

HMC Board Meeting Minutes June 13, 2020

Call to Order & Welcome - Reed West, HMC Board President. 27 participants on Zoom call.

Introduction of Board Members/Roll Call – Reed West, Chet Latimer, Kathy Deuster, Merry Kogut, and Ferd Reichlin; Jane Wooster, Island Manager.

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. Ferd Reichlin, Treasurer. Motion to pay bills was approved unanimously. Thanked Finance Committee for fine job on putting together budget for next year. Members will be presented with this at annual meeting.

Minutes from May 9, 2020, Board Meeting, Merry Kogut, Secretary. Motion to accept was approved unanimously.

Communications/correspondence: Merry.

1. A Member wrote to the HMC Board Secretary suggesting that we set up a Neighborhood Watch text tree.
2. A Member's son contacted Member Input in response to the Board's request for help with technology.
3. A Member contacted Member Input in regards to a Member's intention of building a parking area across the street from her on West Herron Blvd.
4. A Member sent two emails to Member Input in regards to the PPP loan to HMC.

Island Manager Report – Jane Wooster went over her Island Manager's Report, which was published on the Herron Island website prior to the meeting. Thank you to people picking up branches around the island. Thank you to several people from cleaning up around Water Department and taking to the dump. Thank you to the walking group for pulling tansy along the road. Thank you to many others; see Manager's Report. Reminder to use tickets/exact change when paying for the ferry.

Committee Reports:

- **Maintenance** (Gary Wanzong): No report
- **Parks** (Dale Miller): They are getting some things done
- **Policies** (Mike Gage): No report
- **Roads** (Dan Marten): Dan is back and back to monitoring roads
- **Emergency Preparedness/Mainland Security** (Ken Higgins): (1) Reminder to check property for tall grass and fallen branches; can present a fire hazard. (2) Hand sanitizer –

some are flammable. Store it in safe place and not too much together. Regarding Emergency policy – call 911; the 911 dispatcher will call the ferry captain, so members do not need to.

- **Water** (Frank Harrison): No report. Asked Frank to take a look at 811 service; he's checking that out.
- **Rules** (Mike Fassio): No report
- **Small Boat Dock** – Sherri Anderson has stepped up to chair the committee; thank you. Sherri – thank you to people who helped put the docks in. Coming up with a list of things to fix on the dock. If anyone has anything, let her know. Will put together a prioritized list.

Legal Liaison: There are 22 delinquencies; 14 are with our attorney for action. Some of the 22 are very small. There are three or four under \$200. Without those, the number of them is about average. Reed – good news in light of the pandemic.

Old Business:

- Covid-19 safety: Sent out blast email at the beginning of the month to remind members to act safely, taking cue from governmental entities. Purser is wearing a mask; we ask members to wear mask when they interact with crew. Try to use tickets/exact change. Try not to engage much with the crew; use social distancing. If you walk on wear a mask if you can't maintain six feet distance. When you visit office, wear a mask if you can't maintain six feet. Same is true for activities on the island except for when you're with your family group.
- 2020 – 2021 budget: Will be presented at annual meeting following this meeting.
- New mainland ferry loading procedure: Completely different procedure for loading ferry – three lanes. Result of neighbors complaining about lining up on Herron Rd and the county asking for us to change procedures. We're responding and coming up with a system that gets the vast majority of the cars off Herron Road. We've had some glitches but we think we have things worked out. Jane: In relation to lanes, thank you to Scott Young for coming up with the configurations; thanks to Gary Wanzong and Joe LaPoint for doing the work on the lanes. Reed: Lane configuration is more clear than some state ferries. We're optimistic this will solve the problem.
- Island Leash Rules for Dogs – We were approached about making South Beach leash free. We discussed at length and decided not to change at this time. Question about insurance liability; we are not going to change this time because of liability. Jane: Insurance company said they would cancel our policy if we eliminated the leash rule. Reed: It's extraordinarily hard to get new insurance if policy is canceled.
- Pantry moved: Moved from Rose McGinn Pavilion to the patio next to the Community Building. We appreciate all the work that the volunteers have been doing.
- Technology: We've talked about this and are starting to come to point where we're going to move on this. HMC is lagging on technology. Zoom meetings is an example – something we should've done before so people off the island can participate. Ticketless ferry fares;

upgrading billing; upgrading water billing and meter reading. In process of putting together a list of technology projects we need. We will do an announcement to community asking for input. We want participation/ideas from the community; we want to hear ideas/experiences from them. Board sees this as important going forward.

