

HMC Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2021

Call to Order & Welcome - Reed West, HMC Board President.

Introduction of Board Members/Roll Call: Reed West, Kathy Deuster, and Scott Young; Jane Wooster, Island Manager. Chet Latimer: Excused absence due to hospitalization.

Reed: Thanks for joining us on this Zoom meeting.

Merry Kogut submitted her resignation from the Board after the February Board meeting. She was thanked for her contributions and dedicated service. A Motion was made and approved unanimously to accept Merry Kogut's resignation.

A Motion was made and approved unanimously to accept the appointment of Beth Owen to finish out the remaining months of Merry's term.

A motion was made and approved unanimously to accept the appointment of Kathy Deuster to be the Secretary for the remaining months of Merry's term.

Motion was made and approved unanimously to suspend the traditional agenda and adopt one in which membership input would be made after the committee reports.

Treasurer's Report and Bills of the Association by Scott. Motion was made and approved unanimously to pay the bills since the last Board meeting.

Reed made a motion to approve the ramp controls project, motors, etc upgrade project. This motion was unanimously approved. Scott made the motion to transfer \$55,000 from reserves to the General Fund for the project. This motion was unanimously approved.

Due to several past questions, the board had a legal ruling regarding the expenditure of greater than \$10,000 without a membership vote. The attorney told the Board, that without question, they had the authority to do this. Moreover, it is the Board's paramount responsibility to maintain the ferry infrastructure of the island. This is not a violation of the bylaws. This ruling will be kept in writing in the office and is available for anyone to see.

Minutes from February 13, 2021, Board Meeting, Merry Kogut, Secretary. The Board unanimously approved a motion to accept the minutes. A link to the minutes will be added to the Island Manager's Report.

Communications/correspondence: Kathy

1. A Member contacted HMC staff and Board Members following a discussion at the Feb 13th, 2021 Board meeting concerning funds to cover the cost of electrical box replacement/repairs at the ferry dock.
2. A Member contacted the HMC Board Secretary about the lack of updates about ferry service following the last communication of Feb 13th.
3. A Member contacted Member Input questioning the contract for the ramp control and devices.
4. A Member contacted Member Input offering to write a column for the Beachcomber regarding property maintenance and community benefits.
5. A Member contacted Member Input with kudos for Kathy Deuster and Mike Gage for assistance with a tree problem he was having.
6. A Member contacted Member Input asking about a list of priorities that the Board President put together following the last election.
7. A Member contacted HMC about a new campsite rental planned on private residence's property.
- 8 A Member wrote a letter to HMC about the behavior of a neighbor.
9. Board received communications about a Board member's resignation.
10. A member contacted the HMC Office regarding trespassing, vandalism, and theft on their property.

[Island Manager Report:](#)

Jane Wooster discussed her Island Manager's Report (published on the Herron Island website prior to the meeting):

HMC seeks a webmaster and publisher for the Beachcomber. Please contact the Island Manager if interested. This has been handled by a volunteer who is ready to step down.

HMC is looking for a relief deckhand. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested in this position, please email the Island Manager.

The HMC Office will migrate to MS365 in April. Once set up, this provides secure ways to communicate and safely store data. Ultimately, there will be a way to text alerts.

Legal Liaison: There are 10 delinquencies; 7 with the attorney's office.

Committee Reports:

- Maintenance (Gary Wanzong): No report
- Parks (Dale Miller): No report."
- Policies (Mike Gage): No report.
- Roads (Dan Marten): No report.
- Emergency Preparedness (Ken Higgins): No report.
- Water (Frank Harrison): No report.
- Small Boat Dock (Sherri Anderson): A list of supplies to repair and reseal the docks is being compiled. A small work party will work on the docks in April. If you can help, please contact Sherry. Dock installation is scheduled for May 1.
- Rules (Mike Fassio): One complaint pending

Old Business - Reed

Thank you for wearing masks and social distancing. Not all are vaccinated yet. Please be careful and wear your masks around the ferry crew.

The Finance Committee concluded its discussions on the budget. The Board will meet soon regarding the budget. The goal is to have a draft budget in April, and the official budget finished in May prior to the membership vote in June. The assessment will go up. We have no choice.. The finance committee worked hard to minimize increasing the assessment. A large part of the budget is the ferry, ramps, and crew salaries.

New Business:

Three positions will be open in the upcoming Board election. It is a fulfilling and rewarding two year commitment. Please consider running for the Board.

Boosters Report and Announcements: Robin Kelly, Boosters' President: At the last Booster meeting, it was agreed to clean, and repair the crew waiting shed on the mainland. Ken Higgins will coordinate this. If you can volunteer, let Ken know.

The Boosters will be establishing an email account. If you want notification from the Boosters, contact Robin.

The Boosters agreed to fund the Parks construction of new kayak racks.

A member who will be leaving the Island soon has offered to possibly give some of his outdoor artwork to the island. Robin will contact the Parks Committee to get their input.

Beachcomber: March deadline is March 17.

Membership Input:

A member asked for clarification of current Board positions; Kathy Deuster is now the Secretary and Beth Owens is the Member at Large.

A member with multiple years of city parks experience identified numerous issues such as safety and preservation

must be addressed by the Parks Committee prior to making a recommendation for the artwork. He is willing to work with the Parks Committee concerning these issues.

There were multiple, lengthy discussions from numerous members concerning the tent campground on West Yew. The Board has not had the opportunity to investigate this issue but will do so in the near future.

Two members expressed appreciation for Merry Kogut's service on the HMC Board.

Two members inquired whether competitive bidding was done for ferry work during dry dock.

Executive Session: None

There were 28 participants on today's Zoom call.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.