

**HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes
(June 13, 2009)**

Call to Order: Kathy Deuster called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call: Kathryn Deuster, Vice President, Janet Podell, Secretary; Judy Greinke, Assistant Treasurer, Eric Bergson, Member at Large, Doug Allen, Island Manager, Jim Strichartz, Island attorney Excused absence: Fred Fath, President/Treasurer

Kathy Duester introduced Jim Strichartz, the island attorney to the members. She further reported that today is Doug Allen's last day as Island Manager after nine years of service to HMC.

Pre-Meeting Statement: Kathy addressed the members of the audience with a pre-meeting statement. It was brought to the Board's attention that last month's Board meeting was recorded by someone in the audience. The members were reminded that the recording of any conversations without prior consent is illegal in the State of Washington according to RCW 9.73.130. It becomes legal if the recording parties state their intent to record the proceedings and this statement is made and recorded as part of the proceedings. Violation of this law is considered a gross misdemeanor and punishable by up to a year in prison and a \$5000 fine in accordance with RCW 9.92.020. Kathy then asked if there were any persons in the audience with recording devices intending to record today's events, it was requested that they make themselves known so the intent to record can be made a part of these proceedings. No one came forward.

Previous Board Meeting Minutes: Kathy Deuster made a motion to accept the May '09 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Eight pieces of correspondence were received during the month. These were discussed as each subject occurred during the course of the meeting with one exception. A letter by Nick Huff was read out loud at his request. It was a letter recognizing Doug Allen's many contributions and accomplishments over the course of his nine year employment as HMC Island Manager. Kathy Deuster then presented Doug Allen with a recognition certificate thanking him for his many years of service to our community. Doug received a resounding round of applause. Also Eric Bergson was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his time on the Board.

Finance:

- Judy Greinke discussed the current status of the budget. She reported that we have a general account buffer of \$30K but have not had to touch any of that to date. During a discussion of our monthly bills Judy pointed out that our bill for legal services are high this month but reminded the members that much of this is recovered when delinquencies are settled.
- **Judy Greinke made a motion to pay the bills. Motion carried.**

See Island Manager's written report for additional details of the following areas.

Administration:

- There was a recent accident at the ferry dock on the island side when a car's brakes failed on approach to the ferry and destroyed the dock gate. Repairs are underway.
- It was reported that someone stole the docking lines and shackles from the mainland dock. Doug Allen said it appears to be an act of vandalism. A Sheriff's report has been filed.

- It was reported that a member made a 911 call to the Fire Department during last month's annual burn at North Beach even though we had a burn permit and there were members monitoring the fire. When a 911 call is made, the Fire Department is legally obligated to respond. They came to the island and foamed the burning embers at the burn sight. Discussion followed about the party responsible for calling and whether this will result in denial of burn permits in the future. It was further discussed that if the Fire Department presents HMC with a bill for the foam and/or the false emergency call, it will be the responsibility of the member who made the call to pay this bill.
- 4th of July fireworks – Kathy Deuster reported that fireworks will be permitted at the North Beach only and only on beach itself, not in the parking lot. Additionally, no fireworks are permitted at South Beach. Judy Greinke reported that there will be a 4th of July parade starting at 1:00 pm. Clean up will occur on the 5th of July and a call was made for member participation in the cleanup. It was reported that HMC will not be hiring an outside security firm for the holiday weekend. Kathy Deuster suggested that parked cars could be moved further back from the beach for safety reasons. Membership discussion followed. No decision was reached. We will prepare a sign for South Beach stating that fireworks are prohibited.

Legal:

- The Harpel Forebearance agreement was sent back to the office after the deadline so a Notary would not sign. However, the member has been making payments. The Board needs to decide if we want to resubmit the agreement for signature. The decision was tabled for now.
- We have received a bill from the Fire Department for past electric bills at the fire hall even though our contract with them is just recently renewed. The island manager challenged the bill and the Fire Department withdrew the request.

