

Ballot Measure

June 14, 2003



Notice of Annual Membership Meeting of Herron Maintenance Company

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article V of the Bylaws of the Herron Maintenance Company that the annual meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2003 at the hour of 12:00 Noon at the HMC Community Building. At the meeting, two (2) ballot proposals described below which have been set before the members by action of the Board of Trustees will be voted on. Filling of vacancies on the Board of Trustees will also be voted on.

Members may vote in person at the meeting or by mailing or delivering the enclosed absentee ballot to the HMC Office so that it is received prior to the time of the meeting. *Ballots will not be counted unless your name and signature appear on the large envelope.*

- 1. Pursuant to Article IX of the HMC Bylaws, the Board of Trustees has proposed that the ferry user fee be raised from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for a member driver and vehicle less than 20 feet long with other charges to be raised as described on Page 12 of this May, 2003 issue of the Beachcomber.**
- 2. Pursuant to Article IV, SECTION 1 of the HMC Bylaws, the Board of Trustees has proposed that the number of members serving on the Board of Trustees be reduced from seven (7) to five (5).**
- 3. A ballot item is presented to fill up to four (4) vacancies on the HMC Board of Trustees.**

BALLOT DESCRIPTION

In the following pages, you will find a ballot requesting your vote on two propositions and the filling of vacancies in the Board of Trustees. The first proposition is to raise the ferry fee by a dollar with an accompanying reduction in your yearly assessment from what it would be under the current ferry fee schedule. The second proposition is to lower the number of Board members from seven to five. The reasons behind these propositions are given below.

Proposition No. 1. The ferry fee would be raised from the current charges:

FERRY RATES (CURRENT)

	Members	Guests
Vehicle and Driver (Vehicle<20')	\$5.00	\$10.00

Passenger or walk-on

12 & over	\$1.25	\$1.25
5 through 11	\$0.60	\$0.60

Vehicle length-based fares

21' – 30'	\$7.50	\$25.00
31' – 40'	\$8.75	\$31.25
41' – 50'	\$11.25	\$37.50
51' – 60'	\$12.50	\$50.00

Special run	\$93.75	\$93.75
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Emergency medical run off the island	free
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Monthly commuter pass (car & driver only, must be used within the month)

20 trips	\$66.25
22 trips	\$72.87

Senior/Disabled pass (car & driver only, must be used within the fiscal year)

20 trips	\$66.25
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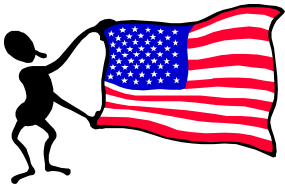
Ticket book (10 trips) \$44.00

Ticket book (25 passenger and walk-on) \$27.50

to the proposed charges:

FERRY RATES (PROPOSED)

	Members	Guests
Vehicle and Driver (Vehicle<20')	\$6.00	\$12.00
Passenger or walk-on		
12 & over	\$2.00	\$2.00
5 through 11	\$1.00	\$1.00
Vehicle length-based fares		
21' – 30'	\$12.00	\$24.00
31' – 40'	\$18.00	\$36.00
41' – 50'	\$24.00	\$48.00
51' – 60'	\$30.00	\$60.00
Special run	\$125.00	\$125.00
Emergency medical run off the island	free	free
Monthly commuter pass (car & driver only, must be used within the month)		
20 trips	\$80.00	
22 trips	\$88.00	
Senior/Disabled pass (car & driver only, must be used within the fiscal year)		
20 trips	\$80.00	
Ticket book (10 trips)	\$53.00	
Ticket book (25 passenger and walk-on)	\$44.00	



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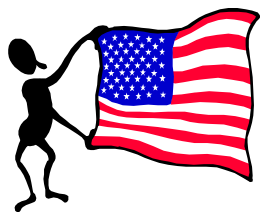


In determining the proposed fee schedule, the Transportation Committee consulted with the ferry crew to determine payments for large vehicles based on the number of spaces taken on the deck. A ratio of 2:1 was maintained throughout for guest charges over member charges for large vehicles and charges were rounded to whole dollars to preclude the crew having to deal with change.

The primary reason to consider voting in favor of this proposition is the fact that, under the current fee schedule, user fees will cover only 32% of the anticipated ferry expenses rather than the historic value of approximately 40%. The FY 2003/2004 assessment under the current fee schedule would be \$1,040 while the proposed increase in ferry fees would reduce this value to \$983 while providing for 39% of ferry expenses from user fees. An HMC member who never uses the ferry would pay \$623 of his/her assessment to subsidize ferry operations under the current fees, and would still heavily subsidize ferry operations with \$566 under the proposed fee increase. Considering that the Washington State Transportation Commission mandates that state ferry system fares generate 60% of operating expenses while the remaining percentage is provided by tax support from the state, we seem to be disproportionately high in our subsidy.

