

KEYNOTES FEBRUARY, 2009



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Welcome two new Board Members:
ALAN ARNESEN and SHARON LOCKWOOD



ALAN ARNESEN

Alan has lived in Driftwood Key since April 2000. He is a licensed Chief Engineer with the US Coast Guard. He has worked for the Washington State ferries for 11 years. He is married to Maureen and has 2 children; Emily, 6, and Matthew, 4.

SHARON LOCKWOOD

I am happy to have been appointed to fill a vacancy on the DKC board, as I love living here and welcome the opportunity to contribute to our vibrant community. I've lived in Driftwood Key approximately two years, and in that time I've met many neighbors and made wonderful friends.

I have lived in planned communities before, most recently in the Phoenix, Arizona area. I have worked as a community board member, and helped write architectural rules for another. As such, I am familiar with many of the challenges that arise in a community such as ours. I actively participated in the Governance Document Focus Group, where members of our community have been working to harmonize and streamline our rules and regulations.

Before coming to Washington, I worked for Motorola over 20 years, where I was a Configuration/Data Manager and before that I was deeply involved with technical publications.

While working at Motorola, I also attended night school and obtained my B.S. degree in business administration.

I have also participated in many volunteer organizations such as school curriculum committees, Boy and Girl scouts, and other groups while raising three wonderful children (all now grown). I was also a member of the Mesa Community and the Chandler City Bands where I played flute.

I look forward to meeting even more DKC residents and helping our community while serving on the board.

NO SPECIAL BOARD MEETING IN FEBRUARY

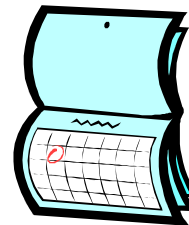
There will not be a Special Board Meeting in February. It was postponed until the Board gets more information from Legal Counsel.

Events:

By Chris McClellan

Mark your calendars!!

We have some great events coming soon that you won't want to miss!



SPAGHETTI DINNER

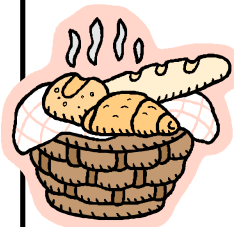
The spaghetti dinner is rapidly approaching and tickets are selling quickly.

Feb. 14th is the day, 5:00 PM. You may bring your own alcoholic beverage. Coffee and punch will be served. We have decided not to have a silent auction at this time, however, we will have door prizes that will be donated by some great club members.



"POTLUCK"

by Constance Borgomainerio



The 2009 Potluck season is here. If you missed January's potluck, plan on attending this month. This is a good time to come together as neighbors and break up the monotony of the long, cold days of winter. Always the last Saturday of the month, we hope to see you on February 28.

5:00 pm is social hour, and 6:00 is dinner. Bring a dish to share and a beverage if you wish. Punch, coffee and tea are provided as well as appetizers. Questions ? call Constance @ 638-0286.



"DANCE SOCIALS"

by Constance Borgomainerio



Have you ever thought about learning swing, rumba, salsa, etc.? Consider taking a monthly one hour lesson by our own local dance instructors, Tyler & Elizabeth of Dance With Me.

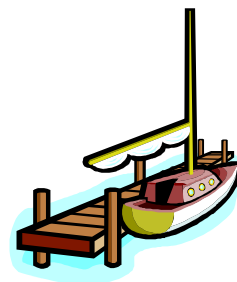
After the lesson there would be a fun, low-key and friendly hour of social dancing. Perhaps you already know how to dance and would like to come only for the last hour. The cost would be \$15.00 per couple for lesson & dance, \$10.00 for lesson only, \$5.00 for last hour social dance only. If this is of interest to you, please call Constance @ 638-0286.

MARINA*By Dennis Augustine*

We received 2 bids for the Marina Maintenance. Bellingham Marine Industries and Caicos bid and there was a very wide margin between them. Bill Buegel, Joe Masterson, Gary Eden, Steve Lindberg and I met to review the bid and we developed a set of questions for Caicos. We sent the bids to CHE as well and they too developed questions for Caicos. We sent the questions to Caicos and asked for written answers. We believe the answers to be adequate. We also met in person (Bill Buegel, Dana Moreland CHE, and I) with Caicos on short notice and they again answered our concerns.

With these concerns answered and their positive attitude, as well as the experience we've had with the dredging, Bill and I are recommending we hire them right away as our construction window is very narrow.

Process: Caicos bid was for \$187130.85. It can be done with "cash on hand". They may have to come back for leveling if necessary. It will be paid with 10% retainer fees, paid upon completion of each section.