Land Use:

- Kathy Deuster reported that there is a dead tree and a tree stump on the Single Lane Road that need removing. Dick Mowry has agreed to remove the stump. The Land Use Committee is currently developing a mission statement.

Transportation:

- It was reported that there is no dry dock scheduled for this year.
- As previously reported, the Coast Guard is planning to require some vessels be equipped with Automatic Identification Systems (AIS). This equipment is a security measure and is intended to track all departures and arrivals. Doug Allen reported that he wrote a request for exemption and the Coast Guard has the final decision.
- The Dept. of Ecology came out and inspected our ferry fueling process and will provide a written determination about whether our spill containment plan is accepted. It was reported that Anderson Island has a new fast fire boat that could be here quickly if we need them for a spill response. (This is a Pierce County vessel.)
- As a result of the recent theft of our docking lines it was suggested that we continue to keep spare sets of lines available. More discussion will occur.

Rules & Regulations:

- There is one pending Rules complaint that is scheduled to be heard in late July. At that same meeting Eric Bergson suggested that we should also discuss any changes to the rules that may be suggested by membership.

Emergency Preparedness:

- Mike Davis reported that there will be a Neighborhood Watch on July 4th.
- Mike Davis also reported that we are still working with Lou Dooley from Pierce County on the mitigation plan and hope to go out for some grant money. Pat Pitt, as a security expert has offered to help out as a consultant on this committee.
- It was reported that the Instructional CD for our defibrillator is no longer available for purchase. We will download the instructions from the website.
- The alarm box for the defibrillator has arrived and will be installed shortly. It will be wired into the office security system.

Water:

- Red's Electric had recommended a three phase protective well monitor at our well site. This has been installed. The monitor is very sensitive and kept shutting things down. Red's came out and adjusted the monitor to be less sensitive while still protecting our water pump system. At the present time we only have a two phase line to the power pole with simulated 3 phase wiring at the pole. Peninsula Light has offered to survey the situation assess the cost of adding another power line into the well house.
- Mike Davis reported that more power is being generated because of increased population on the island. It's important to note that this is a power issue; not a water issue.

Parks:

- No report by the Parks Chairman
- Allen Moren asked if we want to use the leftover 4 x 4's for Kayak racks at the North Beach.
- There is a new stop sign at North Beach and it was emphasized that this must be observed.
- Mike Shuttlesworth reported that a motorized vehicle recently went down the South Beach trail and was operating on the beach. Members were reminded that this is strictly prohibited. There is a sign at the top of the South Beach trail that clearly states motor vehicles are prohibited on the trail.

Roads:

- Our water truck has had its major repairs. Some other work is still underway.
- Al Moren called for water truck driver volunteers and recommended they express their interest in becoming a volunteer at the office. The State licensing department requires a valid driver's license and an agreement that the volunteer permit a license check for traffic infractions.
- A member in the audience presented a question about when a volunteer trains another volunteer, does the association becomes liable for any accidents that may occur? Answer: yes, however if negligence is involved the individual becomes personally libel.

Old Business:

- Carole Crowley reported that \$850 was received from the Combat Veteran's sale on May 24th. The two remaining furniture items will be donated to Habitat for Humanity or another worthy charity.

New Business:

- Herron Island hats used to be purchased by the Boosters. Allen Moren would like to order more for himself and the ferry crew. HMC will reimburse him for the crew's portion of the bill.

Action Item Review:

- In light of time constraints, the action item review was deferred until next month.

Beachcomber:

- The next Beachcomber will be the June issue. Inputs are required electronically no later than 5:00 PM on Wed. June 17, 2009. The Beachcomber Editor is beachcomber@herronisland.org.
- Kathy reminded the members that if possible they should get their Beachcombers on line instead of receiving them in the mail. This would be a significant cost savings for the island.

Adjournment: Janet Podell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Podell
Secretary