

**HMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 9, 2002**

**Call to Order:**

**Roll Call:** N. Huff, President, K. Freeman, Vice President, K. Fennell, Treasurer, J. Podell, Executive Secretary and Asst. Treasurer, B. Turpin, Land Use, Doug Allen, Island Manager, R Pinkley, Water Chairman, and F. Reichlin, Rules and Regulations.

**Membership input:** None

**Previous Board Meeting Minutes:**

**K. Fennell made a motion to accept the 1/12/02 Board meeting minutes. J. Podell seconded.. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence:**

R. Pinkley read list of correspondence received in the last month. (Three pieces of correspondence received.)

One of the items was from Mario Clark, who had previously been banned from the island for past bad behavior. Discussion followed concerning the history of the original problems. N. Huff indicated that the young man has grown and experienced a lot of maturity over the past two years and the Board should give serious consideration to permanently lifting the ban.

**K. Freeman made a motion to permanently remove the ban contingent upon Mr. Clark's acknowledgement and acceptance of conditions outlined by the Board. B. Turpin seconded. Motion carried.**

**Finance:**

**K. Fennell made a motion to pay the island bills. K. Freeman seconded. Motion carried.** See written report for specifics relative to the recent Coast Guard fine, a Neiman Marcus photo shoot, State unemployment tax increase, ferry revenues, and property insurance issues. K. Fennell discussed upcoming budget planning. She has proposed an initial meeting with the budget Chairs at the end of next month's Board meeting. Kathy also proposed transferring \$674 from surplus funds into Water reserves to bring it up to it's target. **F. Reichlin made motion to transfer these funds. B. Turpin seconded. Motion carried.**

**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:**

It was reported that Gary Peterson has returned all property he had in his possession relative to the Fire Department and V-CART. Additionally K. Freeman reported that the Fire Dept has been notified of the discontinuation of V-CART. D. Allen suggested removing reference to V-CART in Emergency Preparedness' charter. K. Freeman will write some modification language and present it to the Board at the March meeting.

Website issues. There was considerable discussion concerning ownership of existing website files and renewal of the herronisland.org domain name for another 3 years following its expiration in November of this year.

B. Zazzo discussed the HTML format of the Beachcomber on the website and recommended that it be converted to Acrobat to make it printable directly from the website. Ken Freeman requested that someone with Acrobat Writer convert a copy of the Beachcomber from Microsoft Publisher to Acrobat format for evaluation. B. Zazzo indicated he would try to do this.

### **Legal**

D. Allen discussed the recently reduced Coast Guard civil penalty (down to \$2K from \$5K). The penalty amount has been paid. It was clear that any further reduction would be very unlikely.

### **Transportation:**

See written report relative to relief ferry captain, marine insurance, ferry ramp motors, ramp lifting mechanism and a salary increase for Capt. Wiggins.

Additional discussion occurred between the Board and members relative to proposals received for replacement of the ferry ramp cables. D. Allen indicated that the State requirement for replacement of ramp cables is 3 years. Our ramp cables are now 7 years old. We would be well advised to replace our cables now to mitigate the possibility of a catastrophic incident occurring in the event of total cable failure.

Concerning housing for relief ferry captains, an island member has offered a 19' travel trailer for use in this capacity. This option will be pursued further.

The Board then discussed a merit pay increase for Capt. Wiggins.

**J. Podell made a motion to award a merit pay step increase for Capt. Wiggins. B. Turpin seconded. Motion carried**

### **Water:**

See Island Manager's report

A bid was received to perform a new water system study. The bid came in under \$10K. D. Allen reported that HMC could apply for a low interest State loan to help us finance a new water system. Applications need to be submitted to the State by June 1. Washington State is conducting a workshop next month on new water system financing methods. D. Allen will attend.

**Roads:**

See Island Manager's report.

The salt water pump station at North Beach needs to be completed. An electrical contractor needs to be hired to complete the installation. D. Allen will make inquiries of Holland Pump.

**Land Use:**

No written report from Land Use chairman. See Island Manager's report for details of land use issues.

Significant discussion occurred concerning the Pierce County Solid Waste program. The County is cracking down on junk vehicles on private property. D. Allen will contact Pierce County to inquire about possible assistance for junk vehicles on the island.

A. Moren suggested that a way to clean up HMC-owned lots would be to have controlled monthly burnings. There are approximately 20 HMC-owned lots. County restrictions will be explored by Ken Freeman. Land Use Chairman will identify the top 5 lots.

**Rules & Regulations:**

See written report.

An appeal hearing is scheduled for today to decide a case involving a trash fire.

F. Reichlin discussed his recommendation for a membership meeting (chaired by the Board) to solicit comments from HMC members on the proposed rule changes. He anticipates a meeting of 2 hours duration. B. Huff proposed a separate mailing of the proposed new rules as a method to advise membership of the upcoming meeting. The Board set March 10<sup>th</sup> for this membership review meeting.

Revisions to HMC By-laws still remain unfinished. The proposed By-Law changes are currently with the island attorney waiting for his review. D. Allen will contact the attorney in an attempt to accelerate the process.

**Fire Department/Emergency Preparedness:**

Quarterly update of the island map has been published. The Fire Department will be provided with a map for each of their vehicles. Concern was discussed

about people with serious medical symptoms still using the V-CART phone number instead of calling 911. When they call the old number they receive a telephone recording stating that the number is no longer in service. Further communication needs to occur to inform the membership that VCART has been discontinued.

**Parks:**

T. Anspach reported on Parks issues. See written Parks report (e-mail).

Key dates for upcoming island work has been set as reported out by the Boosters. (i.e. small boat dock, trimming of trees around the Pavillion, community burn, etc.)

**Boosters:**

Pot luck meeting tonight. (Turkey provided) Additionally, the acoustical problems at the community center continue to be a concern. An acoustical engineer has been contacted and will come out to assess the problem and provide recommendations as appropriate.

Next community burn – outstanding issues include selection of dates, permits, etc. These issues will be discussed further.

**Beachcomber:**

Deadline for submissions to the next Beachcomber is 3/11/02.

**New Business**

N. Huff discussed the water truck and the possibility that we could get useful service out of the truck during the winter months when it is not in use for road watering purposes. We currently deactivate the insurance coverage during the winter which saves the island approx. \$500. Nick recommended revisiting this issue.

A new assessment-paying member has recently purchased the Mercer property.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

J. Podell, Executive Secretary