

**HMC Board – Annual Meeting
June 14, 2003**

Call to order: Nick Huff called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Roll Call: N. Huff, President, K. Freeman, Vice President & Treasurer, J. Podell, Secretary, Doug Allen, Island Manager, Bill Zazzo, Water Chairman, F. Fath Board Member, F. Reichlin, Board Member, and Jim Strichartz, Island Attorney
Excused absence, Al Moren

Previous Minutes:

J. Podell made a motion to suspend the reading of last year's Annual meeting minutes. Ralph Hahn seconded Motion carried.

F. Fath made a motion that we accept the minutes of the meeting. Dave Owen seconded. Motion carried.

Opening Remarks:

Nick thanked everyone for their support over the past year and as he leaves the position of Board President, he encouraged others to participate as Board members in the future.

Committee Chair Reports

C. Jones reported that they have seen record-breaking times for transportation of medical emergencies that occurred this year. Her son Bronson is training to be a fire fighter. She and her husband Bill are now certified EMT's. She reminded everyone that the first action in an emergency is to call 911. She reported that Bill is also training to be a pump operator. They are actively seeking additional volunteers who are willing to move to the island and become trained as a fire fighter. Nick Huff expressed his appreciation to Bill and Claudia for all of the work they have done over the past year to make Herron Island a safer place.

Year's Overview:

See Written Island Manager's Annual Membership Meeting minutes. Doug Allen read these notes aloud the members present.

2002-2003 Budget Presentation:

K. Freeman presented the 2003-2004 budget to be submitted to the membership in the July Beachcomber for their ratification. See written report.

Legal updates:

Jim Strickartz explained that HMC is successfully moving towards compliance with new the state Homeowner Association laws that were passed in 1995. This includes changes to the by-laws and adoption of the Articles of Amendment which allow us to legally permit mail-in or electronic voting on ballot issues.

Significant discussion followed between the Board and the membership concerning the proposed change to the HMC assessment method and the legality of changing the process. Jim Strickartz addressed many of the questions and explained that under new state laws pertaining to Homeowner's Associations, modifying the assessment process just requires a change in the By-Laws to be voted in by a majority of the membership.

Ballot issues:

Proposition 1 – Increase the ferry fees

Proposition 2 – Reduce the number of Board member from 7 to 5

Elections:

Nick Huff called for nominations for Board candidates from the floor. None were forthcoming.

Call for Ballots:

Nick Huff called for last minute ballots.

Teller Committee:

Ralph Hahn
Nancy Broeghe (*spelling?*)
Milt Cutler
Dave Owen
Joan Thompson
Dick Mowry
Pat Francis
Carol Crowley

Vote Count:

156 valid ballots
4 unsigned ballots
1 ballot with no signature or return address information

