

DOLLAR POINT ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fellow Dollar Point Beach, Pool and Tennis Club Members,

Thank you for your support, enthusiasm, and involvement, especially those who volunteer their time and effort for the benefit of all.

I want to recognize and thank Pat Tweedy for her service. Pat has been a board member for five years, the last two as President. She led the all-volunteer Board through the transition of management, the difficult decision around access, and how to open a beach, pool, and tennis club in a pandemic. Pat made Dollar Point her priority and worked tirelessly to improve the member experience. Pat is in her final year on the Board and is leading an effort to improve member communication and will be working on various association projects..

The 2020-2021 Access Committee has already held the first meeting of the new year. The Committee has 16 members, led by Board Vice-President Dave Manovich and Board Member Mark Swoboda. It includes 14 other members who volunteered to serve on the Committee. Some rent, some don't rent but favor a form of renter access, and some don't rent and prefer access limited to members, families, and their guests. The Committee will discuss and consider a variety of topics related to access, security, and safety that will result in observations and recommendations to the Board regarding the 2020 experience and the 2021 access rules.

We wish for summer 2021 a return to more normal operations, common to past summers. Our goal will continue to be the safe operation of our fantastic facilities and maximizing member satisfaction when in residence.

Initiatives we hope to progress, in no particular order, are:

- We will review our insurance options. We were surprised by a premium increase from \$26,000 (2019) to \$40,000 this year.
- Look at Lot 22, a long-owned residential lot at the west end of Edgewater, on the north side of the road. It is DPA's only material non-cash asset that is not the beach, pool, and tennis courts. We seem to have all our eggs in one basket.
- We want to work with a local vendor to see if there is the possibility o provide on-demand van service in July and August to ferry members to and from the beach and relieve some of the parking woes on Edgewater.
- Continue to support member-led, neighborhood initiatives such as Firewise Dollar Point.
- Lead a discussion about the feasibility of adding a children's pool.
- Working with a design and engineering firm to approach the public entities (TCPUD and TRPA) required to make any changes to the beach parcel and deliver a phased plan for improvements.
- Continuing to follow and use our reserve study as a guide to maintaining/replace our assets. The most recent example is the resurfacing of the upper tennis courts. The perimeter fence at the pool is a priority.

As we approach the final weeks of the season, I thank our General Manager, Jeffrey Lauer and our Assistant General Manager, Cailin Jope, and all of the staff for their leadership and hard work this summer.

Warm regards,

John Casaudoumecq,
President



REMEMBERING THE PAST AND LOOKING TO OUR FUTURE

By Patricia Tweedy

The 2020 season is winding down and we all hope that 2021 will not be plagued by COVID-19! We all value the health of our loved ones, our friends and each other and there is nothing more important, however, than doing our best to keep our venues as safe as we have been doing.

In 2019, we had a lively Annual Meeting, with record member turn out and participation. We had fantastic social events with high numbers of members in attendance. We were all looking forward to 2020 and even greater member involvement, however, in early March, we received dire warnings of a novel highly contagious coronavirus that was predicted to kill hundreds of thousands of people in the world. Experts predicted we could lose thousands of Americans. As the season unfolded, we somehow thought things would get better, but the grim reality is they did not, and every facet of our lives has changed.

It has been a tough 6 months that feels much longer. In addition to the virus and the emotions it evokes, we all dealt with a special meeting culminating on June 6th and a disputed election culminating on July 25, 2020.

What now? We turn up the music and dance to our favorite tunes, do what we can to enjoy our lives and count our many blessings. We stay safe amid fire season. We look forward to 2021 and a vaccine that will allow us to resume all our favorite activities.

There were wonderful times in 2020. As DPA President, I had the good fortune of getting to know more of the members and getting to know more of our staff. Next season, I look forward to personally meeting members at our venues and our social events.



As we head into fall, the board will be assessing work that needs to be done at our venues, budgeting, and planning for facility projects. We will also be meeting the challenges of staffing for the 2021 season. We are losing a majority of our seasonal and seasoned employees as they are graduating college and entering their career fields.

