

HMC
Island Manager Report
Board Meeting
May 10, 2003

Summary

Administration

- Patricia Jones is now Beachcomber editor and is working with the office staff to publish the next issue.
- Discussion: Board election and number of members.

Transportation

- Update on hiring a new fill-in deckhand and captain; need for island living quarters for a part-time captain.
- Discussion: raising ferry fees to cover more of the operational costs.

Finance

- General Liability and Commercial Property insurance coverage has been renewed.
- The premium for liability coverage increased enough to exceed this year's budget for that item. However, our broker was able, with some difficulty, to place the property insurance with two U.S.-based carriers, thus eliminating (off-shore) Lloyd's of London and the "surplus lines" surcharge. This saves us over \$3000 on those policies, which more than balances the higher cost of liability coverage.
- Health Insurance: estimates from our broker are that changing from the current Point of Service plan to a straight HMO plan would probably not result in significant savings.
- Discussions with Pierce County continue in an effort to lower assessed values on properties owned by HMC.

Legal Liaison

- There have been several e-mails received from the attorney, as well as a telephone conference. He forwarded a nearly-final draft of the new proposed By-Laws and a few changes to them were discussed with him. He plans to attend the Annual Meeting to answer questions regarding the By-Laws and other subjects.
- Discussion: buying several County-owned properties (Tharpe, Beatty, Cepeda).

Land Use

- No report.

Roads

- Dick Mowry has received a barge load of rock, some of it intended for use on Herron Island roads.

Water

- HMC is required to obtain a monthly water sample and get it to the testing lab within 30 hours. To accomplish this the samples are usually taken on a Monday afternoon or evening and dropped off Tuesday morning at the Key Center fire station, where the lab picks them up. Currently there is only one volunteer on the island who is doing this for HMC. Training a second individual to help with this very important, but time-consuming task would be helpful, if someone can be found who is willing to do it.