

HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes (September 8, 2007)

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

Roll Call: Fred Fath, President/Treasurer; Kathryn Deuster, Vice President; Janet Podell, Secretary; Mike Shettlesworth Member at Large. John Dolan and Doug Allen had excused absences and were not present.

Previous Board Meeting Minutes: Mike Shettlesworth made a motion to accept the August '07 meeting minutes; motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Eleven letters were received into the HMC office this month.
- One letter concerned a request for reinstatement of driving privileges from a member. The member in question described the corrective action he is currently taking to have his driving privileges restored. The Board President indicated that it is incumbent upon this member to provide proof of this correction before the Board will vote to reinstate. This information will be communicated to the member.

Finance:

- The Board Treasurer reported that the bills for the recent ramp failure came in lower than originally anticipated because of the volunteer efforts of many on the island. Because of this the island was able to save a significant amount of money and he again thanked the members for their volunteer efforts.
- It appears that there will be a surplus of funds this year. A financial audit is underway. Upon completion of the audit the Reserves will be funded. Some of the surplus will be used to fund payment to a security company to provide security guards at the mainland parking lot during holidays and the times that the ferry is out of service. (More on this in the Administration section below.)
- It was further reported that revenues are up and expenses are down. HMC should end the year in the black. The current state of the island financials are in good order. Year-to-date expenses and revenues are on plan.
- Janet Podell made a motion to pay the bills; motion carried.

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

Administration:

- Two responses were received from members concerning the possibility of being able to use a credit card for payment of annual assessments. Discussion followed and we are continuing to research this option. We will leave it open for another month for further responses.
- There was discussion of the proposal received from Security Master Protective Services for protection of the mainland parking lot during holidays and ferry outage periods. Kathy Deuster made a motion to

approve hiring the security service. As previously stated HMC will bear the cost from the surplus funds.

- A member suggested that the county be contacted about the possibility of installing a Stop sign at the mainland intersection for safety reasons since there have been many near accidents in that area. Motion carried.

Legal: See Island Manager's report

- An Engagement Agreement was submitted from Mark Anderson's law firm for future legal services relative to land use issues. Mr. Anderson's legal services to the island are considered invaluable. Kathy Deuster made a motion that we approve the agreement. Motion carried.

Land Use:

- See Island Mgrs. Report

Transportation:

- The new island generator is in the process of being repaired. The cause of the failure has been identified and the parts have been ordered. This is a warranty repair and will be no cost to the island.
- The replacement cables that were installed during the recent ferry ramp failure exceeded the \$10K threshold for a membership vote. A member in the audience brought this point to the Board's attention. Since the cables were more than five years old and due for replacement, the Board decided to replace them in conjunction with the recent ramp repair. Though not intentionally trying to avert a membership vote, it was felt that it was the prudent thing to do. It was noted that the rule was not followed and any future expenditure in excess of \$10K would be processed in accordance with island By-Laws.

Rules & Regulations:

- No report submitted by the Rules chairman.
- The Island Manager's Report indicated that a new rule covering violations of the Road Encroachment Policy is still in the drafting process.

Emergency Preparedness:

- Carole Crowley reported via email that we are still waiting for government approval to release our selected defibrillator. It is important that the funds budgeted for this expense remain in place and not be released into the general fund account. This action was approved by the Board.
- A member questioned the need for the ambulance since there are no licensed EMTs on the island. It was stated that it is the Fire Dept. who requires the presence of both the fire truck and ambulance.
- It was suggested by a member that Chuck West (Fire Dept. official) be invited to the island to address some other member concerns.

Water:

- Approx. 80 water surveys have been received.
- Mike Davis suggested that members shut their water off if they are going to be off island for a long period of time especially with winter coming. He will write up a brief statement for the Beachcomber.
- A meeting is being set up with Peninsula Light for Mike Davis, Kathy Deuster and Fred Fath for a tour of their facility and to address comments and issues received since they presented their water proposal to the island community.
- A Water committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15

Parks:

- New signs for the island have been received and will be installed shortly.
- It was suggested that a railing be installed on the South Beach trail for safety.
- Small dock removal is being planned for next month. It was felt that it must be coordinated with the upcoming barge delivery of gravel. October 5th is tentatively planned. It was suggested that a notice of this schedule be posted on the white boards around the island and in the Beachcomber so members with boats can plan accordingly.

Roads:

- Gravel delivery is biggest issue.
- There was discussion concerning recent problems with reckless drivers. It was reported that a baby deer was hit and killed during the recent Labor Day holiday weekend. Extensive discussion followed concerning the options open to us. The President will address the issue in this month's Beachcomber. The Board will consider alternative solutions. While we would prefer not to impose more rules, if the situation doesn't change the Island will be forced to take more drastic action. Members and guests must respect the island roads and the safety of all including the wildlife.
- Also, the President's message will include a statement that the ball field is off limits to any motorized vehicles.
- Additional Stop signs need to be ordered for placement at various places around the island.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Notification of ferry cancellations due to low tides was a subject of one of the letters received into the office this month. A member would like to have more notification. This issue will be addressed in the President's message.
- Captain John addressed the issue of the upcoming ferry service. The crew will transport the ferry overnight and will arrive at the Tacoma boat yard @ 1:30 AM. No provision was made for them for lodging and transportation. The Board agreed to authorize reimbursement for those costs.

- A service provider is coming to the North Beach to service boats on Sept. 11. The Board approved the North Beach for service.
- The Office Manager reported that there are a couple of dogs on the island who have bitten people. The issue was referred to the Rules committee and she stated that Animal Control had been contacted.

Boosters:

- Potluck tonight at 6:00 PM
- Boosters vote for new officers is being held tonight.

Beachcomber:

- Beachcomber inputs are required no later than 5:00 PM Wed. 9/19/07.
- This months Beachcomber will be delayed by one week because of the upcoming ferry outage.

Adjournment: Mike Shettlesworth made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Podell
Secretary