

HMC Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2020

Call to Order & Welcome - Reed West, HMC Board President. I'm disappointed we can't meet in person, but the technology allows people to participate who may not otherwise be able to do so. There are 24 participants on today's Zoom call.

Introduction of Board Members/Roll Call – Reed West, Chet Latimer, Kathy Deuster, Merry Kogut, and Scott Young; Jane Wooster, Island Manager, was excused.

Motion was made and approved unanimously to suspend the traditional agenda and adopt one in which membership input would be made after the committee reports.

Treasurer's Report and Bills of the Association. Scott Young, Treasurer. Motion to pay bills was approved unanimously.

Minutes from July 11, 2020, Board Meeting, Merry Kogut, Secretary. Motion to accept was approved unanimously.

Minutes from July 11, 2020, Continuation of HMC 2020 Annual Board Meeting, Merry Kogut, Secretary. Motion to accept was approved unanimously.

Communications/correspondence: Merry.

1. A Member emailed Member Input about a fenced dog park, discussed at the July, 2020 meeting. He suggested HMC push back on the insurance carrier on their claim that they'd drop us from coverage if we built a fenced dog area. He further suggested that HMC review and compare insurance in a competitive bid process every couple years.
2. A Member emailed Member Input suggesting a box on the island side for dropping off guest passes. The HMC Board Secretary responded, noting that one or two other people had made this suggestion and discussion had been tabled until next spring.
3. A person who is not a Member contacted the Board, Island Manager, and Finance Committee Chair with concerns about the Water Department's budget, fees, and reserves.
4. A Member wrote to the Island Manager asking that posts on private beaches be removed because they are dangerous.
5. A Member wrote to the HMC Board Secretary asking whether contract negotiations with the ferry crew were completed last March.
6. A Member wrote to the HMC Board/Island Manager and Parks Committee in regards to a section of fence by the pickleball/basketball court.
7. A Member wrote to Member Input with a photograph showing that someone had parked in front of the fire hose trailer, suggesting that no one should ever park there.

8. A Member wrote to Member Input suggesting that members be able to use Zelle to make payments to HMC.
9. A Member contacted two Board members to complain about the mess on another Member's property.
10. The Pierce County Noxious Weed Board notified HMC that there is tansy on HMC property.

Reed – some of these inquiries and comments are in process. We're not prepared today to report on all of the ideas that people have proposed. Some have to be responded to by committees; sometimes legal opinions have to be obtained. I want to reassure people that if they don't hear right away, we haven't forgotten about them; the inquiry may just require more research prior to giving a response.

Island Manager Report – Chet Latimer went over the Island Manager's Report, which was published on the Herron Island website prior to the meeting and can be found there and in the August Beachcomber.

Committee Reports:

- **Maintenance** (Gary Wanzong): No report
- **Parks** (Dale Miller): No report
- **Policies** (Mike Gage): No report
- **Roads** (Dan Marten): Ditch cleaning to be scheduled this month
- **Emergency Preparedness** (Ken Higgins): No report.
- **Water** (Frank Harrison): No report.
- **Rules** (Mike Fassio): No report; no hearings scheduled
- **Small Boat Dock** (Sherri Anderson): No report.

Legal Liaison: There are 15 delinquencies; 12 are with our attorney for action.

Old Business - Reed:

- CV-19 safety – We encourage you to wear your mask in line, particularly when you're interacting with the crew. If the crew were to become ill, it could be devastating for them and could affect the ferry schedule. The amount of cases has exploded; it's easy to become complacent; please wear your mask and maintain social distancing.
- Ferry drydock – September 12 – 27; those dates can flex a little bit if the shipyard finds things that aren't anticipated. This will be a big year for the ferry because of repairs to the hull. During drydock we'll be lifting the 24 hour limit for parking at the Small Boat Dock. Practice courtesy and tie your boats up as closely as possible to maximize the use of the dock space. If you don't need your boat for a few days, please remove it from the dock.

- New mainland ferry loading procedure – We’re trying to change 60 years of habit. The new lanes are working well. Thanks to Gary Wanzong for coming up with the fourth lane. Merry has written a comprehensive article to go into the Beachcomber. First go in order – lanes 1 - 4. It can get confusing when the ferry is shuttling and no crew member is present. Let’s use the honor system and help one another by pointing out where the end of the line is. We all need patience and need to be considerate and help one another.

New Business:

- Fencing for sport court – Going to table that. A member came forward with a suggestion to put some fencing around the sports court. For now, this suggestion is not going forward.
- Announcements –
 - Burn ban in effect in Pierce County right now – it prohibits burning of yard waste, but not small recreational fires in approved fire pits.
 - Thank you to three members: Sue Brentson, Leslie Sanderson, and Joyce Major volunteered to help clean up wood debris in the pond area of Nature Park. Thanks to the three of them for stepping forward and making a difference. We’re proud of their outstanding job.

Boosters Announcement (Robin Kelly, Boosters President): Not much to talk about since we’re not having events.

- Robin has started working on the new Directory. If you know anyone who is new on the island, please reach out to them to get information to Robin for the Directory. Robin is also reaching out to advertisers – both new and renewals – and welcomes recommendations. Making the Directory requires community involvement.
- Starting tomorrow we’re doing a deep cleaning of the Community Building and the shed. Once we’re able to use the Community Building it’ll all be nice and clean for our use. Reed – difficult time. One of the key aspects of the Boosters is to provide a way for the community to get together. Thank you for doing the cleaning and keeping the Boosters going. Robin – many new people we don’t know; this year has been completely different.

Beachcomber: Deadline is Wednesday, August 12th

Membership Input: Time for people to participate, ask questions, make comments, etc.

- Dana Harrison – Any thought about making the Directory electronic? Robin – we have discussed that in the past. We didn’t think that’s a good idea because it’d be too easy for people to get ahold of it and send spam advertising to members. The Boosters don’t think it’s a good idea because of privacy concerns.
- Dave Hancock – In regards to ferry outages, can we receive a text alert? The emails are good, but a text alert would be helpful. Reed – good question. I know there was some type

of alert system organized through the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Merry – most modern cellphones are able to get emails. Dave – not able to get emails right away. Reed – we need to be mindful as to how we communicate with members. A ferry outage would be a good time to use texts. That said, we are upgrading our ramp motors and hope that that won't be a problem in the future. We'll talk about a text alert system and see what our opportunities are to do that.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Reed would like to remind people that they can always contact HMC through Member Input, calling the office, sending emails, etc. We want to hear from you if you have comments, ideas, or concerns – our role is to listen and respond. Please don't be intimidated; we want to stay in contact with Members. Merry responds quickly to Member Input. The Board discusses concerns and questions that it receives.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34.