Members, we have been fortunate to employ the kids and grandkids of members who come with a place to live in Dollar Point. Do you have strong swimmers in your family? Cailin Joep, our assistant manager, can teach them to be lifeguards and certify them. Do you have college or high school students who will be interested in working at the DPA office, beach, pool, or pier next season? If so, please ask them to call Cailin Joep at 530-583-4487 or email her at info@dollarpoint.org. Housing in the North Tahoe/Truckee area is hard to impossible to find for summer seasonal employees. If you have employees to recommend and can house them, please let Cailin know.

Regarding member communications, the board members will have their contact information available to you on the DPA website. If, however, you have an operational issue of any kind, please report it immediately to Jeffrey Lauer at dollarpointmgr@gmail.com or to Cailin Joep at info@dollarpoint.org or call them at 530-583-4487. We want to address those issues when they are happening, and this is the fastest way for the association to respond.

In closing, I am confident that in 2021 we are going to be able to safely gather, members with members, and enjoy our time together at our beautiful venues. In the meantime, I look forward to serving you the best I am able.

We would like to thank photographer, Pamela Casaumoudecq, for her photos of our Board Members.

MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Board is committed to its members and to being good stewards of the association facilities and finances. We have a new configuration with John Casaudoumecq as President. John is smart, attentive, organized and has thick skin and a strong backbone. He has a wealth of experience in finance, serving as Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair of the Point Reyes National Seashore Association (PRNSA) and the West Marin Fund, a community foundation, serving coastal Marin County. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the UCLA Anderson School Fink Center for Finance and Investments. He will serve the association very well as its President.

Dave Manovich returns as Vice President and Access chair. His executive career provided him a wealth of experience on many Boards - both public and private. He is retired from the business world and now lives about 45% of the year in Dollar Point.



John and Dave devoted numerous hours of their personal time to the access challenges of 2020.



Jim Kelly is the new board secretary. He is a retired environmental engineer who worked in the private and public sector for over 40 years and was the General Manager of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District for 6 years. In that role he managed a staff of over 200 employees. Jim was interim manager and is a Board Member for the San Francisco Estuary Institute. He served as president of that board for two years. He has phenomenal experience working on several more boards of non-profit associations. He is the Dollar Point beach chair and has served you admirably this year navigating the COVID-19 orders from the State and helping to develop protocols for the association. He continues to monitor beach activity and is always available when a question or problem arises.

Scott Rodda returns as Dollar Point Association Treasurer, starting his second year on the Dollar Point Board. Scott is a Mechanical Engineer and works as a consultant for transit agencies to support their efforts to expand, improve and maintain their existing systems. Before settling in the Tahoe area, he and his wife Judy lived in Sacramento, San Diego, Los Angeles, Moraga, and Maryland. He still travels a bit for work but spends his quality time in Tahoe. He and his family have lived in Dollar Point since 1999. He has four children and eight grandchildren and when not working, he enjoys playing golf and spending time with his grandchildren.



Mark Swoboda is a retired technology executive, with extensive experience leading and managing companies as well as building organizations. He was a director and board chair for two privately held technology companies over a period of 10 years. He has three years of experience serving on an HOA board in Pleasanton. Mark and his wife Jennifer are becoming full time Dollar Point residents.

Pamela Galy is a full time Dollar Point Resident who is in her second year of service on the Dollar Point Board. Pamela and husband Phillipe have owned their home in Dollar Point for 20 years. They live full time in Dollar Point. Pamela's educational background is in Interior design. Pamela has prior board experience, serving on the Board of 2200 Pacific HOA in San Francisco. Pamela chairs the social committee which is responsible for recommending and arranging member functions, like Burgers & Brew and Fun Fridays. The committee also plans the Annual meeting. She also chairs the Dollar Point Entrance committee and is working with committee member Sue Pipal, ASID. The committee is working with Dragonfly Designs, Gary McKelvey, Architect, and Sagan Design to come up with a new entrance design for Dollar Point that is beautiful, will stand the test of time and is economically feasible.



