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Report from the manager

Property Owners Schedule of Events for 2004
Kingston Cove Yacht Club October 1-3

Lot F-64 Sold

The community received and accepted an offer for the asking price on lot F-64 on September 9.

Thank You's

I would like to thank Dave and Joan Andrews for painting the exterior of the golf course rest rooms, Danny Rome and Lisa Delany and Sharon Morris for getting the ballot in the mail and Joan Andrews, Ron and Betty Near, Murial Place and Joanne Baxter for counting the ballots.

Water Use

Water use for the Labor Day 4 day weekend was 90,000 gallons. As a comparison Memorial Day weekend was 112,000 gallons and July 4th weekend was 102,283 gallons.

The Seattle Water District has been advertising on the radio to encourage water users to conserve on water.

Financial Report Question

There was a question at last months meeting on a check that was written to Avista & Harrington. Avista is the company that supplies anti-scalant for the RO system and Harrington supplies the cartridge filter replacements for the RO system. If any property owner has a question about an expense you can contact the office for more detailed information.

Reminder

All vehicles including ATV'S should have your lot number on them. Also when a property owner buys a vehicle on the island they should change the lot number on that vehicle.

Power Outages

Due to recent outages on the island PUD is planning to replace the 3 main power cables starting in the marina and going up the marina hill to their maintenance shop. Two of the last 3 outages have been the same cable. The new cable would be placed in conduit instead of direct bury. I will try to notify property owners as to the scheduled so you can plan accordingly.

Fiber Optics

Hat Island Telephone Company has had the drillers on the island to look at the site for the fiber optic cable. Hopefully the project will be completed this winter.

HICI Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, September 8th, 2004 at the Everett Elks Club. President Larry Petersen called the meeting at 7:08 p.m. All board members were present except George Alecci.

Minutes: A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes from the August meeting as printed in the View Point.

Treasurer's report: Linda Ebner presented the Treasurers report. The report was accepted as presented. Linda reported that an expense that was questioned from the previous meeting to Avista and Harrington was for two barrels of anti-scalent for the RO system.

Golf: Linda Ebner noted that the green on number four was looking better after the repairs to the sprinkler system and that all of the greens were looking to be back to their original size as well. She will look into a report regarding a missing knob on the men's room heater.

Vessels: Ken Baxter announced that both vessels will be hauled out for the Coast Guard inspection and insurance surveys. The Holiday will be out September 20th immediately followed by the Elsie M (about September 27th). This will mean that the Holiday run on September 22nd will be cancelled. There will be some patchwork done but unless there is something unexpected, no other runs should be affected.

Maintenance/Equipment: Ken Baxter reported for George Alecci that new tires were purchased for the gas truck and Coastline will be over to work on the backhoe. He also stated that the counter-weight for the brush cutter was made but still needed to be installed. This will help offset the weight of the mowing mechanism.

Marina: Stanley Krohn stated that the roofing project for the marina restroom, picnic area and #2 well would begin the week of the 13th. He also noted that Skip had sent out 8 letters requesting bids for the dock replacement project and had heard that he would be receiving bids from almost all of them. The letter requested bids to replace the docks in phases as well as all at once. This would be a complete replacement of the docks, unlike the repairs done ten years ago. That repair extended the life of the old docks as anticipated, but now the framework of the old docks must be replaced.

Water: Melody Smith noted that the water meter and valve replacement project was ongoing, with lower priority to other tasks required of Roger's time. She also reported that #2 well was fixed and operational. Water rates are still being discussed.

Old Business: Linda Ebner thanked Ken Fenster, Dennis & Patty McCloud & Tiny Koopman for donations for the picnic roof. Linda also reported that the experiment to allow short term reservations for marina mooring was successful, with many happy boaters coming and going with only one "fly in the ointment". A suggestion to add orange cones to help visibility of reserved spaces was supported and Dennis Dearing will donate the cones.

