

HMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2004

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

Roll Call: Ken Freeman, President, Doug Allen, Island Manager, Fred Fath, Secretary and Treasurer, Ferd Reichlin, Board Member, and Al Moren, Board Member. Bill Zazzo, Vice President, was excused for absence.

Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Fred Fath made a motion to accept the January Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Fred Fath reported that 1 piece of correspondence was received by HMC this month concerning the ban of a contractor from the island.

Finance:

Treasurer reported that the expenses are in line with expectations. The 2003 audit was discussed showing a decrease of about \$51,000 in cash over last year. While a decrease is normal in the year of drydock, this decrease was more due to the extraordinary expense in the ferry drydock and major repair category. This expense was somewhat offset by significant under-run in the administrative category (basically in insurance and legal of about \$25,000). The decrease in members equity is normal as no budget provision is made for depreciation or bad debt.

A finance committee meeting will be held today to go over the assessment notification and last years audit.

Fred Fath made a motion to pay the monthly island bills which are in line with expectations. 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.

The board agreed to have the Washington State Chapter of the National Community Associations Institute publish an article featuring Herron Island.

Legal Liaison:

There was discussion on Mike Chambers, the contractor who violated burning restrictions, and was banned from the island. There was a request by an owner to extend the beginning of the ban one month to allow the completion of a current contract. A motion was made by Fred Fath to extend the ban until 4/1/04 with no further extensions and not to allow any appeal of the ban until 2005. Motion passed.

There was discussion on renaming for legal reasons HMC. The name will be picked from suggestions next month.

Land Use

There will be some junk removal from HMC lots with some new equipment purchased by Steve Kramer. The county health department came onto the island to assess some trash and junk vehicles on lots. It is unknown what action will be taken although the department employee was encouraging on possibilities.

Transportation:

An owner on the island has applied for a fill-in deckhand position and a request to upgrade his current license to be a fill-in captain. Ferd Reichlin made a motion to establish an internship position for captain trainee at \$1.00 per hour to allow the upgrade for fill-in captain. Motion passed.

Insurance premium costs are likely to increase 5% which is within our budget. Rates may be lowered in coming years as we pass 5 years without incidents. The good performance of our ferry crew was cited as creating the potential for reduction in the future.

There was an unsolicited offer from Tacoma Diesel for new engines (\$27K per engine not including installation). After discussion, Doug will pursue a more detailed cost analysis of the proposal including installation and overhaul costs. No decision will be made until a more detailed business case is analyzed.

Rules & Regulations:

The rules committee met on 1/18/04 and decided on two cases wrapping up the current backlog. They also began the final revision of HMC rules.

Board will hear an appeal today. Separate minutes will be recorded.

Fire Department/Emergency Preparedness:

There were two medical calls last month with no complications. There will be a Ferry Drills on March 9th and 16th as previously authorized by the Board. Bronson Jones received his Firefighters badge February 11, 2004 and Michael Jones has started training.

Water:

None

Parks:

Tracy Anspach replaced the broken window in the hall. Forms have been built to repair the boat ramp. All the materials except the concrete have been purchased. Need volunteers to assemble forms at North Beach on 2/28 and for pouring the concrete on 3/5/04. Lots of volunteer time needed for placing the cured ramp sections and for putting in the docks. There will be a need for more

funding to cover the costs over the \$1000 already paid. Al Moren made a motion to issue a check up to \$650 for concrete to complete ramps. Motion passed.

Roads:

Annual community burn at North Beach might be near Memorial Day. We should pursue a permit for this burn. We should also coordinate road clearing so that material could be burned at that time. There may be a ban on such burning in the future but it is not in effect now.

Dick Mowry suggested that some ditch work is needed to prevent erosion and flooding. He will get with Al Moren to develop a proposal.

Boosters:

Boosters will have a meeting tonight. The phone book is ready for sale at \$3.00.

Beachcomber:

Patricia Jones (editor) email address: hjones@yahoo.com
Next issue is in March with the deadline of 3/16/04.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Membership Questions:

None

Adjournment:

Al Moren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Fred Fath, Recording Secretary