

**HMC**  
**Island Manager Report**  
**Board Meeting**  
**March 9, 2002**

**Summary**

**Administration**

- The telephone long-distance carrier has been changed to Century Tel, which will save HMC approximately \$250.00 to \$300.00 annually.
- For Board discussion: Fire District 16 volunteer firefighter ferry fees when training.
- For Board discussion: possible purchase of Adobe Acrobat software for Beachcomber.

**Transportation**

- Relief ferry captain. One relief captain starts training today. We still need a method of housing a relief captain when he or she stays overnight on the island.
- Marine insurance. See insurance item below.
- Ferry ramp lifting mechanism: the ballot for funding replacement of the wire ropes (cables) went out. Three bids have been received to replace the cables. Only one is under \$15,000.00 and one is over \$20,000.00.
- Following his annual evaluation by the I. M., Deckhand Kevin Kircher is recommended for a merit pay step increase, effective as of his anniversary date of 2-13-02.

**Finance**

- Insurance. Following a meeting in Seattle with Acordia Northwest and a telephone vote of the Board we have changed brokers for all types of insurance we carry.
- For discussion: is a vote of the Board required to change an individual carrier, as is planned in order to reduce premium on the base marine policy? What about in a cancellation?
- We are advised that the insurance market this year is in turmoil and premium increases from a minimum of 20% to as much as 400% are being seen in all lines. One of our policies will not be renewed by the carrier and another may not be. Broker is searching for new placement of our coverage.

## Water

- Ballots regarding hiring an engineering firm to do a Small Water System Management Program went out in the recent Beachcomber. If we want to apply for a loan from the State Revolving Fund (a fund that only does water system loans, at low interest rates) we must apply by June 30 of this year, and have the SWSMP completed by December 31.
- We are looking at various options to replace the access cover on the reservoir.

## Legal Liaison

- Still no action by the attorney on updating HMC's By-Laws. It is planned now to ask him for a meeting with the I.M. and some Board members to try to get moving on this.

## Land Use

- There is an old, abandoned boat that a mainland resident has moved onto HMC's parking lot. It apparently belongs to Larry Banchero. A letter was sent to him requesting that he remove the boat and trailer within two weeks. No response.
- A recent newspaper article on the Pierce County Solid Waste program indicated that the County is trying harder to remove junk vehicles from private property. In conversation with them they requested that we provide some numbers as to how many cars, etc. might qualify. A recent count showed about 30 cars plus various boats and trailers that have not moved for a long time and will probably meet the criteria the County has. Whether they will actually come out to the island any time soon is unknown at this point.

## Parks

- For Board discussion: cost vs. benefit analysis for declaring certain HMC property a park in order to reduce the property tax on the property.

## Roads

- Holland Pump has been asked twice for a proposal on building a permanent pump station at the north beach that will be used to fill the road-watering truck. To date they have not provided a proposal but indicate that they will soon.