Proposition No. 2. The number of Board members would be reduced from seven to five. Of the four Board vacancies to be filled this year, we have received applications from two rather reluctant candidates. Filling Board vacancies is a persistent problem, and raises the question of how many members should be required. We are required by state law and our bylaws to maintain a Board consisting of three to nine members. Five would allow for a diversity of opinion while maintaining a more sustainable size.

Election of Board Members. Two candidates and two write-in slots are presented in the ballot. If Proposition No. 2 is passed, the two candidates with the most votes will assume the two vacancies on the five-person Board. If Proposition No. 2 is rejected, the four candidates with the most votes, who are willing to serve, will assume the four vacancies on the seven-person Board.



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BOARD CANDIDATE RESUMES

NAME: Ken Freeman

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: 7

OCCUPATION: Retired aerospace engineer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Transport aircraft navigator, U. S. Navy, four years; Engineer, TRW, 27 years, involved mainly with computer simulation of flight characteristics and management of associated budgets.

EDUCATION: B. S., Electrical Engineering, Michigan State University, 1961;

M. S. E., Electrical Engineering, University of Michigan, 1963; Graduate engineering and mathematics courses, UCLA Extension.

HMC EXPERIENCE: Vice-President/Treasurer, HMC Board of Trustees; Chairman, Finance and Emergency Preparedness Committees; Member of Transportation Committee; generated island maps for office and tide prediction handbooks for ferry scheduling.

GOALS:

1. Ensure that HMC operations remain fully legal and adequately insured for the most prudent cost.
2. Continue the planning and implementation, with membership approval, of our water system upgrade.
3. Encourage an increase in participation of members in HMC volunteer positions and activities.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: For the past three years, I have had the opportunity to work with the current Board and Island Manager on a wide range of HMC issues. We are facing challenges in the revision of our bylaws and rules, and also must deal with the inevitable upgrading of our deteriorating water system. As a full-time resident and retiree, I have the time and desire to devote to these issues. If elected, I look forward to helping wherever I am needed.

NAME: Allen Moren

YEARS AS A MEMBER OF HMC: 13 plus

OCCUPATION: Retired

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Purchase Manager

EDUCATION: B. S., Biology, Carleton College

Working toward M. B. A., Pepperdine University

HMC EXPERIENCE: 4 years (2 terms) on the HMC Board of Trustees. Road Committee Chair for too many years to count. Active Booster for 12 years.

GOALS:

- Develop a new water system
- Continue to explore road surfacing options.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: I want to help continue the momentum of our current Board and will contribute my time and energy as a part of the team to improve and maintain the qualities that make Herron Island such a special place.

Official Ballot and Voting Instructions

USE BALLOT RECEIVED BY USPS MAIL

1. Vote yes to accept any proposal set forth below. Vote no to reject it.
2. Insert your ballot in the envelope marked "Official Ballot" and seal the envelope. Do not put your name on this envelope. Do not place anything other than one Ballot in this envelope.
3. Place the small envelope marked "Official Ballot" in the large envelope. **You must sign the large envelope and make sure that your name and address appear on the large envelope. *If your name and signature do not appear on the outside of the large envelope, your vote will not be counted.***
4. To be considered a member in good standing and have your vote counted, all delinquent charges and assessments must be paid in full before the Ballots are counted.
5. Please make sure that your name is legible on the large envelope. If your name cannot be read, the Ballot will not be counted.
6. Your absentee Ballot must be received in the HMC Office by 12:00 Noon, Saturday, June 14, 2003 to be counted. If you prefer to vote in person, please attend the annual meeting. The Ballots will be counted at that time.

Proposition No. 1

(Raising of Ferry User Fees)

Shall the ferry user fee be raised from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for a member driver and vehicle less than 20 feet long with other charges to be raised as described on Page 12 of this May, 2003 issue of the Beachcomber?

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YES (For Proposition)

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NO (Against Proposition)

Proposition No. 2
(Lowering the Number of Board Members)

Shall the number of members serving on the Board of Trustees be reduced from seven (7) to five (5).

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YES (For Proposition)

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NO (Against Proposition)

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Election of Members of the 2003-2004 Board of Trustees

Vote for up to four (4) candidates.

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Ken Freeman

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Al Moren

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Write In* _____

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***Write In candidates must be members in good standing.**

Ballot Results

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BALLOT RESULTS

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (Raising the Ferry User Fees): Yes 95; No 61

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 (Lowering the Number of Board Members):
Yes 132; No 36**

ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS:

Ken Freeman & Al Moren