

HMC Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2021

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

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

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. Chet Latimer for Treasurer Scott Young. Chet and the Office Manager had a conference call and made one correction, on the NW Water bill. Chet made a motion to pay HMC's bills; motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from December 12, 2020, Board Meeting, Merry Kogut, Secretary. Will add link to Island Manager's Report. Board unanimously approved motion to accept minutes.

Communications/correspondence: Merry.

1. A Member contacted the HMC Board Secretary by phone, and stated that on Thanksgiving weekend at the Boosters' apparel sale, the Community Building's toilets were in bad need of cleaning. The Member suggested that someone be hired to clean the bathrooms and kitchen twice a month.
2. A Member contacted Member Input and suggested that HMC update one of the maps on the HMC website. (This has now been completed.)
3. A Member contacted Member Input and suggested that we post the minutes to be approved on the HMC website prior to each Board meeting.
4. A Member contacted Member Input with a drone photo of the island, and the Board Secretary arranged to have that posted on the Herron Island website photo section.

Reed – the Board will be discussing the suggestions about cleaning the Community Building, and about posting the draft meeting minutes on the website.

[Island Manager Report:](#)

Jane Wooster discussed her Island Manager's Report (which was published on the Herron Island website prior to the meeting.)

Legal Liaison: There are 24 delinquencies; 8 with the attorney's office.

Committee Reports:

- Maintenance (Gary Wanzong): No report

- Parks (Dale Miller): No report.
- Policies (Mike Gage): No report.
- Roads (Dan Marten): No report
- Emergency Preparedness (Ken Higgins): Make sure you have a small emergency earthquake kit available – Washington has had four 4.0 earthquakes in the last month.
- Water (Frank Harrison): No report.
- Small Boat Dock (Sherri Anderson): The committee is calling for volunteers to pressure wash small boat docks on their own schedule. Deadline to complete this is end of February so docks can dry as best as possible weather dependent. I would like to know who volunteers are and if they have any questions; they can TEXT Sherri at 503-860-4888, or email SherriLee611@gmail.com.
- Rules (Mike Fassio): One complaint pending

Merry – have seen volunteers cleaning small boat docks; and thanks to Joe Taylor for doing some bulldozing work on mainland to reduce flooding. Reed – have seen volunteers, too – thank you for doing that.

Old Business - Reed:

- Covid-19 Safety: Pierce County is still in the initial phase; the HMC office is still locked down and we can't have in-person meetings. We are doing the best we can with Zoom and making appointments at the office – do whatever business with the office you can by phone/email. Thank you for wearing your masks in the ferry line – we don't want to put our ferry crew in risk. Numbers from Pierce County have vastly increased, up to 500 new cases per day. It's wonderful news that the vaccine is being distributed, but it'll be months before many of us get it. Keep on being vigilant/safe.
- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan update & budgeting: Really good news – we received relief from our loan for PPP – the government program started during COVID to keep employees fully employed. PPP starts as loan; HMC was able to convert the loan to a grant. We don't have to pay that back. Outstanding work of Jane Wooster, Gary Wanzong, and Carolyn Snyder – they put in a lot of time doing the paperwork and other work to get this money. The not so good news is that money has already been spent – we had an extraordinary expensive drydock bill this month – over \$400,000. We're still in the hole almost \$150,000. We're behind and are going to have to come up with the money going forward.

New Business:

- King tides coming up – there may be flooding in the mainland parking lot (and North Beach) Wed. January 13; Thurs. the 14th; and Friday the 15th. See January Key Peninsula news, page 11 for more information.
- We're in the process of upgrading the ramps on both sides. The electrical boxes are old and have to be upgraded; we've received the bid and the Board is reviewing. The work has to be done to provide reliable ferry service. When the boxes fail the ramps can't raise and lower, and thus affects ferry service.

Boosters Report and Announcements: None

Beachcomber: The next deadline is January 13, 2021.

Membership Input:

Dave H. – Heartfelt thanks to the Board and Committee folks – it's a small island, but there's such a professional quality of how it's taken care of. You do a great job, and I really appreciate it. Reed – I would encourage you to continue to be involved. It's good to have civil discourse and all work together. We'll keep trying the best we can. Dave – what is happening with the texting suggestion? Jane – Carolyn A put together a list and pros and cons – Jane had other priorities, but reviewed the document yesterday and it's now close to the top of the priority list. The Board will discuss and we'll go from there. Reed – we understand it's an important communication tool and your idea of having a system is a good idea.

Executive Session: None

There were 24 participants on today's Zoom call.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.