

**HMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 10, 2003**

**Call to Order:** N. Huff called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

**Roll Call:** Nick Huff ,President, J. Podell, Secretary, B. Zazzo, Water Chair, Doug Allen, Island Manager, K. Freeman, Vice President & Treasurer, Al Moren, Board Member. F. Reichlin, Board Member, F. Fath – Excused absence.

**Membership input:**

None

**Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

**J Podell made a motion to accept the April 12th Board meeting minutes. B. Zazzo seconded. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence:**

J. Podell reported that seven pieces of correspondence were received by HMC this month. One letter from J. Christman stated his desire to transfer ownership of his lot to HMC and included payment for the remainder of his delinquent assessment. **F. Reichlin made a motion to accept this B. Zazzo seconded. Motion carried.**

**Finance:**

See written Treasurer's report.

**K. Freeman made a motion to pay the monthly island bills. A. Moren seconded. Motion carried.**

Discussion on the proposed budget reported that the 2003/2004 Assessment would be \$1039 unless an increase in ferry fees is implemented. The increase would reduce the assessment down to \$987. Discussion followed on the ratio of ferry fees vs. subsidy. Currently about 33% of operating costs are raised from fees. The proposed fee increase brings that up to about 40%. The presentation for next year's budget will be illustrated showing both options. A recommendation was made about increasing the fee for oversized vehicles to make it more proportionate to the resulting space displacement on the ferry. This will be researched further. K. Freeman reported that a membership vote must first occur on any increase of the ferry fees before it can be placed in the budget for membership approval.

**F. Reichlin made a motion to include a ballot item in the next Beachcomber to raise ferry fees by minimum of 20%. J Podell seconded. 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.

### **Administrative:**

See written report

In light of declining interest in board membership, Doug Allen suggested that the Board consider reducing the number of board members from 7 to 5. **B. Zazzo made motion to add a ballot to the Beachcomber to reduce the members from 7 – 5. K. Freeman seconded. Motion carried.**

### **Legal**

See written report.

A member questioned the value of having our island attorney attend the Annual meeting since his fees for attending the meeting are quite high. It was explained that since this is only an annual event, his presence provides the members and Board members an opportunity to address questions and concerns they may have.

### **Transportation:**

See island manager's report.

Mike Shettlesworth has been hired as fill in deckhand. The position of fill-in captain remains to be filled. Ads have been placed and five candidates have responded. The subject of overnight living quarters is still an issue and is a major factor in finding a willing candidate. Ken Freeman indicated that his trailer is available and he would be willing to offer it up for this purpose. The Board considered this to be an acceptable solution with many thanks to Ken.

### **Finance**

See Island Manager's report

Significant discussion followed on the value of maintaining property insurance for HMC owned properties. Varying opinions covered the "what if" scenarios in the event we were to drop this insurance and become self-insured. For all properties (excluding the ferry docks) the premiums run approx. \$1100/year. Coverage for the two ferry facilities (docks) and the small boat docks is approximately \$13,000 this year.

**Water:**

See written Island Manager' and Treasurer's report

Dick Mowry volunteered to transport our monthly water samples to the testing lab on the mainland.

The new hatch cover still needs to be installed. Glue and seal adhesive will be required for completion of this task.

**Roads:**

See written island manager's report

**Rules & Regulations:**

F. Reichlin reported that there has been a lot of activity in the prior month. Six new complaints have been filed and are being worked. A member inquired about fines imposed for unattended fires. Ferd stated that any unattended fire is subject to a fine but the first action would be to contact the fire department.

**Land Use**

Tansy control on HMC property was discussed and it was noted that in past years we had an HMC employee perform this task. The county has provided references of companies qualified to spray for tansy on the island. The Board will look into this further.

Right of Way maintenance was discussed with specific emphasis on mowing and tansy control. It might be in our best interest to explore the purchase of used equipment designed for mowing culverts and roadside growth. Kathy Deuster expressed interest in this job.

**Fire Department/Emergency Preparedness:**

Claudia and Bill Jones are now state-certified as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT).

It was reported that a burn permit will be issued by the Fire Department for our upcoming community burn at North Beach.

**Parks:**

T. Anspach reported on the status of staining the small boat dock. He is still working on obtaining the product.

He expressed concern about the state of the beach after the community burn. It was discussed that the area will be cleaned up following the burn.

Honey Buckets – Tracy expressed concern about the increasing cost of maintaining the island units. Members discussed ways to reduce the number of units that we pay for. Also, currently the service provider is not being charged for ferry fees. It was decided to keep the current program.

**Boosters:**

Boosters dinner tonight @ 6:00 pm

N. Huff reported that volunteers have dropped off significantly in recent years and this may require a cutback in Booster activities. The issue will be addressed at this evening's meeting.

**Beachcomber:**

Patricia Jones (editor) email address: [hjones@yahoo.com](mailto:hjones@yahoo.com)

Next issue deadline: 5/12/03

**Bylaws Proposal Review**

More discussions with the island attorney will occur in the next week.

**New Business:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

Reminder that stickers are required for all motorized vehicles on the island.

**Adjournment:**

**B. Zazzo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. F. Reichlin seconded. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by,

J. Podell, Recording Secretary