

HMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2002

Call to Order: K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

Roll Call: President, J. Podell, Secretary, B. Zazzo, Water Chair, F. Reichlin, Rules & Regulations Chair, Doug Allen, Island Manager, K. Freeman, Vice President & Treasurer, F. Fath, Board Member. B. Turpin, Land Use Chair
Excused absence – N. Huff, President

Membership input:
None

Previous Board Meeting Minutes

J. Podell made a motion to accept the September 14th Board meeting minutes. B. Zazzo seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

J. Podell reported that there was 1 piece of correspondence generated in the last month. This was a letter to a member from the Board.

Finance:

See written Treasurer's report.

K. Freeman made a motion to pay the monthly island bills. B. Turpin seconded. Motion passed.

Island Manager's report:

A detailed assessment of each section can be found in the Island Manager's written report. Additional discussions that occurred between the Board and HMC members present are shown below.

Administrative:
See written report

Member discussion - Beachcombers should be e-mailed to members whenever possible. We should make a special effort to communicate the availability of electronic transmittal to members to help offset printing and mailing costs.

Legal

See written report.

Transportation:

See Island Manager's report concerning definition of "special ferry runs" and "emergency runs". Discussion occurred relative to the current definition that says official "emergency" runs require a preceding 911 call. The definition should be changed to accommodate other valid emergencies that do not require 911 assistance.

Water:

See written Island Manager's report

The water study is still on-going and is expected to be complete by Spring 2003. It was reported that the Water Reserve currently has \$58K that can eventually be used to help phase in the new water system.

Roads:

See written island manager's report

Island policy needs to be modified to clarify when road repair costs need to be borne by a property member if they cut across the road for installation of septic lines. Discussion included requiring deposit before the road work is performed. This would be consistent with previous HMC decisions under similar circumstances. Further discussion will occur at a later time.

Land Use:

No report from Land Use chairman. Doug Allen reported that an engineer from the Pierce County Planning Dept. came out to assess the grading of a couple of lots.

Rules & Regulations:

Currently the Rules and Regulations committee is working one outstanding complaint. It involves a speeding motorcycle. It is anticipated that this complaint will be dropped since the incident cannot be verified.

Fire Department/Emergency Preparedness:

It was reported that the recent Pierce County Initiative funding new fire trucks was defeated in the recent election. Unfortunately this means that HMC will not be receiving a new (used) fire truck.

Parks:

T. Anspach stated that he would like to reinstate regular work parties for island park maintenance. Notices can be placed in the next Beachcomber to solicit help for a January work party.

The description of “wetlands” was discussed and it was reported that the official wetlands designation must be assigned by the County and significantly restricts use of the land for any purpose. It is not in HMC’s best interest to have this formal designation assigned to island properties because of the restrictions and costs inherent with being the caretaker of official wetlands.

Boosters:

No report

Beachcomber:

Deadline for entries in the next Beachcomber is Jan. 13, 2003. Entries may be e-mailed to Phyllis Krueger at: phyllis22K@att.net.

New Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

A member brought up a question about the opinion ballot that was recently mailed out. He expressed concern over why more options weren’t included in the ballot. The Board explained that the previous two meetings determined which options were to be included. This activity included the direct involvement of the membership and resulted in the three options that appeared on the opinion ballot. Further discussion occurred similar to arguments previously addressed.

Adjournment:

**B. Turpin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Podell seconded.
Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by,

J. Podell, Recording Secretary