Patricia Tweedy is a lawyer and a member of the State Bar of California for 42 years. She was a trial lawyer for 31 years then moved to dispute resolution full time 11 years ago. Patricia is a full-time mediator. Patricia has served on prior non-profit boards and held the position of President of the Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada. She is a proud member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Anthony M. Kennedy McGeorge School of Law Inn of Court. Patricia has served on the DPA board for five years. This is the beginning of her last year of service to the community. Patricia's goals as the immediate past president are to help where she is needed and to further communications with the members.

DOLLAR POINT MANAGEMENT



➤ Jeffrey Lauer

Association General Manager

Jeffrey Lauer was hired as association general manager just before Memorial Day weekend, 2020. Jeffrey grew up in Chicago. He graduated from Northwestern University and began a career in management consulting at Andersen Consulting/Accenture. He moved to North Lake Tahoe in the Fall of 2000 and has made his home here. Jeffrey has worked for Vail Resorts and Martis Camp and with a start-up Real Estate data, software, and analytics firm. He has years of experience in management and has run his own company. Jeffrey volunteers for the "Bear League." He and his wife Paula have been happily married for 15 years. They have an eight-year-old son named Santo. Their home is in Brockway. Jeffrey hit the ground running at Dollar Point. He started work at the beginning of the high season and immediately had to write and implement plans for opening Dollar Point facilities that complied with new State orders. He learned his position by doing it. He has been supported by a great assistant manager, Cailin Jope and capable and experienced supervisors and employees.



➤ Cailin Jope

Assistant General Manager

Cailin Jope was hired as assistant manager in March 2020 at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. She worked from home for nearly two months-until the State orders provided a safe opening of the DPA office. Cailin was a competitive water polo player and swimmer in college (if you ever need an extra team member for the Trans Tahoe, do not hesitate to ask her.) She spent summers working as lifeguard at Folsom Lake then as the Recreation Director for Hansen Management. During the winter, she worked in the payroll department at Northstar. Cailin wants you to know her favorite food is ribs and to please bring her some! Cailin is an amazing employee. Cailin is a Red Cross instructor for lifeguards and first aid and can certify DPA employees. She also has mighty fine people and computer skills and the Board is appreciative of her great work.

Management's Report

We would like to thank the members for their patience and understanding with our COVID-19 regulations at the facilities. We do hope that next year we will see a return to the normal facility functions but it is comforting to know that the rules we have set in place have kept our members, employees, and guests safe.

COVID- 19 update: On Friday, Aug. 14th we was notified by a staff member that a person in their household tested positive for COVID-19 but did not have symptoms. After receiving this news, we immediately closed all DPA facilities and asked all staff to get tested. Following Placer County Public Health Guidelines, we notified Placer County Public Health immediately and worked with them throughout the weekend and followed the County's re-opening COVID-19 Business Packet. Thankfully, all DPA staff results came back negative.

Beach security update: We added three solar motion-detection activated lights (that stay on for 30 seconds or less). One is located by the parking lot dumpster and the other two are on the large tree at the beach gate entrance. They have been positioned so that they only shine down towards the ground and not at any nearby residents. I have also interviewed a late-night security guard (9 PM - 5 AM shift). An offer has been made and I await acceptance.

DPA will have a Gate Host at the beach for Labor Day Weekend. Short-term Renters will have to pay for facility usage. Remember Saturday, September 5th, will be Members Only.

If you see something, say something. Please contact the DPA office at 530-583-4487 if you see anything at our facilities that needs repair or attention. This will ensure that members' concerns are met expeditiously and reduce the number of direct communications to DPA Board Members on such matters.

We are currently working on an updated version of the DPA website that should help simplify and streamline information. Our goals moving forward are to continue maintenance and improvements of the facilities. We enjoyed meeting those we could this summer, and hope to meet everyone in person next year.