New Business:

- Guest pass reminder: Please make sure guest passes are filled out completely in advance. It slows down boarding when crew has to stop and help fill out the passes.
- Road encroachments: Ongoing increased awareness. More and more instances where people are encroaching on roadway/right of way. There's confusion on this. Where the gravel stops is not where the HMC right of way ends. We need to maintain to access ditches, water lines, installing future utilities, making sure roads are navigable for large vehicles. You'll see an increased educational campaign and request for participation. Contact us before you start working on a project close to the road. HMC wants to work with people so projects can go forward without impacting the road.
- No 4th of July fireworks: We understand this is a disappointment, but putting people together in close proximity is not a good idea given the circumstances of the pandemic.
- Thank you to volunteers who step up each month to do so many great things...special thank you to everyone who worked on getting the docks back in, and thanks again to Sherri Anderson for stepping up.

Boosters Announcement – Merry Kogut, Boosters Vice President: The Boosters regret that we found it necessary to cancel all Boosters-sponsored Fourth of July activities this year because of the CV-19 virus. We hope that you have a wonderful holiday despite these challenges. Reed acknowledged the disappointment and the Boosters' wisdom

Beachcomber: Deadline is Wednesday, June 17th

Membership Input:

Carolyn A: Regarding road encroachment. It goes both ways. In some cases HMC is on members' property and some cases where members are on HMC property. In Carolyn's last survey, the Anspachs own half the road. Doesn't understand what can be done. Kind of accepted it. If HMC is going to make a big emphasis, maybe she has to make some emphasis. She brought it up to past island manager and nothing was done at the time. Reed: we don't want to take an adversarial position with any of these matters. Emphasis is on projects for which people have a plan to do something; we'd like them to talk ahead of time. We recognize both parties have vested interest in this. We're trying to avoid the situation where people don't know where the edge of the road is and they build things out on the road. We're not trying to escalate boundary disputes; we're asking for cooperation before things are done. If there's a problem between HMC and a property owner, we want to try and work with the property owner to make sure the owner's needs and HMC's needs are met. We're asking for cooperation and want to avoid confrontation and conflict moving forward. Carolyn – I know in the budget money was

added for surveys. What was that for? Reed – just for a portion; there is some confusion in some places regarding where the boundaries are.

Dana H.: Concern about proposed parking lot on West Herron Blvd. Reed – concern from one individual concerned about another individual. The notice is posted. York: Talked to the manager about the situation and was told that the county will be making all the decisions. Since you're talking about easements on road, will this affect decision? Reed – only that Members can't build on road. If someone is proposing doing something on private property, HMC doesn't have jurisdiction. It's up to the county. People can build on their property in compliance with county rules. York – county says no hearing. There is a sign on the property. Has contacted owners' agent and they haven't written back. Next step will be to contact owners themselves and see if they can build in such a way not to block their view of the water. Reed: there's not a lot that HMC can do right now until everyone learns what is proposed. York: there are documents on county website but it really doesn't say what is planned. Reed: I understand it's frustrating but as long as they have a permit from the county there's nothing HMC can do at this point.

Carolyn A: Did anyone step up in response to help with technology? Reed: We had a son of a member who expressed interest in helping. We're in a process of deciding what technology we need, and in what order. We may put together something like a request for proposal so that we can find help for what we need. We don't have a list yet, so it'd be premature to move forward.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: We are going to adjourn this meeting – going to have a break until noon. Line will be open at around 11:30. Annual meeting will start at around noon.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.