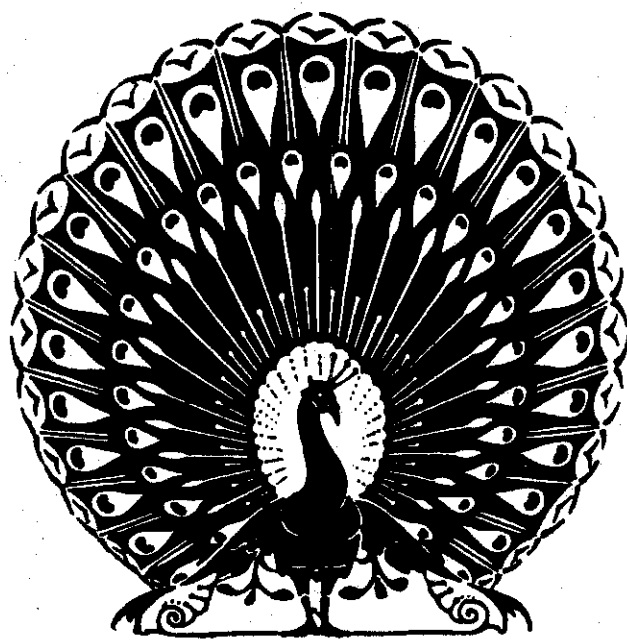


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SPRING '91

WPRA 2 news

Willis Point Ratepayers Association
Executive Meeting - April 22, 1991

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present: chair Tony Boydell, Joyce Menzies, Lorraine Pommen, Lois Lovo, Pat Williams, Alan Cracknell, Sydnie Bonner, Ken Leighton, Bob Halsey, Jan Chapman, Sam Young, Clive Farmer and Gaybrielle Halsey.

The minutes of the Jan. 14 meeting were read. It was moved by Jan Chapman and seconded by Bob Halsey that the minutes be adopted correct as read. Carried.

Chairman's Report

Hartland Landfill - Phase II

Tony received a letter from Mike Williams, chief engineer, CRD, saying that Willis Pointers should not worry about contamination from the dump. A gas extraction system will be installed eventually. Research indicates that no Willis Point wells should be contaminated by groundwater from the dump, however, there will be no groundwater monitoring or well testing. It seems that the new road will be used to access the Heal Lake dumping area. There has been no public discussion on this and probably will be none. Tenders have been taken to drain and prepare Heal Lake for dumping and there are plans for a composting facility which will involve trucking sewage into the dump.

Vandalism

Some mailboxes were overturned the night of March 22-23 and a small fire set. The RCMP were notified and suspect's names given. Any incident should be reported to the RCMP.

Community Disaster Planning

Dave Price is moving out of the community but Tony will continue to gather material for a presentation regarding Earthquake Planning. Experts say that we should expect a major earthquake in this area within the next 30 years and that we at Willis Point may be cut off from any services for at least 72 hours so preparation is important.

South Island Cooperative Development

This group has purchased 1500 acres at the Bamberton site and south to Shepherd Point. They have a 25 year plan for a self-contained community to include some high density housing, some half-acre lots, a tertiary sewage treatment facility, docking access, a golf course and a hotel. The developers hope to develop local cottage industries and have the architecture fit into the environment.

Treasurer's Report

Alan reported a bank balance of \$2205 and a GIC of \$3500 at 11.25% maturing October 1. Alan Cracknell moved to adopt the treasure's report as correct. Seconded by Bob Halsey. Carried.

Membership Report

No new members were reported.

Fire Committee and Recreation Commission

Sam Young will put an information item into the next Pointer. The firefighters have been discussing first response outside of our present boundaries which are Sea Aira Heights to the end of Mark Lane (park boundary). It is outside the firefighters jurisdiction to go into the park or along the road. Our people are legally in jeopardy if they respond out of district so various options are being discussed such as forming a rescue society or extending the boundaries.

Project Reports

Tennis Court

The tennis court committee has applied for a GO BC grant of about \$11,000 and application has been made to the Lottery Commission for casinos. A separate bank account must be established for the deposit of lottery funds and a \$50 processing fee submitted.

Some fill will be arriving to be stockpiled where the horseshoe pit used to be. A pub night will be held April 27 and a fashion show on May 9 to raise funds. Also the tennis committee will cater a private party on May 19 and will canvas the neighbourhood for donations to the tennis court fund. Lorraine Pommen moved that the tennis committee establish a trust bank account to be opened with the proceeds of the pub night. The treasurer will join the committee and signing authority for cheques will be held by the president and treasurer of the WPRA. Seconded by Jan Chapman. Carried.

