

HMC Board Meeting Minutes July 11, 2020

Call to Order & Welcome - Reed West, HMC Board President. 23 participants on Zoom call.

Introduction of Board Members/Roll Call – Reed West, Chet Latimer, Kathy Deuster, Merry Kogut, and Scott Young; Jane Wooster, Island Manager.

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. Scott Young, Treasurer. Motion to pay bills was approved unanimously. Motion to write off \$30,539.91 from the Swain property (six years of assessments, interest, water, etc.) was approved unanimously.

Minutes from June, 2020, Board Meeting, Merry Kogut, Secretary. Motion to accept was approved unanimously.

Communications/correspondence: Merry.

1. A Member texted the HMC Board Secretary that people have been lighting fires on North Beach (not in the fire pit) and partying to all hours in the morning.
2. A Member contacted a Board member about work being done near her house. The Member thought that the work may have been encroaching on HMC property.
3. A Member contacted Member Input to suggest the Board put out a blast email reminding Members that this year fireworks are completely banned from the island.
4. A Member contacted Member Input to suggest that when fees are increased these be highlighted on the fee schedule so that Members can see the increase on the list.

Island Manager Report – Jane Wooster went over her Island Manager's Report, which was published on the Herron Island website prior to the meeting and can be found there and in the July Beachcomber.

Committee Reports:

- **Maintenance** (Gary Wanzong): PPP will probably be a grant; we have already used all the money for payroll. Just a matter of working with the bank. Mainland ramp motor will be changed to a 5 hp motor in the fall if we have the money.
- **Parks** (Dale Miller): No report
- **Policies** (Mike Gage): No report
- **Roads** (Dan Marten): Has a couple new water truck drivers to work through. Anyone who wants to be a water truck driver must submit a copy of his or her driver's license to the office and must be approved as a driver by our insurance carrier.

- **Emergency Preparedness/Mainland Security** (Ken Higgins): No report. Emergency preparedness policy submitted to Jane.
- **Water** (Frank Harrison): No report.
- **Rules** (Mike Fassio): No report
- **Small Boat Dock** (Sherri Anderson): No report.

Legal Liaison: There are 20 delinquencies; 12 are with our attorney for action.

Old Business - Reed:

- CV-19 safety – lots of reports of Members and guests in ferry line not wearing masks. Not a lot we can do other than to appeal to people's concern about friends, family, and staff. Disease is spread through droplets spread when people speak, laugh, etc. Evidence shows that mask are effective; consider the vulnerable population on Herron Island, especially those over 65. The best thing to do is to wear a mask and stay six feet or more away. When you interact with the crew, when you interact with others, wear a mask. Have compassion for those around you.
- 2020 – 2021 budget – hoping to approve the budget later today. Cost of ferry repairs may be more than anticipated. We won't know until the inspection in the shipyard. We think there is money to cover any unbudgeted expenses. It's going to be an expensive year because of the amount of repair work required.
- New mainland ferry loading procedure. Getting reports that new lanes are going well. The ferry doesn't always load in the way you think it's going to go because of shuttles. The crew is using individual systems – either using cones or making notes. Crew is working really hard in a situation that's new to everyone. Have patience and if you think there's a mistake, don't take it out on the crew – contact the office or a Board member.

New Business:

- HMC to sell five HMC-owned properties. Board already approved in 2012. Five properties for sale include:
 - 1316 West Herron
 - 1123 Yew
 - 1201 Yew
 - 816 East Madrona
 - 1119 East Madrona

The Acquisition and Disposition of Properties policy is on the Herron Island website.

Boosters Announcement (Robin Kelly, Boosters President): In person Boosters meeting scheduled for this afternoon in Goodpastor Park. The Community Building will remain closed to the public. Everything will be sanitized before and after. Robin encourages everyone to wear a mask. Going to take every precaution we can to make sure everyone stays safe. Not a potluck but people can bring food for themselves.

Beachcomber: Deadline is Wednesday, July 15th

Membership Input:

- Michelle A – A lot of Members have dogs. Could we zone an area for a small dog park? Off leash area. Reed – topic has been brought up almost a year ago; previously discussed by the Board; we got to the point that there was enough interest. If we opened an off-leash area for dogs, our insurance carrier would drop our entire liability coverage. Robin Kelly – there’s a “Member Input” email to use to send messages to the Board with suggestions and questions. Reed – Merry, Board Secretary, is excellent at monitoring and getting back to people.
- Sherri A – the hose closest to the fire pit hasn’t been hooked up for a long time. I think a new hose is necessary. Jane – we’ll have that looked at.
- Sherri A – loading/lanes. We need to let people know who loaded last. We need to do a better job to let the deckhands know who is next. Reed – no system is going to succeed without some personal responsibility and participation. Have courtesy for your neighbor – if you recognize you shouldn’t be next, tell the deckhand. Chet – suggest that someone write up something for the Beachcomber. Reed – it’d be good coming from a Member. Jane – suggestion – just maybe have a member input page or half page on the Beachcomber. Sherri – you can quote me. Robin – noticed when she’s in line a lot of people are confused and are extending past the end of the line, into the intersection. Is it ok to suggest to people in cars to pull up and maybe suggest what lane they’re supposed to get into. Jane – definitely don’t want people in the intersection. Robin – doesn’t want to be bossy or seem to be a know-it-all. Reed – it’s ok to ask people to move up in the lane; we need to start with basic education.
- Sherri A – on Small Boat Dock – remind Members that moorage has a 24-hour limit. Maybe we can put something about that in the Beachcomber.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.