**Friendly Reminder:**

Please clean up after your pets. Walkers are reporting the necessity to "tiptoe through the tulips" in some places. Your cooperation is requested to pick up after your pet.

PEACEFUL LIVING WITH OUR WILDEST NEIGHBORS*by Frank Fox*

Help conduct a wildlife survey of North Kitsap. The North Kitsap Trails Association project is conducting a wildlife habitat survey. There will not be any funding provided to do a wildlife study so they need the community's help.

Just tell them where and when you have seen wildlife, and what kind. They especially want to know the general areas that are habitat for black bear, coyote, beavers, otters, deer, bobcats, mink, migrating birds, cougars, and anything unusual or changes in patterns.

Please note the location by road, address or waterway, so that we can mark it on a map.

Here's the easy way to report your information - email:

info@Stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org,

or mail a note to:

Stillwaters
26059 Barber Cut Off Road
Kingston 98346

The Wildlife Habitat and Corridors Committee will guide the trail hunters in identifying important wildlife habitat areas along any identified existing or potential trail system.

They will also assist in identifying the significant wildlife and habitat corridors and in developing a system of watchable wildlife sites in North Kitsap.

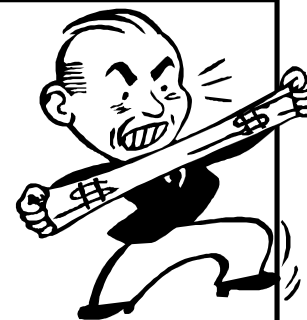
For more information visit:

www.nkstringofpearls.com



DUES, DUES, DUES.....*By Chris McLellan, Treasurer*

There is so much confusion about dues that I thought I would try to clarify what they are, why, and when the latest changes were implemented.



First of all, what are our dues paying for?

Office supplies	Copy machine usage
Printing and billing	Access cards
Postage	CPA services
Clubhouse supplies/maintenance	Vehicle repair/maintenance
Building and grounds maintenance	Insurance
Pool supplies/maintenance	Fuel (gas and propane)
Taxes	Office equipment
Phone, cable, water, electric	Garbage
Salaries	

Under ideal circumstances, our income from dues covers all this with some leftover for reserve buildup to be used later for buildings, increases in costs and unexpected fees.

In 2004-05, ballots went out to add \$178 to the dues to cover the cost of dredging. Only 409 were returned and it passed with a majority.

In August of 2008, 611 ballots were sent out. 265 were returned, again with approval of an increase of \$102 to cover the rising cost of doing business.

Now the yearly dues are \$472.00. Broken down as these numbers are on your statements, \$274 for club dues, \$178 for harbor and dredging, and \$20 for building and maintenance (roof repairs, fence, tractor, deck, lights in parking lot, etc).

Your board is striving to live within the budget and is very much aware of the hardships that follow budget increases. We faced proposed propane increases this year of 40%, Puget Power increases of 10%, and the cost of pool chemicals increases every year. We have been helped by many wonderful volunteers who have donated their time to keep the clubhouse clean in the absence of a caretaker, so that we could save some money during these winter months.

We still have 80 people who either have not paid their dues or have failed to pay the \$102. They now face \$105 as interest accrues. They are also in arrears and face **keycard shutoff on Feb. 1**. Some are facing liens and the fees that are incurred with that process. I suspect many of you have simply forgotten the increase or think that you have paid your dues. Please contact the office or me immediately to avoid penalties. We are willing to work with those who ask to make payments.

Summary: December Board Meeting Highlights:

By Frank Fox, Secretary

For complete details of the December Board Meeting minutes, please request an e-mail copy or pick up a copy at the office.

Dredging Loan - Bill Buegel, Chris McClellan and Sheila Houglan's names need to be added to the loan documentation in order sign drafts against the loan. Motion made to add names as requested. **Accepted without dissent**

The decision to hire a new Office Manager was presented to the Board. Shiela Houglan was entered as the candidate for consideration. She is a member of the community and has solid experience.

Motion made to hire Sheila Houglan. Accepted without dissent.

Motion made to close the office Christmas week (Dec. 22 through Jan. 2) for general bus practices. The new Office Manager will be available to answer the phone and take payments. **Accepted without dissent**

Motion made to approve an End of Year bonus for Michelle. **Accepted without dissent.**

Motion made to accept the Caicos bid to refurbish docks for \$187130.85, conditional on the bid documents and that they provide insurance and compliance to the contract documents. **Motion Accepted without dissent.**

A Special Membership Meeting will be convened in February to discuss the mounting cost of litigation against the Club. The agenda will include a review of the Budget, the Legal Bills (approximately \$50 to \$60k to date). The Board wants Community input on how to deal with these issues.