The tennis court has been marked out and the tennis committee and playground committee will jointly plan their areas.

Road Maintenance and Safety

We will talk to the road people in October to remind them of ploughing problems. Perhaps they could use a crew from Keating to come right through to us.

Tony spoke to Dennis Powell, school bus coordinator about making sure the plow has been through before the school bus comes.

Pointer

The deadline is May 10. The May issue will be Jan's last and we are looking for people to take on this job.

Social Events

The 10th annual Hilltopper will be held on Father's Day, June 16. There will be an article in the Pointer about the Hilltopper.

Ken Leighton moved that we purchase 2 dart boards and scoreboards for the Hall at a cost of about \$100 total. Bob Halsey will donate plywood backing and Bob Scott will donate fabric covering. Seconded by Alan. Carried.

New Business

Bob Halsey will put up a notice board at the front of the Hall.

Our next meeting will be August 26, 1991.

Jan Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Seconded by Sydnie Bonner. Carried.

Pat Williams
Recording Secretary

WILLIS POINT HISTORY # 3 by Ken Leighton
based on an interview with Ralph and Bobbie Anderson

Ralph bought his lot and cabin in 1961. After fixing up the cabin, he and Bobbie moved in permanently in 1966. The only other permanent resident at that time was Agnes Rickinson at Ricky's Roost.

Ralph had his own tractor to develop his property and to patch up the old logging road so he could get to work every day. He used to carry a chain saw in his truck to clear fallen trees from the road after a windstorm. Many times a knock would come at the door when someone needed a pull from his tractor to get back up the old hill.

Social life was a bit different then. Even the ladies discussed depth of wells, hardness of water and pioneering life in general.

Electric power came in about 1960 and telephones were available by about 1967, but very few residents wanted one. In 1973 Ralph bought the property behind Whittaker Point. Three years ago he subdivided it into three waterfront lots. The Millers and the Pines now occupy two of these lots.

FIRE FIGHTER NEWS

Thanks go out to four members who put in many hours of very hard work taking the new Industrial First Aid course - Joel Cotter, Pat Sloan, Brian McCandless, and Fuzz Cracknell. If you are around the Fire Hall on Wednesday please wear sun glasses as it's rather dazzling with the last of the new turn out gear being sported by the members.

As reported in the last Pointer the water tank on south Mark Lane had sprung a leak. Thanks to Joel Cotter and his welding buddy it is now repaired and back in service.

From the last Pointer you may recall we were dispatched to Mackenzie Bay by E.H.S. with a man down. From that call we had a W.C.B. claim. This brought to light a problem we hadn't realized. When we are sent out of our district we are not covered by any insurance. Because of this there have been some hot discussions at the Hall Wednesday nights on how we can rectify this situation. Some ideas were to set up a rescue society and take out our own insurance, or to expand our boundaries. Any smoke coming from the Hall is from discussion on this problem. It's a hot one. For further information talk to Chief Dave Carley or Vern McConnell.

As there appears to be a problem out there as to who is on the department and what qualifications they have, here is a partial list of courses and qualifications. Courses listed are only those that fire fighters have been sent on by the fire department. Many members have taken other courses through their work or business.

Name and Position	Year Started	Courses Taken
D. Carley, Chief	77	Fire Academy, Vancouver, Canadian Fleet School
B. Wright, D.Chief	77	Fire Academy, Vancouver C. Saanich, EHS Ambulance PEP Sidney, MDI Nanaimo fire officer
V. McConnell, FF	77	Fire Academy, C.Saanich
W.I. Blaney, FF	77	Canadian Fleet School, PEP Sidney, Emergency Squad Training
B. Halsey, FF	77	
B. McCandless, Capt.	79	IFA (Industrial First Aid)
J. Cotter, Capt.	80	IFA
B. Boydell, FF	80	EHS Ambulance, IFA
P. Sloan, FF	82	IFA, Saanich Search and Rescue
U. Pause, FF	83	
K. Scott, FF	84	
K. Crawley, FF	84	
A. Jackson, FF	85	EHS Ambulance
K. Ilott, Capt.	85	
F. Cracknell, FF	86	IFA
E. Hoel, FF	87	
T. Boydell, FF	88	
N. Tregear, FF	88	
D. Hyland, FF	88	
W. Leeuw, FF	89	
G. Gorling, FF	89	
P. Williams, FF	90	Fire Academy, Sidney PEP Sidney, Canadian Fleet School

K. Leighton 90

O. Anderson 90

These are the only Willis Point Fire Fighters who will respond to your call to 911.

