

HMC Board Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2020

Call to Order & Welcome - Reed West, HMC Board President. There were 25 participants on today's Zoom call.

Introduction of Board Members/Roll Call: Reed West, Chet Latimer, Kathy Deuster, Merry Kogut, and Scott Young; Jane Wooster, Island Manager; Gary Wanzong, Maintenance

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. Scott Young, Treasurer. Had a bill from NW Water we had to pay right after the last meeting that we paid. Motion to pay bills was approved unanimously.

Minutes from August 8, 2020, Board Meeting, Merry Kogut, Secretary. Motion to accept was approved unanimously.

Communications/correspondence: Merry.

1. A Member wrote to the Island Manager stating his concern that a catastrophic accident could occur on the "single lane road" and asking that it be restored to a one-way, single lane road.
2. A Member called the office and said she's not receiving emails. She suggested putting a sign out when the ferry is cancelled to inform ferry riders regarding what is going on.
3. A Member wrote to the Island Manager, Water Committee, and Member Input expressing concern about low water pressure at his home on East Madrona.
4. A Member wrote to the Island Manager that gas had been siphoned from cars in the mainland parking lot between 8/30 – 9/1/20.
5. A Member wrote to Member Input to suggest that Members be asked not to leave their cars parked and empty in the island side ferry lane to secure their places in line.
6. A Member contacted the HMC Board Secretary to let her know that the Small Boat Dock was damaged in the windstorm and needed new bolts.
7. A Member contacted the HMC Board and Island Manager asking that HMC announce there are to be no fires at any time effective immediately.
8. A Member wrote to the HMC Board President regarding concerns with reservations to bring a large vehicle over on the ferry.
9. A Member wrote to Member Input expressing concerns about the ferry lineup system and people in line "barking" at the crew members.

Reed – Merry does a good job getting back to everyone immediately. Not all issues can be resolved immediately. He wants to assure Members that we talk about all the issues that are raised. We are listening and are going to respond as soon as we can; some things take longer, given the complexity of issues.

[Island Manager Report](#) – Jane Wooster went over the Island Manager's Report, which was published on the Herron Island website prior to the meeting and can be found there and in the

September Beachcomber. We know that the end date at the shipyard could change. Be aware there have been some thefts recently in the mainland parking lot.

#### Committee Reports:

- Maintenance (Gary Wanzong): Ramp motor boxes – got quote to get the boxes rebuilt. Ramps were redone in the 1980's. Parts went out. We are looking to upgrade everything that operates the ramps. Main components and micro-computers involved. Once we get the quotes I'll forward to the Board.
- Parks (Dale Miller): No report. Thank you to those who worked at Nature Park
- Policies (Mike Gage): No report.
- Roads (Dan Marten):
  1. Bill Placek has trained two new Dust Buster drivers, York Lambrecht and Kevin Kirchner. Scott Young may be in that group or will be soon. They have been driving the Dust Buster over that last couple of months. Thanks to York and Kevin.
  2. Arne Davis of Ditch Maintenance Services was on the island on Sept. 1 and 2. One mile of ditches was cleaned. York Lambrecht and Dan Marten worked with Arne to identify locations needing cleaning and to clear the area near culverts to allow the machine to get closer. We believe the drainage is in pretty good shape for the winter.
  3. Dana Gruber is making an inventory of signs, street name signs and traffic signs, needing attention. Judy Greinke made the original street name signs and provided the template used for that effort to the Roads Committee. Signs that need to be replaced can be made with the same lettering. Some materials have been acquired for these signs and Ben Hull has offered his garage as a workshop for this effort.
  4. During the month of October the committee will be cleaning clogged culverts in preparation for winter.
  5. Road grading will be scheduled for a time after the first rains of the season. Some of the washboard areas on the island will be addressed. In general the roads remain in excellent condition.
- Emergency Preparedness (Ken Higgins): No report.
- Water (Frank Harrison): No report.
- Small Boat Dock (Sherri Anderson): Scheduled to come out October 20<sup>th</sup>. She will contact people; if people want to volunteer contact Sherri. NE winds did some damage. One section of dock had to be taken out and taken to shore. Andy Anderson, Bill Placek, Bob Clark, Curt Haney helped. There is still a problem with a collar; will put some signs out for where not to dock for the time being. Didn't want to take the dock out because still can be used on the other side. Just trying to make it safe until the end of drydock.
- Rules (Mike Fassio): No report; no hearings scheduled

Legal Liaison: There are 11 delinquencies; all are with our attorney for action.

Reed: Wants to thank Sherri and all the volunteers who've worked on the Small Boat Dock – they put out a great effort to get this done. People can learn from this that if there's a big windstorm, to get their boats off the dock sooner rather than later. It was a challenging situation

because the windstorm came up suddenly, and came from the north, which was unusual. Sherri: Next time it'll be helpful if Sherri can put that on Facebook. Merry: Maybe can do a blast email too. Jane agreed. Reed: Some people may not understand the physics of what happens in a windstorm. We'll do it differently next time.

Old Business - Reed:

- CV-19 safety – We haven't been getting complaints about people not wearing masks. More people in the ferry line are being compliant with wearing masks.
- Ferry drydock – We covered that. It's coming up. Disappointed that dates got shifted but we have no control over that. We live with the schedule of the marine company servicing the boat.

New Business:

- Parks Policy – we have some things to discuss prior to voting on this. We will vote on the policy at the October meeting.
- Ramp system failures: Gary covered the highlights. Reed wants to apologize to people who were inconvenienced on this. Gary put in an extraordinary effort to run down parts and coordinate with repair people. We're having a problem with aging. We recognize our responsibility as a Board to keep that running. We recognize our responsibility and we will get this solved. It's a problem because the parts are old. We appreciate everyone's patience; he is sorry that there were a few days that were really challenging for people.

Boosters Announcement (Robin Kelly, Boosters President): No report. Reed: Because of COVID all social events are cancelled.

Beachcomber: Deadline is Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

Membership Input:

- Sherri Anderson: With ramp outage, deckhand and captain left – need to better communicate with people waiting in line to let them know what is going on. Reed: Captain and deckhand need more information so that they can communicate to everyone what is going on. We want to make sure that people in line know what is going on. Nothing was posted and there was no crew down there. One option is for deckhand to tell people what's going on.
- Discussion regarding acknowledging Beth Owen's work on Rules Committee. Will do this next time and try to get Beth to listen in.
- Paula Trent – we must've paid Art Anderson Company – have we gotten the engineering report from them regarding the ramp? Jane – HMC does have the engineering report. Paula asked if we had a survey report. Jane - HMC also has the Shipyard Check report, Art Anderson did not find too much more than what we already had on our list. It was a very thorough and professional report for about \$3,000.00.... The insurance policy may further define whether HMC needs an annual report, perhaps just for shipyard years. Paula asked

about damage. Jane – there is no damage – the hull and decking is aging and getting thin so that is what will be reviewed and replaced this year.

- Dave Hancock – email is great for communicating, but it's often easier and faster to get text messages. Jane – will look into that. Reed – any way we can communicate with people is something we want to explore.

Reed: Thanks to everyone for participating and thanks for everyone's patience while we deal with issues. There are a lot of things going on that are challenging and unsettling. I am encouraged by positive feedback and volunteerism. Volunteerism is critical, and I would also like to thank the hard work of the Board, staff, and ferry crew. The staff and ferry crew had some really difficult days dealing with some of the issues that came up.

Executive Session: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.