

It is hard to believe another year has went by and OH'BOY what a year it was! We started out with a major landslide (November 2016 – April 2017) that disrupted so many of club members on the 500's and 700's. Mainly, this was caused by the worst rain storms the Pacific Northwest has seen in the past 125 years. Accompany these rain storms, were at least two major wind storms downing may trees and crushing some of our membership's trailers and also our Activity Center. This was followed shortly thereafter by the Gate Keepers Trailer flooding. That was caused by a break in the waterline near the water heater. Luckily, there was no injuries or loss of live associated with any of these activities. Thank goodness our club members came thru! We asked for a special assessment and was passed by an over whelming majority of the membership. The assessment is to pay for the ongoing landslide repairs/stabilization.

As the year went on we had several fun events and I am sure many fond memories were made. During these events we started having water issues. As in – no water pressure or very little water. So, the Board members for our club had to take further emergency actions to have the main well, followed by the smaller wells cleaned out. This is done – I am told this was accomplished with a large syringe like tool. It seems for now to have fixed our lack of water/water pressure issues and per the Ranger: the system is working like it did in past years before these events and other more recent water issues.

We also incurred more vandalism to some of the bathrooms. That caused them to be shut down for a number of weeks. Also, one set of bathrooms that never required septic pumping had to have it done. I know there is more and other good events that I am not re-sharing with our members, but you get the picture – OH BOY!!!! I am not sure if we were cursed or blessed because of so many issues happening in a short period of time along with nobody getting hurt or worse yet, killed. So, I am thinking a little of both. Please remember to keep the club and fellow members in your prayers!

On another subject I would like to talk about an item that is near and dear to me. Our club! I love it and the members and I am trying my best to do what is best for it now into the future! Remember, this club is ran and owned by its members. We need all who can to help make this club work and make this club the great club we all know and want it to be! So please read the following paragraphs and see if you can help make us GREAT!

We are a group of people bound by a common interest in the club and its activities. We need to work together to make the club increasingly better and maintain its existence for our kids and future generations. None of us club members are servants to any other club member and we are all equal. This means we all enjoy in the club amenities, activates and camaraderie. This also means we all pay dues, volunteer and assist in making this club work. All of us we need to participate in the club by paying our dues and electrical bills on time. Other times the club requires more assistance.

We must all pitch in to make the club run, by lending a hand at a club activities, running for Board Member, volunteering to be on a committee , helping with clean up after a storm or other emergencies. We have regular meetings that all club members are invited to and should attend whenever possible. This is where we go over club activities, give status, talk about upcoming event and vote on expenditures that are not emergency in nature and our Board of Directors deemed necessary and/or beneficial for the club. You should also come to the club meeting to see if anything happened between the last meeting for new club activities, security and building permits. Also, to meet and greet the new members to the club. To voice your opinion(s) and or volunteer to resolve issues you or others brought up. Lately, there has been too much negativity at the club meetings. Club members are accusing or demeaning other members including our Board of Directors. While items and viewpoints need to be voice let us keep it civil, upbeat and if you have a problem, please try and come up with a solution. If you can't figure it out, state you need help in resolving the problem. As we are all club members working for the betterment of our club!

With that in mind, I came up with an idea that I will share with you now. I would like to create a listing of all of the items that we require completion for the benefit of the club or club members. We will first run these items by the Ranger manager and see what he and the other helpers we work with periodically can do to complete these jobs and activities. If they are overloaded or this becomes a bigger task than they can safely handle with the limited manpower or we do not have the correct equipment we will go out for contractors or request "Club Champions". I am hoping that these Champions will volunteer and are up to the task! This will help keep the expenses to the club minimum.

A Club Champion is defined by the following: a person who voluntarily takes extraordinary interest in the adoption, implementation, and success of a cause, policy, program, and/or project for the club and/or club membership benefit. These is where we require our club membership to step up voluntarily basis. If not, we will need to go outside help for the completion of the work, if deemed necessary or put on the back burner until a Champion comes forward. I have started the listing where I feel our club can benefit the most. This listing is a starting point and is not all inclusive. I am positive there are others that we will want to add to this listing.

Below is the starting listing of items/projects the club requires Champions:

- Volunteer Champion
 - Responsible for an Expertise listing of volunteer and contacting them when need arises.
- Activities Champion (Have One – continue?)
 - All activities or individual could be by individuals
 - May – Memorial Day

- July – 4th of July (TBD)
 - September – Labor Day
 - Special Event – 5 Year Club Anniversaries
- Activity Center Champion
 - Completion of the Activity Center
- Park Beautification Champion ((Have One – continue?))
 - Upkeep of the club’s gardens
 - Touch up of signs
 - Touch up of Totem Pole, Smokey the Bear and the like.
 - Touch up of horseshoe pits, picnic area and the like
- Play Area Champion
 - Upkeep
 - New activities
- Preventative Maintenance Champion
 - Determine assets
 - Proper maintenance schedule
 - Spares or parts require
 - Time intervals of maintenance

These Champions would head up a committee or be the committee to resolve a specific issue(s). They would report to the Board of Directors and give progress at our monthly meetings. They could call on more volunteers for help or request resources to complete their task(s) from the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors could make up specific charter or generic ones to be in compliant with our rules and bylaws.

On a closing note I wanted to let the membership know we are back on track on updating the restrooms with a fresh coat of paint and continuation of the floor recoating this fall/winter. We will not get to all of them but try to do as many as possible. We are also putting top priority for the Ranger and helpers to redo the support legs of our electrical meter boards before they fall down. For all of our new members or others that need reminders you need to winterize your RVs:

- Disconnect the water line to the frost free and make sure it is drained and the frost free is turned off for the winter.
- If you are not intending on using your RV make sure to either drain the water tanks/lines or keep some heat going on your RV for the winter months. Note: this will cost you money usually either by using electrical or propane. So, do not yell at the treasure when you receive your bill! If

you do leave lights/heaters or other items in your RV on – **It Will Cost YOU!**

- Lora and I also like to use a dehumidifier or put desiccant (like DampRid) inside the RV so that pulls the moisture out of the air inside the RV to keep it from growing mold. The ranger also suggested maybe a little fan to keep the air moving as mold will not grow
- Empty your fridge and freezer and there are allot of power outages and will spoil your food.
- Put away outside furniture and decorations as there is usually allot of rain/snow that can damage items left out.
- Make sure your windows and shutters are closed and locked.
- If you are planning on coming up to your site(s) during the winter, remember the club usually is only able to plow the road from the gate to the club house.

I am hoping to see and be seen more next year by stop working two years' worth of time in a single year!

Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas!! Happy New Year!!!

Warmest regards from your President,

Ronald Hetzel

Pilaguamish Community Club