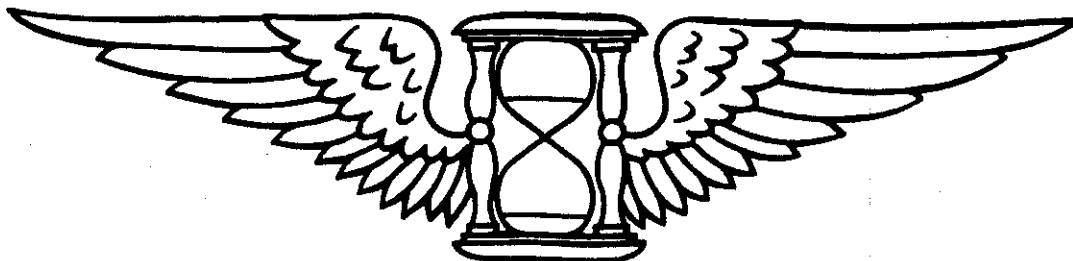
As an aside, there are over 169 years of service to the Willis Point Community wrapped up in the Fire Fighters of 1991. They are a good lot, proud of what they are doing, and well trained. I know because I work with them every Wednesday night.

Well, if what I hear is correct, this is Jan's last Pointer. It can't be! Who else would put up with my chicken scratch? If it is because my article is late, choose one and don't go.

- Excuse list:
- a) I forgot
 - b) couldn't be bothered
 - c) was busy
 - d) had a broken arm
 - e) lost my glasses
 - f) it was snowing in Porcupine Plain

Well, thanks Jan, and until next time.....

Bill Wright



DEAR POINTERS AND SETTERS

As quite a few of you already know, I have changed professions. However, for those that don't know as yet, I thought I'd make it public knowledge through this medium as well.

After 16 years of working for the federal government, I have made a move into the private sector and am now employed by the Independent Order of Foresters.

The IOF is a fraternal benefit society, offering a variety of benefits to our Members. Allow me to explain. We are a not-for-profit organization owned and operated for our Members for the mutual benefit of us all. We have social activities and aid others in times of need. We operate under a lodge (Court) system, and we have a representative form of government, meaning we elect and appoint our leaders. We are one of the largest fraternal organizations in the world with well over one million Members throughout Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

Membership comes with an array of benefits designed to aid you and your family. These benefits are:

- * Competitive scholarships for Members, spouses and children of Members.
- * Scholarship Grants to Children on the death of a parent.
- * Orphan benefit - Financial assistance for orphans.
- * Forester Haven - a retirement home that offers activities for indigent senior Members 65 and over, and their spouses.
- * Common Carrier Accidental Death Benefit.
- * Cancer benefit.
- * Multiple Sclerosis Benefit.

I anticipate to be fully licensed by June 26 to also offer the full array of reliable insurance products available through the IOF.

The IOF offers a Social Fraternal Membership, Term and Cash Value life insurance, RRSP's, RRIF's and products such as homeowner's insurance are also available.

Anyone wanting to know a little more about the IOF and its products, I am at your service.

Wim Leeuw
7136 Willis Point Road
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or: Independent Order of Foresters
1-2800 Blanshard St
Phone: 381 6134

HALL CLEAN UP

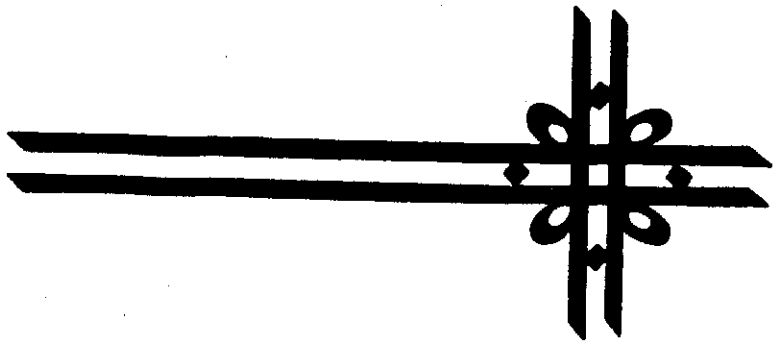
WE NEED ALL OF YOU!! Please come out on Sunday June 2nd for the annual hall clean up. Bring your rakes, shovels, weedeaters etc. We'll get the place spruced up no time. With a large number volunteers we can really make a difference in a short time. Please show up at 10 A.M. SEE YOU THERE!!

NEW MEMBERS

Fred and Christine Hunt 6812 Mark Lane 652-3891

Scott and Marie Bradley 7135 Willis Pt. Rd.

