

HMC Board Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2021; 10:00 am

Call to Order & Welcome: Reed West, HMC Board President.

Introduction of Board Members/Roll Call: Reed West, Kathy Deuster, Scott Young and Beth Owen; Jane Wooster, Island Manager.

Reed: Thanks for joining us on this Zoom meeting.

Motion was made and approved unanimously (passed 3-0) to suspend the traditional agenda and adopt one in which membership input would be made after the committee reports.

We currently have four members on the HMC Board of Directors. It is so close to the end of the current board term that the vacant position will not be filled. Three HMC Board Members (an odd number) are required to fulfill the voting bylaws; therefore, the President will run the meeting, but will not vote.

Tribute was paid to the late Chet Latimer, a recent HMC Board Member. His sudden passing is sad news indeed. Chet and his wife have been members of the Herron Island community since 2011. Chet provided outstanding leadership and management expertise to Herron Island. He will be greatly missed by all.

Treasurer's Report and Bills of the Association: Scott. Motion was made and approved unanimously (3-0) to pay the bills since the last Board meeting.

Minutes from March 13, 2021, Board Meeting: Kathy Deuster, Secretary. The Board approved unanimously (3-0) a motion to accept the minutes. A link to the minutes will be added to the Island Manager's Report.

Communications/correspondence: Kathy

1. A member contacted Member Input because the mainland Honey Bucket was locked during the day and asked why. (It was a busy day and the crew member forgot to unlock the Honey Bucket. It is opened each morning and locked each evening. This has been the process for some time. The Honey Bucket is locked at night due to (1) vandals and (2) drug users leaving paraphernalia, both create an unsafe scenario for members.)
2. A Member contacted Member Input to thank the Board for posting the minutes on the HMC web page.
3. A Member contacted Member Input to report and question the discharge of a weapon. (Please always report such behavior to the Sheriff.)
4. A Member contacted Member Input asking about some dead HMC trees. (These trees will be removed as soon as possible.)

5. The office received one Board Candidate Application

Island Manager Report:

Jane Wooster discussed her Island Manager's Report (published on the Herron Island website prior to the meeting):

Thank you to all who volunteer and help the island in numerous ways.

HMC seeks a webmaster and publisher for the Beachcomber. Please contact the Island Manager if interested. This has been handled by a volunteer who is ready to step down.

An interested member is working with the Beachcomber publication and will likely take this on as a volunteer.

The HMC Office has migrated to MS365 in April. While this is a user friendly environment there is much to learn and staff is working through the changes. This provides secure ways to communicate and safely store data. Ultimately, there will be a way to text alerts.

Mainland parking lot will have lanes marked and signs showing lane numbers by the end of the month.

There was a lot of conversation regarding the Hipcamp on West Yew. HMC is still reviewing this topic.

Legal Liaison: There are 10 delinquencies; 7 with the attorney's office.

Committee Reports:

*The only report was from the small boat docks (Sherri): The small docks have been stained and they look great. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped. During the week of April 26 some additional pressure washing will be done. Dock installation is scheduled May 1. If you can help with installation, please contact Sherri.

*The Water Committee has been dissolved. It is no longer necessary due to Northwest Water Systems Management of the HMC Water Department.

Old Business: Reed

Thank you for wearing masks and social distancing. Not all are vaccinated yet. Please be careful and wear your masks around the ferry crew.

The budget will be in the May Beachcomber. It is a very good estimate. The final budget will be in the June Beachcomber. We estimate that annual assessments will increase to about \$3,600, which is about \$1,000 more than last year. \$725 of this increase is going to pay back reserves used for the 2020 dry dock and the rest of the increase will be going to savings for the 2022 dry dock. We estimate that the ferry will need to be replaced in about ten years. We will need to start saving for the new ferry in the next budget.

New Business:

Four positions will be open in the upcoming Board election. We have received one application. Please consider running for the Board.

A reminder to all members to remove your garbage cans off the road right of way after they have been emptied.

Peninsula Food Market grocery receipts given to the Mustard Seed or Key Peninsula Community Services will get them 1% of your total purchase.

Boosters Report and Announcements: Robin Kelly, Boosters' President:

*There will be a zoom meeting Saturday, April 17, 11:00 am. Joyce Major will host.

*The Boosters are working to get the sheds on the mainland cleaned up.

Beachcomber: deadline is April 14.

Membership Input:

There were discussions about the lack of service by CenturyLink. Apparently, CenturyLink personnel will be coming out to the island Monday, April 12. They do not seem willing to put money into an upgrade of their services. Make complains on their website. More complaints may be helpful.

Since there are four HMC Board positions to fill for the upcoming election, the question was asked: "how long would the terms be?" Three will be two-year terms and one will be a one-year term.

There was discussion about the Hipcamp on West Yew. Airbnb's are residential use of private property. Hipcamp sites are commercial property use. This Hipcamp site does not meet official Hipcamp land size requirement. The members of this site have been informed the Board/island members see this as a problem. HMC is still researching this topic.

Executive Session: None

There were 19 participants on today's Zoom call.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

After the meeting was adjourned a member asked if Chet's position would be filled. The answer is no. The president will moderate and not vote at meetings. The other three board members will vote.

The Boosters President asked for permission to place a mailbox outside the Community Center. The Booster President will send information regarding the mailbox to the Island Manager.