

Paradise Service Associates (PSA) Newsletter

July 2016

President's Message

I would like to thank all of our members that attended the 2016 Annual Meeting that was held on June 4, 2016. As usual, it was a feisty group of around 65. I, and the newly elected officers, have been very busy since the meeting familiarizing ourselves with the business affairs of our association. I met with Past President Phil Grabicki for several hours to learn some past history and current issues that will continue during the next year or so. I, Bob Hay and Tom Moore met with the caretakers, Bill and Sally, to reassure them they will continue to serve as the 2016 PSA caretakers. Valuable information was shared and suggestions were contributed by all. Maureen Allen and I met with Susan Robbins, NW Water representative, to learn the process and procedures of how our finances are managed. This relationship will be a constant exchange of information regarding the general ledger (dues/park), marina and water system income and disbursements.

I have asked the Facilities Committee to look into a community bulletin board that could be installed inside the park fence but visible to the members as they drive by, similar to the Mason Benson Community Center signs.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that devote many hours to serve on committees, donate materials and labor, to the Paradise Service Association. We all benefit from these dedicated folks.

2016 Annual meeting results: Three new board members were elected to a 3 year term: Velinda Brown, Tom Moore and Maureen Allen. Immediately following the 2016 Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors (BOD) met and elected new officers (this is done annually). New 2016 PSA officers are President Velinda Brown, Vice-President Tom Moore, Secretary Maureen Allen and Treasurer Lori Gross. The 2017 Budget vote was 31 approved and 32 disapprove. The vote for a 2017 financial audit was 29 approved and 42 disapproved.

Meeting Notices: The next PSA Board of Directors meeting will be held Saturday, July 16 at 10:00am at the park Hut. All members are welcome to attend. Please sign in when you arrive.

Committee Activities: If you would like to volunteer your time (project supplies are also needed) for any of the PSA committees, let any of the board members or committee chairs know.

Facilities: Bob Hay and his volunteer committee members have been working hard on park issues relating to maintenance/repair and projects that require bids from vendors. Some projects already completed are: Mason County permit finalized for caretaker laundry facility, replaced rotten boards on swim dock, tennis court gates adjusted, portion of the large beam on the Hut replaced, holes patched on bathroom doors, storage room frame/door fixed, repair floating dock exterior wood/rubber bumper, and septic pumped. Small projects scheduled to be completed by members are: metal frame replaced on women's bathroom window, 3 picnic table benches replaced, etc. Bids for projects in progress are: blinds for wind break at hut, pest control (spray for carpenter ants, etc.), exterior fence/gate repair, remove moss/apply moss treatment to buildings, power wash swim dock/apply weather treatment, replace rotten dock boards and shore up B dock, and add additional signs for floating dock/play area. The Facilities Committee will be presenting a list of projects and costs, at the next board meeting, to request funds from the park emergency/reserve accounts. This will allow the BOD approved projects to move forward.

Finance: Lori Gross, Treasurer, is continuing to call this committee to meet.

Water: Tom Moore has joined Rick Galvin on the Water Committee. There are a couple more open spots available.

Bylaws/Rules: Several officers would like to create this committee. A new committee is chartered by the BOD by resolution. Note: existing committees are required to produce sufficient documentation such as the nature of their charter, their purpose and goals that can be passed on to new committee chairs when prior committee chairs resign or are removed.

Marina: Several officers would like to resurrect this committee. Committee members will be represented by both the water front and back lots. At the first meeting, the committee will select the chairperson. If you would like to serve on this committee, please let me know.

Public Relations: We have **not** been able to gain access to the web site yet so it has not been updated with PSA information. Plans are to post PSA documents, financials, meeting announcements/minutes, and any other information that is of interest to the members. Website: paradise_service_associates.org User name: paradise PW: grapeview

Safety: The floating dock outside the swim area is for boats only. There is no sun bathing or swimming off of this dock. Please observe the "No Wake Zone" as you leave/enter the marina. At the monthly Sheriffs meeting, held at Spencer Lake Restaurant, attendees were cautioned that thieves have been stealing garbage/recycle cans for identity theft. The Sheriff recommends that you don't put your cans out to early.

Caretaker: Remember to check in with the caretakers (members, family and guests) each time you enter the park. There are large amounts cigarette butts being left all over the ground at the park. Please pick up after yourselves!

Financial Update (Budget/expenses/): In 2016, we continue to work under the 2014 approved budget. PSA is over budget in some categories. The 2014 budget does include some emergency and park reserve funds. We continue to collect past due water and dues through Grimm collection. We also receive funds from a Bankruptcy Trustee for past debts and any sale of these properties. The Finance Committee will continue to monitor these collections to keep the BOD aware of the additional income as it becomes available.

Thank you,

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