WELCOME TO YOU ALL !!



FOR SALE

1975 STARCRAFT TENT - TRAILER.

Sleeps 8, surge brakes, 3 - way fridge, propane stove, porta potty, good condition. \$3,000.

Art and Gill Jackson phone: 652-0472

WILLIS POINT TENNIS COURT UPDATE

Your tennis court group is continuing on with our fund raising. We have at the moment \$5,000 from the C.R.D. Grant-in-Aid fund. This is in a short term deposit, and has already earned us \$94.00! We have our application in to Go B.C. for \$11,000 and it is under consideration.

We had a very successful Pub and Dart Nite and raised \$500.00, which will be added to our term deposit. Many thanks to all who volunteered to set up and clean up, and to our hardworking tennis group and friends who ran the show. Plus, an especial thankyou to our patrons! Didn't the hall look great with that panel of dart boards! Congratulations to the winners, Karen Scott and Peter Brelesford, a sterling effort! The runners-up, Pam Parton and John Stevens fought valiantly to the end. (I did hear them complaining that someone had spiked their drinks, but I think it was sour grapes!) Sara McIntosh and Dan Reimer, Janet Leighton and Tony Boydell were the semi-finalists and played with tremendous effort. It was a fun night for everyone and we are planning another one in the fall, so practice up those darts!

An extremely successful Fashion Show was held at Halsey's place. Juhli's Fashions donated 10%, and Janice Chapman upped her contribution to 20%. She, and her tireless assistant, Gerri Gorling, put on a great show - we kept them plied with red wine, in case they looked like flagging! Our four models, who were press ganged into action, did an admirable job, with a few kicks here and there! Thanks, Mary Brelesford, Karen Smythe, Kathy Ilott, and Karen Scott. Our tuxedo clad waiters kept the crowd amply supplied with wine, and the food was great! All you wonderful women who bought the beautiful clothes, sweaters and jewellery, managed to swell the tennis court coffers to the tune of\$1,468.00! Needless to say, the tennis group is just delighted. (Spouses: just look at it this way - one day you or your children will be able to play tennis at Willis Point - it's all for a good cause!)

You may have noticed the load of fill at the hall. We are taking advantage of any free fill we can get and stockpiling it till next spring, when hopefully we start work on the court. This was given by Brian Dalin, who is building on Willis Point Rd. Thank's Brian !

There will be a summer recess for fundraising for the court, but watch out for another pub nite in the fall, and a pre-Xmas fashion show. Thank you all so much for your support!

Gaybrielle Halsey

HILLTOPPER - JUNE 16th

It's the 10th Anniversary of the Hilltopper Run and it should be a great celebration. As you know this is the way we raise money to operate the Community Hall. We depend on a successful event.

At 11 a.m. on race day we start with the always popular bake sale. Then it's warm up time for the runners. Call Joan Wright re goodies: 652-3254 and Tony Boydell 652-5032 or Gary Butchart 652-1731 for race details.

The auction is always a big crowd pleaser and donations are needed. Call Bob Scott 652-2130 or Vern McConnell 652-2996 with your donations. Remember the fun you've had at Mexican Night, or cruising with the Halseys, or Tandem skydiving, then use your imagination and volunteer your own event.

We need the support of the entire community, so come on out, eat up the burgers, and encourage your friends and relatives to do the same.

SEE YOU FATHER'S DAY

Gaybrielle & Bob Halsey
652-4195

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Willis Point Fire Fighters Association, with the approval of the Willis Point Fire Commission, is undertaking a feasibility study with the objective of expanding the Willis Point Fire District to encompass the road and surrounding area to the Saanich Municipal border.

This has been initiated because of a recent directive from the CRD forbidding the WPVFD from leaving it's prescribed fire district. Your fire department feels that the road and surrounding area should be covered for traffic accidents, medical emergencies and fire hazards because its most frequent users are Willis Pointers.

This committee will be presenting its study to the WPVFA and Fire Commissioners for their scrutiny. Only with their approval will the community be petitioned as to their wishes.

There are far too many aspects to this topic to detail them at this time but should any Willis Pointers have any serious concerns in this matter you may contact any of the committee members listed below. Please keep in mind that as the study is still in progress we may not have all the answers as yet.

Yours truly,

V.R. McConnell

Committee Members:

Vernon McConnell	652-2996
Sam Young	652-3859
Ian Blaney	652-2677
Tony Boydell	652-5033
Kathy Crawley	652-0360
Joel Cotter	652-2039
