

HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes (July 10, 2010)

Call to Order: Fred Fath called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call: Fred Fath, President/Treasurer, Mark Anderson,, Vice President, Janet Podell, Secretary; Gary Wanzong, Asst. Treasurer, Judy Greinke, Member at Large, Claudia Ellsworth, Island Manager.

Previous Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Fred Fath made a motion to accept the June '10 meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

Correspondence:

- There were no items of correspondence received during the month.

Finance:

- Fred reported that we have \$177K in the General account. \$30,500 will be contributed to the Reserves as part of our semi-annual funding plan. **The KPFF bills that were originally planned to come out of Reserves can now be funded from the General Fund. Fred made a motion to use the General Fund. Motion carried.** This may result in a lower (by approx \$100) assessment to the membership in the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Fred concluded that HMC is in sound financial condition.
- **Fred made a motion to pay the bills. Motion carried**

Administration:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Administration issues not directly mentioned here.

- There was significant discussion of vandalism and trespassing events that occurred over the July 4th holiday weekend. Carla Vierra spoke up about this year's problems and recommended that the Board hire off duty police officers to provide security during next year's 4th of July holiday. These officers would have full authority to arrest Members and/or guests who violate state laws. Mark Anderson explained why it is important for Members to file formal complaints using the HMC Rules process when events such as this occur. The Rules process is available to all Members. The Board is limited in what it can do if formal complaints are not filed. More discussion followed about vandalism and illegal camping on others' private property. There were illegal fires, and general rowdiness. If the Board chooses to hire off-duty Police officers it will be important to begin the planning and communication process early. Discussion followed on the various ways to communicate the Island rules to ferry passengers. We realize that often times the violations are caused by guests who are unfamiliar with the Island rules. There was a suggestion that every guest be required to sign a document stating that they have read the rules and agree to abide by them. It is important to note that Members must be accountable for their guests. Violations (and any subsequent fines) resulting from guest behavior will be the responsibility of the Member. HMC Liability issues are of considerable concern. The Island Manager suggested that we invite the Pierce County Sheriff to come to the August Board meeting to discuss options that are available to us in terms of self governance. Judy Greinke suggested we might consider off duty Police for the upcoming Labor Day holiday weekend. **Mark Anderson made a motion to hire off duty police officers for the Labor Day holiday for designated times to be determined later. Motion carried.** Members asked if an ad-hoc security committee could be formed to make recommendations on Island security. Fred concurred and expressed his opinion that this is an excellent idea. Fred called for volunteers from the membership. The Island Manager suggested that the Sheriff be asked to participate on some suggested recommendations.
- The Island Manager reported on the volunteer projects list and the outstanding projects that still need to be worked. She thanked volunteers by name for the projects that have been completed to date. See Island Manager's report for listing of names.
- There is good news on the derelict vehicles project. See Island Manager's report for details.

- Rodent problems are becoming prevalent at the south end of the island. Discussion followed about not leaving food outside for rodents to eat. (Including pet food or table scraps.)

Legal:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Legal issues not directly mentioned here.

- There are currently 10 delinquencies on record.

Land Use:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Land Use issues not directly mentioned here.

- No Report

Transportation:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Transportation issues not directly mentioned here.

- Marine survey – Dolphin replacement at the small boat dock has been identified as a priority. The Marine survey has indicated that the dolphins located there have a useful life left of 0-2 years. See Island Manager's report for details.
- Dry Dock security – There will be a call for volunteers willing to provide mainland security during Dry Dock. Interested Members should contact the Island Manager.
- A Member asked about transportation options during dry dock. Fred reported that only private boats can provide transportation. HMC does not provide transportation.

Rules & Regulations:

- The Rules committee is planning to report out at the August Board meeting.
- It was discussed that the HMC Board can initiate a Rules violation just like any other HMC Member, and may file a formal complaint against some Members for the vandalism and the actions of their guests that occurred over the July 4th holiday weekend.

Emergency Preparedness:

- There is a public meeting scheduled on 7/29 for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. This meeting is being held at the Key Center Library.
- The Fire truck was serviced just before July 4th holiday.

Water:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Water issues not directly mentioned here.

- No report from Water Project Committee.
- The Island Manager reported out on the status of the studies and documents that are required for the water upgrade. See Island Manager's report for more specific details.
- The Maintenance & Operations contract approved by the Board with Washington Water will be effective on August 1st. Members will be required to contact them directly at (253) 851-4060 for any water problems. .

Parks:

- Terrill Chilson reported that there was a 911 call for an injury resulting from a fall from the rope swing at South Beach. The injury was very serious and the individual is still in the hospital as of this date. Steve McNair was at the location and reported out on some of the details of the accident. Terrill Chilson made a call for someone to take the rope swing down to avoid the possibility of future accidents. Mark Anderson offered to cut the swing down.
- Leslie Sanderson asked about the status of the swim dock. The Parks chairman will be installing the swim dock once anchors are installed. Gary Wanzong offered a couple of concrete anchors that he would be willing to donate.
- There will be a posting in the Beachcomber about boats being left at North Beach for extended periods of time. According to the Island Rules, Members are not permitted to leave their boats at the small boat docks for more than 24 hours. Some Members are leaving their boats in the water all summer long. This is a clear violation of the Island Rules.

Roads:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Road issues not directly mentioned here.

- No Roads report

Technology:

- No Technology report.

Rumor Control/Member Issues:

- None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Carla Vierra has proposed that the Boosters be reinstated. She would like to have a community event that is geared towards soliciting volunteers to join a new Boosters organization. Carla will do a write up for this month's Beachcomber.

Action Item Review:

- Following adjournment of the meeting the Board reviewed the action item listing and added new actions resulting from this meeting.

Beachcomber:

- The next Beachcomber will be the July issue. Inputs are required electronically no later than 5:00 PM on Wed. July 14, 2010. The Beachcomber Editor is beachcomber@herronisland.org.

Adjournment: Judy Greinke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Podell
Secretary