

HMC Bylaw Committee Notes

February 25, 2021

Video Conference

Carl, Scott, Sue, Stephanie, Jed, Steven, Eric (left early), Kari (notes), Billy Donovan(briefly)

Carl called the meeting to order at 5:31. He reviewed agenda items

Minutes: Jed moved, Stephanie seconded the minutes were approved as amended.

Meeting Timing subcommittee: Sue and Stephanie reported that a scheduled date is needed to move forward.

Kari shared his concerns about scheduling a special member meeting by teleconference before the summer. He is worried that the workload will be too much for the staff given the ongoing stress and other priorities.

There was discussion of the pros and cons of delaying the virtual meeting until September or later.

Jed reported for the meeting content subcommittee. There was discussion of an early September meeting so that any unfinished business could be addressed at the annual meeting. The subcommittee discussed limiting the special meeting to two hours and prioritizing the items to be considered. There may not be time to deal with all five proposals in case time runs out. Getting a quorum of 100 members will be the top priority.

Eric said he is committed to bringing the committee's work forward to the members eventually. He needed to leave early.

There was further discussion of planning for a meeting knowing we might not get through all of the proposals. More pre-meeting activity could help. All of the proposals would be warned. The order could be articles, main body, transparency of compensation, council retreat, family membership and one voice policy.

The committee agreed to review the substance of the proposal at their next meeting.

It might be helpful to conduct a survey of members before the special meeting regarding each proposal. Another option could be to ask members to rank the proposals. There is a concern that voters might mistakenly think they were voting and then skip the meeting. It could be formatted as a survey to make it more clear. Kari will run this model by staff to get more specific ideas; he recognizes that it would offer another communication channel and be more engaging. It was suggested that we want to gauge a members' degree of understanding and degree of support for us to tailor our presentations.

More discussion of timing: support for committee developing the campaign content.

We will need to develop expertise in hosting a meeting with significant debate and voting. There may be a consultant who can help us. Susan Clarke might be a resource. There was further discussion of researching availability of consultant(s) who could help manage the project.

Steven raised question of communication to Council.

Steven expressed concern about recent emails from a member. .

Carl asked for reminders to include community comments at the beginning and end of meetings.

Adjourned at 6:41pm.

Next meeting: March 11 at 5:30pm