New Business: Charlotte Maulsby expressed her concerns about the use of recreational vehicles in the sand pit area and the potential liability to the community if someone gets hurt. It was suggested that signs be posted that members ride in that area at their own risk. It prompted a discussion about the dangers of unlicensed minors driving cars and quads on the island and the enforcement of the rules that prohibit that. It was agreed that enforcement fell to parental responsibility and that it was everyone's duty to inform parents when unsafe behavior was observed.

Lones Tuss asked about the new sign on the Yacht & Golf Club building and expressed his extreme dislike of its presence. It spurred a conversation which noted the board's assumption that the sign would be placed where the old sign was at street level along with others agreement as to it's unpleasant light at night. Club members present defended its purpose to help inform islanders of upcoming events and matters of community concern like burn bans and Board meetings. While some wanted it removed entirely, many agreed that turning it off at night and placing it closer to street level would make it tolerable. These concerns will be discussed by the Yacht & Golf Club board at their next meeting.

A question about the power outages recently noted that there were several lines from the marina to the PUD building that needed to be replaced. This work will take place this winter and homeowners will be informed before the work starts and any impact that may be experienced.

Announcements: As noted in the vessel report, the Holiday run on September 22nd is cancelled. Also, work bringing fiber-optic phone lines to the island will begin very soon.

Merrill Balanag stated that on the survey that went out with the ballot last month, there was an error on the question about the water system. The question asked if you would pay an additional \$950 per lot to double the production of water to allow freer use of water. The error is that the cost to do this is closer to \$250 per lot because it only requires the RO equipment and not any

additional wells or buildings. Therefore, that question is no longer valid and will be dealt with at another time. The results of the rest of the survey should be available by the next monthly meeting.

The election results were announced. Of 471 eligible voters, 71 are required to validate the vote. 207 votes were cast as follows: Merrill Balanag-179; Larry Bender-151; Charlotte Maulsby-134; Zona Wyatt-110. The three board positions are filled by Merrill Balanag, Larry Bender and Charlotte Maulsby, with thanks to Zona Wyatt for her desire to serve the community. Thanks went out to Ron and Betty Near for counting the votes. In addition, thanks to Larry Petersen and Linda Ebner, the departing board members, for their service to the community over the last six years as trustees.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Merrill Balanag, Secretary

Farewell

As I leave the Hat Island Board of Trustees, after six years, I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in both elections.

I am very proud of my time on the board as Treasurer and have enjoyed giving my time and energy to Hat Island. I have always taken my responsibility to the whole community interests very seriously and have had no agenda but to make it a better place for everyone to live and play.

During my two terms on the Board there have been many wonderful improvements. When I first was elected to the Board there was no money in savings. We initiated a 10% reserve account that grew to \$106,000.00, prior to paying off the balance of the LCM loan of \$46,000.00 at 8.5%, leaving a current balance of \$61,641.14. The Board was able to pass an assessment increase for the first time in 22 years.

- Built the Reverse Osmosis system
- Purchased a newer LCM
- A newer gas truck
- Reinstated the \$84.00 special assessment
- Purchased a newer dump truck
- Completed the new office building and office septic system
- Paid off the backhoe loan
- Two new computers
- A complete new accounting system
- A copier
- Fireproof filing cabinets
- Fax machine
- Greens mower
- Brush cutter

There have been many other vital improvements that were on our Long-Range Plan that have been completed or is a continuing work in progress. The final improvement will be a new metal roof on the Picnic Ramada.

I would like to thank all of the Board members I have worked with, past and present, for the fun and challenging work sessions. Thank you, Larry Peterson, for being our President for the last five years.

The employees of the island have been great. I would especially like to thank Skip for all his

help, input, support and friendship. I also need to thank my husband, Joe, who has been very supportive during my terms on the Board.

In closing, please remember to thank an employee for a job well done or a board member for giving their time to improve your community.

Linda Ebner

Passage

On August 11, 2004, Norma Faller of Lot G-52, passed away. She and her late husband, Howard, were among the earliest home owners on Hat Island and both contributed a great deal to the progress made in those days. There were no services at her request.

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