

HMC Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2021; 10:00 am

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

The meeting started with the announcement that the application process for new board members was now closed.

We currently have four members on the HMC Board of Directors. Three HMC Board Members (an odd number) are required to fulfill the voting bylaws; therefore, the President will run the meeting, but will not vote.

Introduction of Board Members/Roll Call: Reed West, Kathy Deuster, Scott Young and Beth Owen; Jane Wooster, Island Manager.

Motion was made and approved unanimously (passed 3-0) to suspend the traditional agenda and adopt one in which membership input would be made after New Business.

Treasurer's Report and Bills of the Association: Scott. Motion was made and approved unanimously (3-0) to pay the bills since the last Board meeting.

Minutes from April 12, 2021, Board Meeting: Kathy, Secretary. The Board approved unanimously (3-0) a motion to accept the minutes. A link to the minutes will be added to the Island Manager's Report.

Communications/Correspondence/Member Input: Kathy

1. A member inquired why the American flag was not flying at North Beach.
2. A member inquired about the assessment going up to approximately \$300 per month.
3. A member asked about the advertising protocol for hiring office personnel.
4. A member suggested the HMC website needed a redesign.
5. Five more HMC Board candidate applications were received for a total of six applications received.

Island Manager Report:

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

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped put in the small boat docks.

The office doors are still locked during working hours. Please call ahead and request to come for business. Wear a mask.

Legal Liaison: There are 8 delinquencies; 7 with the attorney's office.

Old Business: Reed

COVID-19 safety is still necessary. Continue to wear masks when interacting with the ferry crew or office staff.

There are four HMC Board positions for the upcoming board election. Six board candidate applications have been received. You will receive a copy of all the candidate applications with your ballot. Please review them and make an informed decision when you vote.

The new annual assessment is approximately \$3,602. We are still waiting on insurance quotes which may change this number. No special assessment is projected at this time. A copy of the 2021-2022 budget will be in the May Beachcomber. Thank you to the Finance Committee, Gary Wanzong and Scott Young for all their work on compiling this budget.

New Business:

Fire District 16 has approached HMC about having both equipment and personnel presence on the island. This is in their conceptual phase for a 2022 Bond proposal. There is very little information at this time. As more information becomes available, it will be shared with the membership.

Fireworks caution: fireworks are only allowed on Herron Island on July 4 at North Beach— no other time/place for fireworks.

There have been recent incidents of members being disrespectful to the office staff and ferry crew. Although HMC personnel are not perfect, they are trying to do their best. If you have a problem, take your concerns to the Island Manager or the President. It is not productive to argue with the staff or ferry crew.

Boosters Report and Announcements: Robin Kelly, Boosters' President:

1. Weather permitting, there will be a meeting May 15 at North Beach @5:00 pm. Bring a picnic for your group if you want. Wear a mask and social distance. For bad weather there will be a Zoom meeting.
2. Boosters are continuing the clean-up of the mainland sheds and doing several other projects.
3. Boosters have prepared a new insert for the Welcome packet. They will be installing a locked dropbox at the Community Center for communication purposes.

Reed thanked the Boosters for all they do for the island.

Beachcomber: Deadline is May 12.

Membership Input:

- A member requested an email address be put in the Beachcomber and on the website for submitting an article.
- A member asked about the limb piles at Nature Park. These are expected to be chipped next week.
- A member asked how long the higher assessment will be in effect and about the reserves. The Finance Committee and new board will look at this. The goal is for long-term stability. Look at the reserve study; our reserves are low.
- A member asked if there will be fire department first responder training. At this time we do not know.
- A member asked if texting will be available? The Island Manager is working to accomplish this through the new Microsoft software.
- In the event of a fire, the Community Center hose trailer can be hooked up to any hydrant and used before Fire District 16 arrives.
- Currently there are no timelines or costs known for replacing our ferry. This is a large complex project which will take 10 to 15 years to accomplish. Guemes Island in Skagit county has a ferry project in progress with lots of information for us to use.
- A member requested that when meetings are allowed in the Community Center, will we continue offering Zoom meeting access? The Island Manager will investigate this.
- There was a request for the names of the six HMC Board candidate applicants: Dave Hancock, Sherry Hayman, Karen Axt-DuCharme, Jim Davies, Curt Lint, and Shannon Teeter.

Executive Session: None

There were 27 participants on today's Zoom call.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.