Motion made to hold a Special Membership Meeting on February 21st at 1pm. **Accepted without dissent.** (Ed note: see page 1,

meeting has been postponed)

Motion made to hold next workshop to be held the 2nd Thursday in January (8th); The Board Meeting will be on January 15th. **Accepted without dissent.**

Playground - Equipment powder coated – ready for installation; removing swingsets and climbing gym; Spring completion - still on target for Opening day.

Feola, Smith, Willis Lawsuit Settlement - The case has been essentially settled. Suggested the Feolas and Willis' administrative fees be dropped They are willing to settle up on the back dues and withdraw their current status to challenge Superior Court ruling. However, they retain the right to refile at a later date.

Motion made to accept the terms of settlement. **Accepted without dissent.**

ACC Report, Brad Luton - Shea's house finished – We have returned the bond.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Follow Up Business:**

The Kitsap County Sheriffs request to lease a slip in our marina was denied by Bill Buegel because we had no space available and the membership would have to vote on changing our By-Laws to accommodate them. Letter's from Tim LeClair and Riley & Diane Quayle were written opposing the slip lease for the Sheriff's boat and entered into the record.

“Reasonable Accommodation” Policy – Bill Buegel e-mailed the Board that this was a part of settlement on the Adult Swim Lawsuit and is

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a state law. We have added a second review of this policy to the Work Study Session in January. This policy has been previously approved.

Policy Committee – The Policy Committee will send a list of the 19 or 20 new & revised policies to the Board with assignment of each member to review them. The Policy Committee will hold further action until feedback has been attained from the Board. These need to be aligned against the new Articles and the new Bylaws.

Event Committee -

Opening Day Chair person is unsettled; There is a meeting scheduled in March to get volunteers.

Focus Group Update - Gary Edin, Committee Chair Resignation; Diane Quayle Resignation; Steve Lindberg Resignation; Remaining Members: Alan Arnesen, Bob Bock, Barb Fox, Steve Lindberg, Cecil Loitz, Dave Davis, Roland Malan, Lucuis Lockwood. Board Representation: Brad Luton, Frank Fox. We need to regroup, re-scope the assignment and decide who will be the Committee Chair to replace Gary Eden. The next meeting will be in January. At that time the Focus Group will develop recommendations for the Board.

Storm Water Meeting by Brown & Caldwell

– Their plan showed lot 54 being appropriated for the construction of a settlement basin which would preclude use of that lot for future development.

The plan does not solve the problem of silting of the harbor. It is funded by the County's 6 year development program that has \$6.8mm for the entire County for storm water management. The Public Works Department has \$3.8mm in their budget for the same. An alternate suggestion was entered to have some of the unusable amenity lots on Vista Key as a means to trap the silt. The owners would have to be compensated. We also requested that the County hold the same meeting in our community and

that any future Storm Water Management meetings be held in DKC Clubhouse. Steve Bauer suggested we have the State come to define wetlands after the 1st of the year.

GHAAC – Gene elected as vice chair of GHAAC; He is on the Bylaws committee; Washington State Ferry having trouble again – they are proposing a year on year raise in fees of 9% for 7 years – possible \$45 round trip.

Point no Point Boat Launch Plan by Fish and Wildlife is going forward over dissent of locals – this does not affect DKC directly. Meeting scheduled for December 13 from 2 to 4 at GHCC.

Public Safety – No complaints on speeding. There was one burglary reported

Building & Grounds – New Caretaker search postponed until Feb/March, 2009. Schedule for Clubhouse Cleaning is posted. Still looking for more volunteers to help with the cleaning.

A suggestion was entered by Bill Cummings to have a professional building inspection done on the Caretakers Apartment. The Board felt that we should delay any activities until we could determine what level of discretionary funds were available in the 2009 budget.

Attorney fees - Bill Buegel and Gene Borgomainerio will have a meeting with our attorneys on January 8th, 2009 at 9:00 am in the attorneys office. The meeting is to seek some relief from the current fees and interest being charged. Our insurance claim has been denied again.

The Keynotes is published monthly at Hansville, Washington by the Driftwood Key Community Club. The purpose of the Keynotes is to give the membership an overview of the Board activities, to provide information about activities and to highlight issues important to the members. Comments are welcome.

February 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No Private Parties	2 9:00am Line Dancing 1:00pm Knitting Club	3 8:30 am Weights & Strength Group 10:00am Art Group	4	5 8:30am Strength Weight Group 12:00pm DK Drifters 7:00pm Board Workshop	6 9:00am Line Dancing 7:00pm Pinochle	7
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