

Letter to members from the Quiet Water board, June 9, 2011

We are writing to bring you up to date on important developments affecting Quiet Water. Firstly, at the annual meeting of the association held on June 4th, the entire board was recalled, by a large majority. This meant that instead of an election for two new members, the board election was for all four positions that had become vacant. Seven members stood for election. The successful candidates were Wally Orchard (who will serve as President), Paul Haley (Secretary), Ken Aebi, and Bob Noble. Wally and Paul will serve two-year terms, Ken and Bob one-year terms. The board has already held two meetings, and has appointed Nan Scott as Treasurer. Nan has a wealth of experience, having previously served as QW's Financial Secretary and currently serving as Treasurer for several other organizations.

The four new board members are part of the informal QW group "Neighbors for Restored Community" which had requested several agenda items, including motions to recall the previous board and to propose a number of bylaw amendments. The bylaw amendments were not placed on the agenda for the annual meeting; therefore they will be brought before the membership at a future meeting.

The QW website has been reactivated, and new material has been posted there. Please visit it at <http://Yachats.info/QW>. Notices and minutes of future board meetings and other important news and documents will be posted to the website from time to time.

A number of issues require the immediate attention of the new board. These include:

1. The financial report presented at the annual meeting. In the past our financial report has included information on the beginning and ending balances in each of our funds - e.g., the balance in LCA1. This information is important in determining whether any changes in quarterly assessments are needed. However, the report presented at the members' meeting gave no indication of fund balances. Also, the budget that was adopted by the outgoing board requires revision. For example, the 2011-2012 budget item for the landscaping contract (mowing, etc) is \$6300, yet the current landscaping contract, signed by the previous board, is projected to cost QW a minimum of \$14,800 per annum. Ensuring our finances are in order is the highest priority of your new board.
2. The contract with Northwest Community Management, signed by the previous board. We are concerned with the way this was handled (in secret); with the fact that the membership was not allowed to see the contract; with the advisability of being managed by a Portland-based company (a considerable distance away); and with possible added costs to the association.
3. The riverbank and trail. This issue has long been a festering sore in the QW community, and it needs to be dealt with. We believe that QW should abide by relevant government ordinances and regulations, whether we like them or not. The

city has offered to undertake the restoration of the riverbank in exchange for allowing the trail along the river to be put on the map of the city's trail network. In other words, the trail would then be officially open to the general public. The new board has disbanded the riverbank committee (which was unwieldy and unbalanced) and will negotiate directly with the city. There has been considerable input reflecting diverse viewpoints, and it is important, while taking those into consideration, to reach resolution with the city on this matter. Please rest assured that the QW membership will have the final say on the restoration of the riverbank.

4. Communication between the QW board and the membership. The new board members are all in favor of greater transparency and better communication between the board and the members. We plan to mail you information that is likely to be important to you a member of our community. We have set up a simple online form where you can express your mailing preferences. Please take two minutes to complete this questionnaire by going to this link:
https://surveys.bus.oregonstate.edu/BsqSurvey2_0/main.aspx?SurveyID=4406.
You can also access this link from the QW home page. For most routine notices we recommend email, as this is quicker, cheaper and more convenient than US Mail. We also intend to revive the "Ripples" newsletter that has now been dormant since 2009.

Although we did not always agree with the actions of the outgoing board, we appreciate the effort they put in on behalf of our association. Serving on a board such as ours can often be a thankless task. Thank you Linda, Pat, Karen and Steve.

The events in the QW community that culminated in the election of an all-new board have been stressful and often unpleasant. Your new board hopes to usher in a new era characterized by civil discourse, respect for each other and for QW officers and employees, transparency in governance and fiscal responsibility. If you have comments, questions or suggestions, your board welcomes them. Here is the contact information for the board and the QW treasurer.

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