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### Report from the manager

#### **Thank You**

I would like to thank Dave and Joan Andrews for getting the quarterly statements ready for mailing.

#### **Fiber Optics**

Whidbey Telephone has completed laying the fiber optic cable from Whidbey Island to Hat Island. It is not tied into the phone system at this time. Whidbey Telephone has not decided which route to take going up the hill from the park area.

#### **Power Cables**

PUD has not set the date to replace the 3 main power cables in the marina and up the marina hill. As soon as the community is informed property owners will be notified.

#### **Junk Vehicles**

The office is working on the paperwork to remove 6 more vehicles and have the titles on 2 more. We have sent 2 vehicles to the scrap yard for a total of 60 over the past 3 years. Property owners are reminded that if you want to get rid of your junker please contact the office.

#### **Eel Grass Survey**

The divers completed the survey on September 17th. The formal report has not been received however they did locate a small area in the marina entrance and a large band where the RO discharge line is going. The RO discharge line will have to be adjusted so as not to disturb the eel grass.

#### **Grading Violations**

I had a meeting with Snohomish County Code Enforcement on October 14th. Code Enforcement has dropped the grading violations (2) in the park area below the gravel pit. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has concerns about disturbing the area due to sand lance spawning. WDFW also prefers the fill in the park area to naturally erode to allow beach replenishment. Shoreline Management was very helpful in getting this accomplished. All other grading violations remain in effect for the access road to Division H.

#### **Reminders**

With fall upon us and property owners are closing up their houses for the winter everyone is reminded to turn your water off before leaving the island. For those property owners who use their homes during the winter if you forget to turn off your water when you leave please contact the office and someone will do it for you.

### HIC Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, October 13th, 2004 at the Everett Elks Club. President Stan Krohn called the meeting at 7:10 p.m. All board members were

present except Melody Smith.

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

Treasurer's report: Merrill Balanag presented the Treasurers report for Melody Smith. The report was accepted as presented.

Golf: Larry Bender reported that all of the golf equipment is running. He observed that there was black mold growing on several of the greens. Discussion on this cited possible causes as lack of sunshine, not enough sand and compaction from the mower. Larry said he would look into possible solutions.

Vessels: Ken Baxter announced that the Holiday's annual Coast Guard Inspection went well with no written deficiencies. The insurance survey was partially completed. The Elsie M haul out was delayed but should happen around the third week of November. Stan noted that the Holiday has carried 10,093 passengers in the first nine months of 2004 compared to 11,370 in 2003. Ken also conveyed a need to address the paint on the Elsie in the near future.

Maintenance/Equipment: George Alecci stated that the backhoe is still waiting for Coastline to schedule repair of the e-stick but is operational.

Marina: Charlotte Maulsby reported that the roofing project for the picnic area is under way. She also noted that we were beginning to receive bids on the dock repair project. Charlotte also stated the importance of getting something done to protect the marina so the new docks do not get ruined. Ken Baxter requested that the Board put in some time at the next work session to seriously look at marina protection options. Both the dock and marina protection projects will be considered together in this planning process.

Water: Stan Krohn reported for Melody Smith that Skip had made some progress on the ongoing meter and valve replacement work. It was also noted that the sensor and computer work on the RO is completed.

Old Business: A motion was made and carried to destroy the ballots from the September annual meeting election.

Stan Krohn noted that the eel grass survey was complete and there was eelgrass found in the entrance of the marina and also near the outfall for the RO discharge. The marina patch will have to be replanted after any dredge and the outfall discharge will be redirected slightly to avoid the eelgrass in that area.

The underwater fiber optic cable run from Whidbey to Hat Island is complete. It still needs to be run from the beach to the telephone building, but that will be completed soon.

The survey results from the election have not been fully compiled yet.

Stan Krohn, Larry Bender and Ken Baxter will be attending a conference of the Puget Sound Passenger Ferry association in mid-October.

New Business: There was no new business.

Announcements: There is no word yet from PUD on the cable replacement in the marina.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merrill Balanag, Secretary

## **Your point of view**

On behalf of the HIY&GC members and Board I would like to take this opportunity to talk a little about the Reader Board recently installed at the Club House and respond to the concerns voiced at the Community meeting on September 8th. The Yacht Club has always and will always strive to be a good neighbor to all who come to enjoy the uniqueness of Hat Island. The Reader Board will provide a single point of information where club members and non club members can get details on activities, tides, transportation changes, restrictions, unlimited numbers of current and future events important to the people of Hat Island. Since the board is computerized, information can be entered in advance to coincide with time sensitive events or information.

Joan Andrews or Barb Conwell can be contacted to arrange for anything you would like displayed. At the HIY&GC board meeting on October 2nd the board members and club members present discussed the concerns raised at the community meeting. (1) Location (2) night distraction (3) dislike.

(1) When the Board presented the proposal for the Reader Board to the Island Architectural Committee it was a proposal as a replacement for the current wooden sign located at the front sidewalk as well as an Island Information Center. There was no specific detail on exactly where the sign would be placed since we actually needed the sign in hand to figure out what location would provide the safest haven from the weather and still provide the best visibility with access to power and a computer connection. We tested several locations and found no one location provided any better visibility than where it is currently located and still meet the other requirements. (2) We have reduced illumination of the Reader Board by 40% and set timers to turn the sign completely off at night so people can enjoy the evening sky without distraction. (3) We are sincerely sorry some feel the sign brings too much of the other side to the Island. The responses to our inquiries prior to submitting the request and receiving approval to install the reader board all thought the informational value would far outweigh any association to life on the other side. We appreciate these matters being brought to our attention and we hope we have addressed these concerns to your satisfaction. Please don't hesitate to contact any Board Member if we can be of any further assistance, we will certainly do our best to respond.

Thank you,

HIY& GC

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