

2019 President's Letter

Looking forward to 2019 .

I would like to welcome all the new people to the community. Please come out to the annual association meeting and meet your neighbors. It's at the Dungeness School House, 2 PM February 9th. Laura will be sending out reminders.

We will be on doing some major runway maintenance this year. There are a couple of bumps/ depressions that have been developing and there is a drainage problem, both are getting worse as time goes on. There is also the annual problem getting irrigation water to the center of the runway. In late December the eastern part of the runway was so soft as to be unusable. In addition to not being able to use the runway we see this as a liability issue. It is the responsibility of the pilot to know the conditions at the airfield but we feel that we have some degree of liability if we just ignore the issue. Dave Woodcock, Rick Smith and I are currently researching what needs to be done to correctly fix the problem. Discussion has ranged from the patchwork fixes to a comprehensive approach . Several residents have already told me of previous patchwork approaches that didn't work in the long run, I have no desire to relive the past and am definitely leaning toward a comprehensive approach. There is a significant amount of contingency funds available in the bank for maintaining association assets . Doing nothing would be irresponsible. Hopefully we will have learned enough to give a comprehensive report at the annual meeting.

The disaster preparedness group is in full stride . The meeting in December was very well attended by about 65 of our neighborhood residents. The conversation and ideas are good. Understanding the islands that we may be living on and being organized / having a plan really is important. The first responders in a major catastrophe are your neighbors.

The board has discussed requiring aircraft based here to be insured. Washington state does not require aircraft to be insured. I have had a couple of discussions with our insurance agent about this. Requiring insurance with the association named as an additional insured does add a layer of protection to the group. It does not add any cost to the pilots. The vast majority of fly in communities like ours require that resident aircraft be insured. All municipal airports require insurance. It does not effect the BRF association insurance in any way, the association cost does not change. To be clear as near as I can tell all the aircraft at BRF have insurance at this point in time.

If you have something you want to discuss at the meeting please let one of us know ASAP and we will get it on the agenda. That is about it except for the annual request for board members and volunteers. If you are interested or getting interested and have questions, let one of us know.

Laura Davis is stepping down from the board, please thank her for her efforts. She was the prime motivating force for Disaster Preparation, and as secretary oversaw communication and the web site. All the association history posters that everyone likes were her idea.

See you at the meeting.

Mark Cheney
Chair, BRFPOA Board