

Approved Minutes for the HICA Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on August 27, 2017 held at the HI Y&G Club respectfully submitted by HICA Secretary Pro Temp Kevin Smith.

President Scott Holte called the meeting to order at 10:31AM. Also present were VP Karen Conner, Trustees Darla Younce, Udo Gerz and Kevin Smith, Island Manager Sandra Bettencourt. Treasurer Mike Immel, and Secretary Scott Wilson were in attendance telephonically.

Minutes from the July 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were presented for review. President Scott Holte called for a motion to approve them. Darla Younce so moved, Udo Gerz seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Island Manager's (Written) Report:

50th Anniversary Event:

On Saturday, August 12th the Yacht Club sponsored the 50th Celebration. It was a great afternoon and evening event. I want to thank the many volunteers who worked on this event and especially Linda Ebner who provided the fliers and information that I posted. Linda was hoping to do an event report and provide photos so we can create a scrapbook on line, if you have photos from the event, or old photos that you want to share please contact the office and we can arrange to make copies that be shared with the Community.

Water Committee Report (presented by Sandra Bettencourt on behalf of Board Chair Scott Wilson)

Water produced in July:

	July	YTD
Wells	239,314	1,317,907
RO	335,850	926,250
Totals	575,164	2,244,157

During July, the wells and RO performed well.

The RO' had a couple of issues in July. The first is that we have 2 motors and pumps that pump the water into our system that alternate. Our oldest of these 2 has locked up and will need to be rebuilt. We can run the RO with 1 pump and it does not affect its output. This will need to be sent out to be rebuilt. I will get a quote from Case RO for this work. The 2nd issue was a leak in a stainless-steel line. Lucky for us George Harmon was able to weld the line and the RO was only down for 2 hours.

July is our historically busiest month for water production and this year we produced 8.6% more than last July the extended dry spell and heat were contributing factors to our need for more water.

Joe Barbee from Evergreen Rural Water came over on July 21st and we discussed what we needed to do to get our cross-connection control plan going. This will require us to understand what we state when we allow customers to connect to our system as far as what we can legally expect from the end users. Also need to get Double Check Valve assemblies for both the North and South marina water supplies.

Election Ballots:

The Board of Trustee election ballots will be mailed earlier this coming week. The Community meeting and election was moved to Saturday, September 30th due to the tides that impact our Ferry Schedule.

Boat Insurance and Registration Information

We want to remind all our boat owners that they are required by law to maintain insurance and current registration for their vessels. Our harbor master spends a great deal of her time contacting owners who have not been adhering to this policy. We also want to remind our boat owners that they need to notify the Harbor Master when they leave the island and do not take their vessel for any length of time. You must designate another on-island owner as the person watching your vessel. Staff cannot do this function for owners. I will be asking the Harbor Master and Ferry Captain to provide usage/revenue reports for our October Board Meeting.

Dumpster Day

We held a 2nd Dumpster Day on August 19th. People really took advantage of this service. I do not believe we have any more space left, however, please contact George Paris if you have any items before the dumpsters are taken off island during the Barge Run in September (12-14th).

Water Meters:

Water meters were read by our wonderful volunteer teams and staff. Duan will be processing those invoices sometime next week.

Road Grading:

George Paris and Chris Inman started grading J Division. Please be kind to these roads. He will hopefully get that section of road completed and begin working on other roads in needs a quickly as possible. George is also having the utilities

marked to begin work on the Drainage project. We had some delays since the backhoe broke down (parts were ordered) and George now has that operational.

More Vehicle, More Gas Use on the Island:

We are bringing over 7 vehicles to the island on the Barge. We have pumped quite a bit of gasoline this season even with the reduced fuel allotments to the owners. We will not be offering gas services this weekend, and depending on operations George will let us know if we will have enough gas for the Labor Day holiday. Our barge run is scheduled for September 12-14th. We adjusted our Barge schedule this past year in hope that the fuel would stretch. George is looking at other storage options and I am hoping that can be resolved by next spring-summer high season use. Until then we are sorry for the inconvenience and will keep the community posted. If you know of boat owners who are bringing boats to and from the Port they may be able to get fuel for your upcoming weekend.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Immel noted that the Audit is currently on hold pending information transmission between the auditor/attorney. A written Treasurer's Report will be forthcoming.

Vessel Committee Report

Board Chairman Udo Gerz presented a preliminary report of Committee findings reviewing our current ferry status and potential options for the future. **See the attached PowerPoint presentation for reference.**

This was ordered to better understand the Value of the Hat Express weighed against the Maintenance Requirements. It also provided potential replacement data and costs. The Vessel Committee has been pondering the new Vessel discussion recently as the Hat Express may be a NO SAIL pending its October Hull Evaluation.

A positive and vigorous exchange between Members and the Board ensued but no conclusions were reached.

Legal Report

President Scott Holte reported on recent activity with the lawsuit. A Trial Date has been set for March 5, 2018. The length of time is necessary due to the challenges coordinating multiple busy attorney schedules. The Trial is expected to last 4-6 weeks. There is no change of judge, Judge Lucas is still the judge who will hear all motions & the trial itself.

Last Friday the Plaintiffs' motion to add Campfire USA Snohomish as an additional Plaintiff was granted. A motion to include as additional damages for expenditures on the Marina project was denied, **but** without prejudice, which means the Plaintiffs can make the same motion after some additional discovery. Our attorney hopes that when that happens Judge Lucas will rule against the Plaintiffs as a matter of law, but nothing is guaranteed. A number of depositions are presently in progress.

Community Input

A Member asked about the PUD Utility Surcharge on our bills. This was reinstated recently and is collected for future cable replacement if/when needed.

A Member inquired about the Ferry Hull Evaluation. This has never been done. It will be a critical survey to our Ferry's future. Positives include that the boat has been well protected with zincs in place to minimize damage and it was out of the water for 5 years of its life.

Adjournment

With no further business President Scott Holte called for a Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Udo Gerz so moved, Darla Younce seconded. The Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM. A Board of Trustees Candidate Forum immediately followed the Regular Board Meeting.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Kevin Smith, Secretary Pro Temp

*The HICA minutes are intended to be a reasonable summary of the Board's deliberations and actions. The minutes are not a verbatim record of everything said at the meeting. The minutes include all actions taken by the Board.