HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes (August 14, 2010)

Call to Order: Fred Fath called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call: Fred Fath, President/Treasurer, Mark Anderson, Vice President, Janet Podell, Secretary; Gary Wanzong, Asst. Treasurer, Judy Greinke, Member at Large, Claudia Ellsworth, Island Manager.

Previous Board Meeting Minutes:

Fred Fath made a motion to accept the July '10 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

 There was one item of correspondence received during the month. A member asked the Board to waive a late fee for an unpaid bill. The Board discussed the circumstances of the issue and decided not to waive the late fee. HMC will communicate this decision to the member immediately so an additional late fee does not get imposed.

Finance:

- HMC Treasurer Fred Fath reported that the budget is on target to the plan. Ferry revenues are at 80% of the budget and if this trend continues we should finish up the year with revenues ahead of the plan.
- Fred Fath made a motion to pay the bills. Motion carried

Administration:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Administration issues not directly mentioned here.

- Security during Dry Dock operations was discussed. The Island Manager checked into security coverage on the mainland during next month's dry dock. It was found to be prohibitively expensive so the membership discussed some alternatives. Tracy Anspach proposed a camera system that is portable and can be removed after each Dry Dock activity. More discussion followed relative to other available options. Possibly a volunteer could be stationed on the mainland in a trailer or motor home? It was discussed that we could approach the neighbor immediately adjacent to the parking lot to see if they would be amenable to placing a camera on their property. Mark Anderson indicated that he personally knows that neighbor and would be willing to approach them on the subject. In parallel, Gary Wanzong will research available security monitoring products.
- Dallas Amidon reported out on recent emails he has received from other members that have expressed a desire to ban fireworks on the island as a result of last month's holiday events. He expressed other ideas about how to control vandalism and rowdiness of guests that come to the island and ways to ensure the sponsoring member takes responsibility for the behavior of their quests. Concern was expressed that rarely do consequences result from these acts of vandalism and rowdiness. Often times a member is hesitant to file a complaint out of fear of retaliation. It was reported that the Board has formally filed its first complaint on behalf of the membership to address the violations that occurred during the 4th of July holiday weekend. There was discussion about publishing the names of parties who have had formal complaints imposed against them. Extensive discussion followed about the options and/or rights that are available to the Board to affect change up to and including publishing the events in the Beachcomber. Fred reported that an article will be placed in the Beachcomber about vandalism and what is being done about it. Additional restrictions will be imposed on guests and renters as deemed appropriate. Mark Anderson offered to work with the Rules committee in conjunction with Dallas Amidon about a final resolution to the complaint filed for the ball field damage. Mark Anderson made motion that a letter be sent to the tenant and sponsoring owner responsible for the damages and advise them that their quest privileges are revoked pending investigation of the vandalism that occurred over the 4th of July holiday. Motion carried.
- The Island Manager reported out on the status of the derelict vehicle project.

Legal:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Legal issues not directly mentioned here.

There are currently five delinquencies. Three are presently with the Island Attorney

Land Use:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Land Use issues not directly mentioned here.

- Kathy Deuster reported that the Land Use Committee is still working encroachment issues relative to the upcoming water system upgrade.
- The LUC is scheduled to meet on Sept. 25th.

Transportation:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Transportation issues not directly mentioned here.

- The Island Manager reported that interviews are scheduled for a new standby captain and deck hand.
- KPFF will be out on August 24th to review some suggested recommendations for repairs to the North Beach marina and island ferry dock.
- Members were reminded that the Ferry will leave for Dry Dock on September 12th at 10:30 am and is anticipated to be out of service for 10 days to 2 weeks.

Rules & Regulations:

- Max Hochanadel reported out that he will continue as Chairman of the Rules Committee and Merry Kogut has agreed to resume the administrative responsibilities.
- Max would like to see an expedited process developed for handling Rules Committee processes.

Emergency Preparedness:

- Mike Davis reported that he is working on emergency services during the time that the
 boat is out of the water. He is working with the Fire Department to utilize the mainland
 side dock at Joemma State Park should it be necessary to transport a patient. Mike also
 confirmed that the floats will still be in the water during dry dock.
- Also, Mike is working with a company who specializes in preventative measures aimed at
 educating citizens on steps that can be taken to preclude the possibility of wild fires.

Water:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Water issues not directly mentioned here.

- The Island Manager gave an overview of the status of the USDA loan application. More specific details can be found in the Island Manager's report. The Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) has been prepared by NW Water systems and submitted to the USDA for review. The Environmental review is also underway. From information contained in the PER, the Board feels we are now in a position to develop a Request for Information (RFI) to allow for the membership to make an informed choice about retention or release of ownership. The Island Manager proposed that we ask NW Water Systems help us to prepare this RFI up to \$1000. The Board agreed. The WPC will be asked to assist in the development and assessment of the RFI. The next WPC meeting will be August 24th.
- Water Maintenance and Operations. The Island Manager stated that Scott Schultz is still
 employed by HMC to read meters, tend to the generator and, when he is called by WA
 Water will be performing maintenance and repair on our water system.

Parks:

- The ball field repairs have been made (thanks to Dallas Amidon). The project to fix the
 pilings at the North Beach boardwalk is in the planning stage. Research was conducted
 on fencing for Goodpastor Park. It was determined that it would cost approximately
 \$5-6K for 500 feet of fencing. Consequently, other options are being explored. The
 Parks committee asked for permission to install motion sensor lighting at the Community
 Center. The Board approved.
- A work party will need to be scheduled for removal of the small boat docks after the Dry Dock. (Probably either the first or second weekend of October.) Tracy Anspach will write an article for the Beachcomber addressing the issue.
- The Parks lawnmower is out of service at this time due to the absence of a driver. Dana Gruber will mow the parks in his absence.
- Monitoring of North Beach Marina It was noted that members are keeping more than one boat at the marina and leaving them there beyond the 24 hour limit. This is against island rules and will need to be formally addressed.

Roads:

See the Island Manager's report for miscellaneous Road issues not directly mentioned here.

Allen Moren thanked all of the drivers who volunteer to drive the water truck.

Technology:

No Technology report.

Rumor Control/Member Issues:

None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Far West Golf Carts will on the island on August 31st assuming at least 6 members schedule an appointment for repair. Kathy Deuster will write up a statement for the website.
- There was a request to create a special HMC email account for members to submit recipes for a Herron Island Cookbook. Discussion followed and the Board decided that this is a private effort and not one sponsored by HMC. Therefore, no HMC email account will be created. Mark Anderson suggested that the Boosters might want to take this on as a project if the Booster organization is reinstated.

Action Item Review:

 Following adjournment of the meeting the Board reviewed the action item listing and added new actions resulting from this meeting.

Beachcomber:

 The next Beachcomber will be the August issue. Inputs are required electronically no later than 5:00 PM on Wed. August 18, 2010. The Beachcomber Editor is beachcomber@herronisland.org.

Adjournment: Mark Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Podell Secretary