

Decatur Head Beach Association
Jan. 29, 2014 Board Meeting

In attendance: Dick and Char Donovan, Molly Rothwell, Catherine Peng, Wanda Garfield, Barb Loners, Nancy Stevens, Kathleen Kelley, Jeff Wilson

Meeting called to order by Kathleen at 7:10 pm.

Began by handing out and updating an agenda.

First order of business: **Report by Caretakers Dick and Char:**

Char's Thumb:

- Doing better after surgery. Doctor feels there will be an excellent recovery. May start physical therapy soon.

Island Activities:

- Explained some of the various activities on the island:
 - Christmas ship, Santa at Decatur NW
 - Went to Bruce and John's wedding.
 - Being included in the Island Community
- Unfortunately during deer hunting season someone shot a deer that ran to our shed near the tennis court to die, plus a second dead deer discovered. There was a dead beaver found on the beach.

Transportation issues:

- With our boat needing repair, getting on and off the island can be difficult.
- Moved Strait Shooter from Cap Sante to Skyline Marine. The trip is about ½ the distance (gas & time saver) and costs less because we don't have to also pay \$500 for a parking lot space. At Skyline with the lease of a slip, we get a free parking space for Caretakers use.

Strait Shooter Boat:

- Found out the person making previous repairs wasn't Volvo-Certified.
- Also we had a 5-year warranty we weren't able to use for some recalls/repairs because the mechanic wasn't a Volvo-Certified mechanic.
- Cap Sante mechanic took the boat out of the water and pressure washed it, charging us \$145. Dick and Char didn't see that until paying the bill.
- The boat was hauled to another yard for a second opinion on needed repairs.
- Dick and Char are establishing a relationship with North Yacht Service (has several Volvo certified mechanics and is highly recommended by Paraclete owner).
- We have received two bids for repairing the outdrive(s) which is/are out again: Cap Sante and North Harbor Diesel & Yacht Services.
- North Harbor says we have not had the boat maintained appropriately and there may be some serious problems.
- There was a major recall which should have been done under warranty. No paperwork or boat logs were left in Cabin #3 or on the boat.
- There will be an attempt to get the service records from the place where the boat has been maintained for the last few years.
- The BOT will wait until more information is gathered until a recommendation is made to the membership at large.
- There was much discussion about when, where and to what extent we repair the boat.

The Board decided to use North Harbor Services with their 8 certified Volvo mechanics and to do new outdrives versus rebuilds (2 year vs. 90 day warranty. New is about \$2,000 more so is better value with extended warranty.) Dick will try to get copies of our maintenance records from previous service provider, and see if anything can be handled under warranty.

Dock:

- High winds caused lots of damage to the dock. It will cost \$250 for materials to repair it. Dick said the dock pieces were under engineered. He will rebuild more substantially. Dick said he now knows a better way to handle the winterizing of the dock next year.

Freezing Weather:

- Problems keeping pipes from freezing. Kept water running but pipes still broke.
- Lots of damage to pipes in Cabin #1. Dick replaced several pipes and insulated as needed.
- Dick said in the winter he could blow the water out of some of the cabins' pipes to eliminate water standing in the pipes. This will be considered for next winter. He might try it if we get another cold snap this winter.
- Wanda suggested that cabin #8 (which is really inclined to freezing problems) be "winterized" and not used during certain months unless a member pays an additional 'out-of-mothball" fee.

Vacation time request from Dick/Char:

- Annual family fishing trip to Sun Lakes: switch weekend 4/29 & 4/30 to 5/3 & 5/4. Vacation dates 5/2 & 5/5
- Mexico: May 16 – May 29 (10 vacation days and 2 weekends). Made reservations in May, which impact Memorial Day weekend (May 26). They will adjust the dates to be during non-prime-time.

Maintenance & repairs items accomplished so far:

- Cabin 3: Installed new gas range with down draft vent and new/used side by side Refrigerator to replace broken appliances.
- Cabin 7: Roof replaced. Separated the old roof (tarpaper, shakes and old wood). Disposed of anything not burnable. The shakes are stacked in woodsheds to be used for kindling. This saved the membership \$1,500 - \$2,000 on the new roof since we didn't need to haul the old shakes off the island.
- Cabin 2: Stairs replaced outside.
- Cabin 5: Toilet replaced.
- Cabin 1: Replaced broken pipes, insulated pipe area, installed a new tub faucet & drain.
- Cabin 8: Replaced kitchen sink faucet, drain & stopper.

General:

- Built 3 wood sheds; cut/split 10 cords of wood (with the help of some great members)
- Rewired the internet (took down the rubber maid box and extension cord outside of cabin 3). Internet equipment now is inside an access door below the South West window of the dining room.
- Installed new outdoor LED light fixtures on cabins 1,3,4,5,6 & 7. (Cabins 2 & 8 wouldn't fit in the peak.)

Time line on repairs: *Top Priority**

- ***Cabin 6 total bathroom remodel (tub has hole; water leaks through flooring to ground)
- ***Cabin 1 windows, flooring, toilet, vanity with faucet
- ***Cabin 5 siding and windows
- ***Repair dock
- ***Cabin 2 windows, sliding glass door, siding & wood stove, outside top 2 stairs
- ***Cabin 8 toilet, vanity, floor and faucets

Note: Made the slider and outside top 2 stairs in #2 a priority - other items in #2 to back burner

Additional:

-Talked about new power line going in and us being able to also use the same trench to install a new water line in the same trench. Utility Company has not scheduled a date yet.

Dredging:

Renewal permit is in the works. Dick called the Corps of Engineers and Dick was told the rules have changed. Person at the office said, "Things have changed since we got our permit 10 years ago." We have been referred to an attorney in Friday Harbor. We are going to "renew" the permit. Actual dredging has to be done during specific, limited times in Summer.

Estimated that the Renewal Permit will be approximately \$1500-2000.

Final item brought up by Char - Buoys.

- It was suggested that we should start charging people for tying up to the buoys.
- One of the buoys needs to be repaired.

Jeff, (treasurer) said he thinks we don't want to have the Head be "user fee" based on all counts. An example he made was using the tennis court - we don't charge members for using the tennis court.

Budget:

Jeff, (treasurer) handed out budgets and brought us up to date on items.

Board's Y2014 Goals:

- support caretakers
- list of priorities after we accomplish current work list
- refresh web site
- draft 5-year cabin refresh plan
- enhance communications with members

Additional business:

Looking at work party weekend; suggesting April 25, 26 & 27. Molly to work details and inform members. It was suggesting that \$100 be budgeted for a dinner on the Saturday evening of this event.

Election of Positions (revised & finalized later in the week):

President – Kathleen Kelley

Vice President – Molly Rothwell

Treasurer - Jeff Wilson

Reservations - Wanda Garfield

Secretary - Catherine Peng

Long Range Planning/Facilities/Buoy and Docks - Barb Loners, Molly Rothwell & Nancy Stevens

Discussion @ Molly's suggestion (which was sent to the BOT before meeting) regarding use by siblings of shareholders. .Due to the late hour this will be discussed at a later date.

Decatur reservation requests go out March 3rd. Decatur reservation reminder email March 31

Decatur Draw April 23rd

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.