

HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2011

Call to Order: Fred Fath called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call: Fred Fath, President/Treasurer; Mark Anderson, Vice President; Janet Podell, Secretary; Gary Wanzong, Asst. Treasurer; Judy Greinke, Member at Large; Claudia Ellsworth, Island Manager (IM).

Doyle Parnell announced he is recording the proceedings.

Previous Board Meeting Minutes: Fred Fath made a motion to accept the May '11 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: There were seven items of correspondence received during the month. These were addressed as the subject matter came up over the course of the meeting.

Finance:

- Fred Fath reported that the budget is on target to the plan. He recommended that we fund our semi-annual contributions to the Reserves in the amount of \$29,500. **Fred Fath made a motion to make this contribution to our Vanguard accounts. Motion carried.**
- **Fred Fath made a motion to pay the bills. Motion carried.**

Administration: See the IM's report for miscellaneous Administration issues not directly mentioned here.

- The IM recognized all of the volunteers who contributed their time to help the island community over the past month. The specific names of those individuals can be found in the IM's report.
- NWS is working to get the Water Project schedule ready for a Dept. of Health review.
- Fred Fath reported that we have been researching ways to reduce the amount of effort it takes to process all incoming ferry revenues on the ticketing and pass system we have in place today, which is extremely labor intensive. A suggestion to automate the process is in the works but, on an interim basis, a suggestion was sent to the Board that creates a "prepaid" method for Members to cover their ferry fees. The proposal would eliminate the passes (including Commuter & Senior/Disabled passes) but would replace them with discounted tickets. The discounted tickets would be sold in groups of ten (10) and the discount would be available for everyone. (Fares would be between \$6.50 and \$8.00 with no expiration date.) The tickets would also be available for use by guests. It would take two tickets for guests, but those tickets would be discounted, too. Dallas Amidon asked how the process would work for contractors and service providers coming to the island. Fred reported that that part of the process will not change. Linda Moren then noted that the senior ticket fees would increase and, since the overall ferry fares were recently raised, it would mean that seniors would be seeing an increase of \$1.50 in ferry fares. Fred went on to explain the rationale behind the plan, and stated that it was agreed that it would be better to lower the discount rate and make it available to all Members. **Judy Greinke made a motion to present this plan to the as part of the budget voting pamphlet. Motion carried.**

Legal: See the IM's report for miscellaneous Legal issues not directly mentioned here.

- We have ten delinquencies. Four are with the lawyers. The IM reported that this is a common condition that often occurs following a Membership assessment.

Land Use: See the IM's report for miscellaneous Land Use issues not directly mentioned here.

- A Member has requested that some trees on HMC right of way near their property be removed as they consider them to be potentially dangerous. Peninsula Light has been out to the island and determined that the trees are not in close proximity to their power lines and they therefore, would not be removing them for HMC. Max Hochenadel indicated that he knows a Member who is a certified arborist and may be willing to assess the trees at no charge. HMC will investigate further.

Transportation: See the IM's report for miscellaneous Transportation issues not directly mentioned here.

- The IM mentioned that the 4th of July holiday is fast approaching and the crew would like to remind Members that no extended length vehicles will be transported on the ferry after June 30th.

Rules & Regulations:

- No Report from the Rules Committee
- The Chairman of the Rules Committee (Max Hochenadel) reminded Members that everyone needs to follow the rules that are established for the community. He has a high degree of respect for the "Rule of Law" and remarked that rules are established for the common good. Janet Podell added that the HMC Rules apply to all Members regardless of how long they have been Members.

Emergency Preparedness: See the IM's report for miscellaneous Emergency Preparedness issues not directly mentioned here.

- No Report from the Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Pat Zazzo addressed concerns that the office has no cell phone back up when the power goes out on the island or internet service is lost. Discussion followed among the Members in attendance. Beth Wanzong suggested that we obtain a second cell phone tied to the ferry phone account, so we don't have to acquire an additional cell phone account. Other Members suggested low cost alternatives. The IM will investigate further.

Water: See the IM's report for miscellaneous Water issues not directly mentioned here.

- The IM reported that 15 representatives from the USDA are coming over to the island for a tour on August 15th.

Parks:

- The Parks Committee thanked all of the volunteers who have contributed their time in pursuit of the care and beautification of our parks. Volunteer names can be found on the IM's report.
- We now have a dedicated email account for Members who wish to communicate directly with the Parks Committee. The email address is hmcparcs@herronisland.org.
- Special thanks went out to Anita Bray and George Newcomb for photographic evidence that the small boat docks were in place in the 1950s. This is helping us with the North Beach permitting process, since it provides documented evidence that the original pilings were in place before the 1971 Shoreline Management Act.

Roads: See the IM's report for miscellaneous Road issues not directly mentioned here.

- No Report from the Roads Committee.

Technology:

- No Report from the Technology Committee

Rumor Control/Member Issues:

- Dallas Amidon reported that was a recent situation where a lender turned down a mortgage loan because HMC operates a private ferry. The prospective buyers then sought a loan from another lender and were approved on the condition that they obtained Private Mortgage Insurance. They were then turned down by the PMI underwriter. Dallas's intent was to communicate the issue to the Membership that lenders are getting tighter in granting mortgage loans. Discussion followed.
- A Member asked about status of removal of abandoned trailers on the island with specific reference to the trailer on the old Kirk property. The IM reported that a company has been hired to remove the trailer but has not followed through. The IM will follow up with another call to them.
- Judy Greinke brought up a rumor heard about Board members having keys to the HMC office. This is not the case - no Board members have keys to the HMC office.
- Allen Moren reported that Gary Hansen has passed away.

Old Business:

- Diane DeGood made seven safety patrol vests for the 4th of July holiday weekend and needs volunteers. Volunteers should contact her at : degoodd@att.net

New Business:

- The IM reported that one of the Life Rings that HMC purchased last year was stolen. The other Life Ring has now been moved down to the North Beach Marina docks.
- The Board received an email from a Member's child asking if they could have a lemonade stand during the summer months. The Board agreed.
- Fred Fath reported out that a Member sent an email about a recent change of address for their property. The IM explained that, in response to a recent 911 call from the island, the 911 operator indicated that the caller's address was not in Pierce County. This prompted the IM to contact the County to address this issue. Since then, to prevent a similar occurrence, the IM worked with the County to identify other addresses on the island that could have the same problem. It is important to note that decisions about street address are strictly at the discretion of Pierce County. HMC has no control over these decisions.
- Dallas Amidon asked if he could place an ad in the classified section of the Beachcomber for no charge about an upcoming salmon bake at Longbranch this year. Mark Anderson expressed concern that we would be expanding the boundaries of free classified advertising, which is intended to be for the personal benefit of Members only. Max Hochenadel agreed with Mark's assessment. Members in attendance then donated \$20 to pay for the advertisement.

Beachcomber: The next Beachcomber will be the June issue. Inputs are required electronically no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The Beachcomber Editor is beachcomber@herronisland.org.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Podell

Secretary