more accurate estimates of long term maintenance costs.

SAFETY NOTES by Frank Roberts

In case nobody noticed, it won't be many days until your house is heated by something other than the summer sun. **Heat producing appliances and associated equipment are among the most prevalent of causes in accidental fires.** There are two simple reasons. First, the source of heat usually operates at a temperature above the ignition temperature of ordinary combustibles. Think flame. Second, fuel of various kinds can leak, and be ignited by such a simple thing as turning off a light switch.

This is a good time to have your heating system, of whatever kind, checked by an appropriate professional for proper operation. This should include inspecting flues and/or duct work for leaks, dust, clearances and such. Chimneys may need to have the "creosote" cleaned out.

And finally, when the heat does come on, you should **check the system yourself** for strange noises, things smelling hot, circuit breakers popping or anything else unusual.

Dallas and Janet Ferguson Have Moved *by Kit Turner*

Our friends and neighbors Dallas and Janet Ferguson have moved from Lagoon Point to their new home on South Whidbey Island. With additional acreage, this affords Dallas an opportunity to play with his cars to his hearts content. It also allows Janet a studio that she needs for her many artistic endeavors.

Janet's parents bought their lot in the early fifties and she has many fond memories of the earlier years. Janet served as a Board Member for LPIC and was one of the organizers of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". The logo on the sweatshirts attests to her artistic ability.

We will miss their presence and wish them well.

Island Count Burn Ban in Effect

The Island County Sheriff's Office has issued the following notice: **NO OUTDOOR BURNING IN ISLAND COUNTY** – Effective September 8th through October 7th, 2003.

SPEED LIMITS

Reminder: Street Speed Limit – 20 MPH. Waterway Speed Limit – NO WAKE.

Dogs Adrift – Reminder

The County Dog Leash Ordinance requires that **dogs must not be allowed to run free** here in Lagoon Point.

NEED PILINGS? Sign Up Now.

The Waterway Committee is starting a list of property owners interested in new or replacement pilings. More information regarding permitting and costs will be forthcoming. Please contact a member of the Waterway Committee:

Bert Pack 360-678-6652, Frank Roberts 360-222-3050 or Bob Bennett 360-678-1125

LPIC e-Bulletins

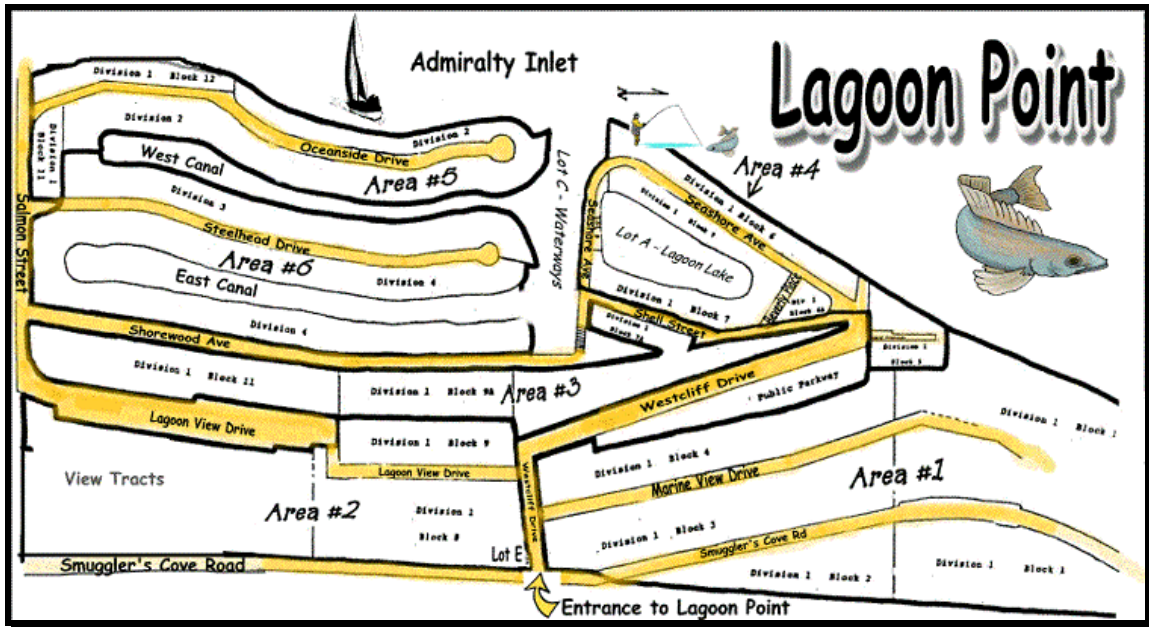
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BULLETIN BOARD

(Ads will run twice unless otherwise arranged)

- **LP HERON** Hooded & regular Sweatshirts, T's! Any size and color, they Benefit "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", our own voluntary LP help organization. Call Margo Lane 360-222-3209
- 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.
- 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.
- Wanted: Dock space for 22' boat. Top \$\$ paid. 360-222-3278. Mike
- One cord of dried, split, alder for sale. \$125 delivered or \$100 U-Haul. Call Chris 678-1065 or 222-3027

If you need to delete your ad, or would like to add an ad, please e-mail: lpic@whidbey.net



Contact your 2003 Area Representative:

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| Area 1 | Bob Vierra | 360-678-6310 |
| Area 2 | Graham Benson | 360-222-3018 |
| Area 3 | Roy Blackwell | 425-347-9312 |
| Area 4 | Monica Shull | 360-222-3218 |
| Area 5 | Bob Rodgers | 360-678-0770 |
| Area 6 | Janet Bondelid | 360-222-3182 |

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Due: October 1st 2003



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