We hope that all members are pleased with our service during these challenging times as we strive to make your days good ones. Thank you for your patience and support and your great ideas.

Beach Chair Report

By Jim Kelly

Keeping the beach open for our members and guests has been a challenge this season. Our staff and Board very wanted beach amenities fully open however, the threat of COVID-19 and the State orders in response has dictated our operations all season. We studied the orders, and, as required, we developed a plan of action to open that complied with them while providing as much access as allowed. We thank those of you who followed the rules and who did your best to protect everyone using the beach.

Safety/Security:

Despite staff efforts, some members of our staff were exposed to COVID-19, which resulted in an immediate reduction of available employees. As a result, the beach staff has been reduced to pier attendants for ferrying members to and from their boats. The beach will have Gate Hosts for Labor Day weekend. Beachgoers will need to bring their blue cards to get into the beach when there are no Gate Hosts. The beach bathrooms will be open from 9 am to 8 pm, and surfaces disinfected hourly by staff. You should, however, bring your own sanitized wipes and wipe any surface before you touch it. Protect yourselves, please.

You are reminded to be mindful of and pay attention to the weather. Leave the beach area when thunderstorms are brewing. Lightning kills.

We have had several instances where trespassers have "broken in" to the beach after hours and have held loud parties that have disturbed nearby residents late at night. Our manager alerted Placer County Sheriff Department and asked for its response. It responded. We invite all persons who see or hear intruders after 10 pm, to call the sheriff (Phone number: 530-581-6305). We have been interviewing late-night security guard applicants, and we are hopeful to have them working soon.

Before the season started, we accomplished much needed pier repairs. We also worked hard to get our buoy field certified which involved best practice management to prevent erosion and runoff to do our job to maintain lake clarity. Our landscape company, Peak Landscape, has continued to keep the area above the beach and around and behind the tennis courts beautiful and firewise.

The Beach Committee is looking at ways to improve our beach and your use and we welcome your input. If in 2021, we get to open as usual, we plan to have a water bottle filling station and a foot wash. We want to continue to provide racks for kayaks and stand up paddleboards and we would like a system that takes less space and is easier to manage. Long term, we would like to have easier access to the beach and an improved picnic area overlooking the beach.



Treasurer's Report

By Scott Rodda

It is a pleasure to serve as the Dollar Point Association Treasurer beginning this year. I learned a lot from our past Treasurer, Pat Cala. She did an excellent job during her term and left me with an organized set of files that has made my job easier. From an overall point of view, the Dollar Point Association financial situation continues to be stable with enough reserves to handle anticipated improvements in the near and long-term. For this year's budget, legal fees have been higher than expected, however, the issues affecting this should subside over the next year. Insurance costs have also risen due to fewer companies willing to insure associations with water venues like ours. On the revenue side, we are on track due to a new member's initiation fee that was unanticipated. We used some of our reserve money this year to resurface the tennis courts near the pool and to do some required drainage work near the beach. To anticipate future upgrades and improvements and the cost thereof, we will be inspecting our assets with the support of the Browning Reserve Group this fall. Based on this inspection, the Browning Reserve Group will provide a report to include recommendations as to the set-aside amount to keep the facilities in a state of good repair.



Special Places of North Lake Tahoe

Skylandia State Park and Beach



Doug Greenwood, Dollar Point resident, and former DPA board member, enjoys visiting Skylandia Park. One of Doug's many talents is photography. He took the beautiful scene photos in this newsletter at nearby Skylandia State Park and Beach, one of many jewels of our region. His picture on page one is of the Dollar Point pier and buoy field from the park. His pictures here were all taken at the park.

Skylandia Park is a wonderful place to walk your dog in the morning or to take your family for a picnic on the beach. You can read more about the park here:

<https://www.tahoepublicbeaches.org/beaches/skylandia-state-park-beach/>.

Members, do you have a place in the region you like to visit; to hike, paddle, run, star gaze, take the family? Do you have photos you would like to share? If so, email us at info@dollarpoint.org or ptweedy@tweedyadr.com.

