

HMC Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2019

Call to Order: Reed West, President

Reed pointed out this was the 724th meeting of the Board (starting in April 1959), and introduced all the Board members, Jane Wooster (Island Manager), and Carolyn Snyder (Office Manager).

Roll Call: Reed West, Chet Latimer, Ferd Reichlin, Kathy Deuster, Merry Kogut, and Jane Wooster were 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.

Motion was made and approved unanimously to pay the HMC water and HMC regular bills.

Motion was made and approved unanimously to accept the June 8, 2019, Board meeting minutes.

Correspondence Since Last Board Meeting:

Member's letter: Asked the Board to revisit non-911 emergency ferry runs.

Member's email: Reported another Member's possible encroachment on an HMC road.

The Coast Guard's letter: Stated its findings regarding HMC's failure to make the ferry available for inspection; it decreased its fine from \$8,000 to \$1,000 (this bill has been paid).

Member's email to Member Input: Asked if new Board members had to sign non-disclosure agreements (the response was no, they do not).

Island Manager Report: Jane Wooster delivered her report (will be available on the Herron Island website). Topics covered included:

Thanks to staff and members, including office and ferry staff, numerous volunteers, and to Curt Haney, who has stepped down as Roads Chair.

July 3, 2019 concerns regarding ferry wait times.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Gary Wanzong agreed to stay on as Assistant Treasurer, consistent with the Bylaws.

Maintenance: Gary Wanzong reported, including that fire extinguishers have been installed on the Community Building's patio, at the Rose McGinn Pavilion, and at the Small Boat Dock.

Policy Review Committee: Mike Gage reported that two policies and a revision to the committee's Charter are before the Board for approval, and that other policies are being worked on assiduously.

Roads Committee: Dan Marten (new Chair) reported that in May the roads were graded and graveled; the contractor will return in the fall for touchup work. In June the some ditches were

trenched and cleaned out. Dan acknowledged the assistance of Bill Placek. Significant culvert cleaning will occur in the coming fall using fire hoses.

Emergency Preparedness Committee: Ken Higgins (Chair) suggested everyone should have emergency supplies (stored outside the home) and discussed other issues such as generator safety, and where to store fire extinguishers in the home.

Water Committee: Charles Smith is still on medical leave.

Rules Committee: There is one pending case, and Rules has scheduled a hearing.

Legal: There are 22 delinquencies pending.

Membership Input:

Reed acknowledged Jane Wooster for getting the Coast Guard's fine down to \$1,000 from \$8,000.

ATV's are speeding, noisy, and tearing up roads. A Member suggested that they have larger and thus more visible ID tags. This leaves open the issue of untagged ATV's brought over by guests.

Jane will look at two years of accumulated data to help decide when to employ a third crew member to process passengers/vehicles for the ferry. The Board will make data-driven decisions.

Help will be provided, if possible, to a Member with a mystery water leak in or around her home.

The Policy Review Committee will review a road encroachment policy.

Members like and appreciate the email blasts from management; the HMC Management Facebook page may need to be restarted from scratch.

Mainland issues – cars being broken into; camera is not functional and doesn't capture license plate numbers; mailboxes being repaired and reinstalled thanks to volunteers Mike Graham, Bill Placek, and Dan Morgan. A Member suggested HMC have something like a "police blotter" report in the Beachcomber with information about thefts, vandalism, and so forth.

The water is tested monthly on the island and is always excellent; a member suggested a one-line announcement in the Beachcomber regarding the result of each test.

Boosters: Potluck and meeting tonight. Paella Party to be held Saturday August 24th and there will be no Boosters potluck or meeting on August 10th.

Beachcomber: Beachcomber articles are to be submitted by July 17th at 5:00 pm.

Old Business:

Drainage project to correct a broken storm drain that results in water being dumped on a Member's property on E. Herron Blvd: HMC conducted an extensive, thoroughly researched study. It will cost \$26K plus tax to repair/replace damaged pipe. The Finance Committee proposed a plan to use reserves from the legal fund and pay that back within two years; this

proposal was part of the budget. A motion was made and the Board unanimously voted to approve the project.

New Business:

Motions were made and the Board voted unanimously to approve:

- Revisions to the Policy Review Committee's Charter;
- Policy on Acquisitions and Distribution of HMC Properties; and
- Policy on the Community Garden

Reed discussed a recent incident regarding a person with a 911 medical emergency. When the 911 call was placed, Mason County dispatch was reached and they didn't know where Herron Island was. Guests and family members visiting should be advised to tell dispatchers they're in Pierce County. The ferry was en route to the mainland with a full load of cars, and the Board determined that the captain had acted appropriately in taking the load to the mainland.

Executive Session: None

Reed adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m.