

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

BUDGET RATIFICATION AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BALLOTS COUNTS, JULY 12 2014

Call to Order: Gary Wanzong called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Roll Call: Gary Wanzong, President Co-Treasurer; Janet Podell, Vice-President; Pat Zazzo, Co-Secretary; Dianne DeGood, Co-Secretary; Mike Graham, Co-Treasurer; Claudia Ellsworth, Island Manger.

Opening Remarks: Gary Wanzong. Reconvening to count ballots. Surprisingly, no comments were received from Island Members regarding the budget. Ferry fuel savings as a result of new engines allowed the assessment to remain at 2013/2014 level.

Ballot Item Discussion: Ratification of proposed budgets 2014-2015

Special Assessment for Ramp Painting

There was no discussion.

Island Manager Remarks:

Claudia stressed how important Charles Smith has become to the Water Utility. Focus is currently on Water Utility operations, policies, and long term use at the pump station by our very active Water Committee. Operations is working very closely with individual Island Members to get the very best result out of our new water distribution system. We have a re-activated Land Use Committee. This year the Board, Island Manager, and office worked through an Adverse Possession lawsuit with the help of our attorney. The Land Use Committee will work to bolster our position with where the community boundaries lay. There has been a ton of work done to build property record files. A faithful volunteer has given approximately a thousand hours helping Claudia set the property files up. These property files will serve HMC very well in the future. HMC worked to assist the County identify derelict buildings as part of their new ordinance. Claudia thanked the very active Committees: Water, Parks, and, Roads, as well as the Boosters for their volunteer work parties and efforts to improve Herron Island. This represents a lot of hard work by people who care about Herron Island. It's been a really good year. Our email contact list has been expanded to over 350 names.

Additional Member Input:

Question from a Member wanting to know if the Board had acted on his request to expand the Board to seven members. As this request was presented at the Member's Meeting in June there has not been time to evaluate the possibility and develop a possible bylaw change to cover the possibility that there could be an insufficient number of applicants in some years. This Member also wanted to know if the Board had acted on his June request that the Board investigate the cost of hiring of a Management Company to fulfill the role of Island Manager. This will be investigated.

Request from Terry Kraft to install bird deterring wires on the ferry ramp railing at this time and possibly on the gantry in the future. The bird droppings are corrosive and a continuing mess.

Gary made a Motion to install the wires on the railings at a cost of up to \$2000. Motion carried.

Ballot Validators: Linda Kelly, Ann Davies, Sherri Anderson, Rondi Akers, and Carolyn Snyder.

Selection of ballot counting committee: Tracy Anspach, Beth Wanzong, Mike Shettlesworth, Paula Trent, Dallas Amidon, and Jerry Palmer.

Ballot Results: Presented by Gary Wanzong

Ballot Measure – 2014-2015 HMC Management/HIWD Budget:

Approve: 94

Disapprove: 14

Ballot Measure – Special Assessment for Repainting Ferry Dock Ramp:

Approve: 85

Disapprove: 24

Gary moved that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Zazzo, Secretary