

HMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 12th, 2004

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

Roll Call: Ken Freeman, President, Bill Zazzo, Vice President, Fred Fath, Secretary and Treasurer, Al Moren, Board Member, and Doug Allen, Island Manager, and Island Attorney James Strichartz. Absent (Excused) was Ferd Reichlin, Board Member.

Previous Board Meeting Minutes

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

Correspondence:

There were two letters to the Board both regarding noise and operation of motorized vehicles by youth.

Finance:

The revenues and expenses are tracking the budget quite well. The revenues appear to be a little ahead of schedule while the expenses are in line. This year we are tracking cash more closely supported by Patty and the accountants. The accounting system historically has tracked assets. The budget for next year was completed and while there are increases due to wages, fuel, and insurance, the rate of increase has slowed.

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

Fred Fath made a motion to submit the budget to the membership for approval. Motion passed.

Al Moren made a motion to allow Island Manager Doug Allen and any other HMC employee that lives off the island to ride the ferry free of charge. At present Doug buys passes and is then reimbursed for the expense. This will reduce the administrative work and make it easier. Motion passed.

Bill Zazzo made a motion to reimburse Dick Mowry for his expenses for the annual burn. Motion passed. Dick will be asked to submit his expenses.

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. Most will be discussed during the Annual Meeting.

Administrative:

There was discussion on the realtor ferry fee. When the general ferry fees were raised last year, the realtor fees were not changed. The island attorney was asked if a membership vote to change was required. The opinion was that the Board could make the change. Bill Zazzo made a motion to change the name to a property transfer fee and raise the amount by 20%. Motion passed.

Discussion on the use of the path along the park as a road. Poles and a chain will be installed to limit this use and reduce the probability of an accident with those using the park.

There was discussion on the Peninsula Light pole storage adjacent to the play area. It was decided to move the poles parallel to the field to reduce the exposure.

In response to a letter on rules regarding dog droppings it was decided to research the Pierce County law on owners being responsible to clean up after their dogs.

There is a problem with some use of the community building and not cleaning the kitchen. The users are requested to follow the rules and leave the place clean.

There was discussion of the policy of charging for copy and administrative services and the applicability to the Herron Island Boosters. It was decided that since the Boosters support so much of the island, there should not be a charge.

Pierce County agreed to a reduced fee of \$265 for them to do the "wetlands delineation". The application has been completed and will be submitted. HMC will have to put up signs.

Legal:

None

Land Use

None

Transportation:

Ferry dry-dock is tentatively scheduled for September 20. The last runs will be on Sunday September 19th. We are allowing two weeks that depends on many factors unknown at this time.

Rules & Regulations:

Final rules are nearing final completion.

There was discussion on public noise on Herron Island due to multiple letters to the Board. Pierce County Codes on noise were discussed. Bill Zazzo made a motion to include the county rule in the old set of rules and publish it in the Beachcomber. Motion passed.

Fire Department/Emergency Preparedness:

We should get a replacement fire engine in July. Hopefully it will be equipped for wildland fire fighting. The current equipment has no such capability.

Water:

Fred Fath made a motion to submit an approval for \$80,000 for a new water tank to the membership funded in part by the water reserves (\$59,000) and part by special assessment. Motion passed.

A motion was made Bill Zazzo to submit a special assessment of \$60 per member payable September 1, 2004 to the membership. Motion passed.

Parks:

To be discussed during Annual Meeting.

The straps to take out dock sections were found.

Roads:

None

Boosters:

Meeting tonight 6:00PM. There will be a potluck open to all.

Beachcomber:

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Next issue is in June with the deadline of 6/18/04. It will contain ballots for the budget and for the water tank issues.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Membership Questions:

None

Adjournment:

Bill Zazzo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Fred Fath, Recording Secretary