

**BIRCH BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY CLUB
MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2009**

Call to Order:

Members present: Bob Webber, Chairman Presiding: John Kaye, Gordon Mitchell, Norm Rauch, Rod O'Dell

Members Absent: Monte Whitt, Gary Wilde

Board Representative: Ken Davidson

BBVCC Representative: Ken Hoffer

Call to order at 7:05 p.m.

Previous minutes: A motion was made by Gordon Mitchell, seconded by Norm Rauch to approve the minutes of the February 10 Marine Committee meeting. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Galvanic Testing

Most of the issues with "hot boats" in the marin have been resolved, with a few exceptions on C dock and A dock, where ground to shore power issues abd grounding to zincs have been identified. Committee chair Bob Webber, Don Johnson and other are working with these members to resolve the electrical issues and bring these boats into normal range.

Abandoned Boats

The boat on the fuel dock has been removed and a second boat abandoned in the parking lot is awaiting the completion of paperwork to complete the transfer to new owners.

Tide Grid

Harbormaster Ken Hoffer is working with Rick Whittaker to develop a scope of work, feasibility and cost projections for an encapsulation solution to restore the grid pilings without replacing them or applying for new permits to replace the pilings. A comprehensive bid is expected to be presented to the Marina Committee shortly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Safe Moorage

All moorage lines need to be secured to cleats, not the bull rail to prevent damage to the dock and provide secure moorage in high winds. A revision to marina rules requiring all lines to be tied to cleats will be drafted and presented to the BBVCC Board for approval. Marina lessees will be required to provide the appropriate number of cleats for their dock; the Marina Committee and Harbormaster will provide installation assistance and inspection of installation to insure cleats are through-bolted on the bull rail and not lag-bolted through the rail, as this causes immediate and future damage to marina assets. Dock captains will also provide assistance for installation and inspect all existing cleats for proper installation and placement. Advance information will be provided in the BBVCC newsletter.

Parking Lot Re-design

The Birch Bay Water Management Plan has created the need to assess planned revisions to the marina parking lot with regard to how Whatcom County assesses the rate for which BBVCC will be charged for water mitigation. Currently, the county considers the gravel parking area an "impervious" surface and has rated the area at the maximum rate. Changing planting areas to "sunken gardens" that are below grade will gain BBVCC mitigation "points" that will reduce the overall rating-and the overall bill the county sends us for water mitigation. The county has not recognized our drainage system for the entire BBVCC area, and have rated our lakes as "impervious" areas, thus our overall rate is at the maximum. The BBVCC board is working with the county and the county executive to achieve recognition that Birch Bay Village is unique in its structure and cannot be classified in the same way as other suburban developments and that our overall tax rate should be lowered.

Meantime, some parts of the marina parking lot redevelopment will move forward this summer as the water management mitigation continues. No specifics on which parts had been identified as of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15. Next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Rod O'Dell

for Birch Bay Village Marina Committee