HMSC Management Team
Minutes
October 15, 2002


Status of Action Items from September Meeting

1. Meeting minutes to be posted on web.
   • Done, click to reach from HMSC Log
2. A follow-up meeting will be held to discuss the 2003 SeaFest, probably in early October.
   • This is it
3. A mock-up of the new “HMSC Log” will be put on web for comments. All are asked to provide information for it.
   • HMSC Log in place, events are being added, will now work on improving format
4. New online directories will be put on the HMSC webpage.
   • Examining ways to do it with software in office rather than pointing to directories; hope to have prototype in several weeks.
5. New subscription email directories to be created to replace “allHMSC” list.
   • Done; All_HMSC to be retired 10/31; others include facilities, seawater, seminars, library, community, and grad students
6. Appoint fall HMSC Seminar Chair, decide on change from Tuesday to Wednesday.
   • Tried several, final takers were Paul Reno and Michael Banks, did a great job of filling the agenda with good seminars.
7. Appoint “social activities” committee.
   • Done, will be meeting in early November.
8. Appoint ad hoc small boat needs committee.
   • Done. Tony D’Andrea is chair, should meet soon.
9. Trashy items on HMSC Campus to be tagged for removal.
   • Walkaround with Randy Walker 9/26, email out 10/13, items tagged, planned dumpster/work party to be scheduled. Randy sent out email requesting ID of materials.
10. Options for improved access or reduced rates at Newport recreational facilities by all HMSC staff and families to be examined.
    • In progress. Met with Newport recreation committee, discussed options. Model presently being developed has a payment from OSU, then significantly reduced rates. Hope to have in place by 1/03, don’t join til then.
11. Powerpoint slides to be solicited for making presentation on HMSC.
    • Not done yet.
12. Brown-bag lunch discussion on concerns about dogs at HMSC.
• Met 10/2; interesting discussion, aired concerns of dog owners and others.

13. Convene Seawater Committee meeting to discuss needed repairs to system.
  • Done, topic discussed, brief report from Walt.

Old Business

• Grad student email list is accessible only to graduate students.
• Brodeur and Peterson have volunteered to do the HMSC Seminar Series for winter term.
• Janet Webster has the Library Committee set up and operational.
• Tomas Follett is in charge of the dog owner email list that will be used to help with self-policing. If there is a dog in violation of the policy, the Director’s office will call the pound. EPA also has the policy of no dogs on EPA property, including in cars.

New Business – Planning for Seafest

• The date has been set for next year: Saturday, June 21. Boehlert has been talking with the City about their adding a second day of activities, perhaps with a bridging activity like a speaker at the PAC on Saturday evening. He has met with the Chamber of Commerce, since they would need to take charge of the second day.

• Terri Nogler gave a report about last year’s Seafest and her visit to the Delaware Coast Days, the model for Seafest
  • Ours cost $6,000, mostly absorbed by Sea Grant with help from NMFS and HMSC. Three thousand people attended. About half were families with children and half were not. Largely Willamette Valley people, probably due to the heaviest advertising being done in Valley papers. Best liked activities were the Wecoma and lab tours, and the children’s activities. Problem was that the tours were too long and too crowded, with individual segments being too short.
  • Delaware’s Coast Days cost $50,000 with about 10,000 in attendance. Theirs is a much smaller facility with only two buildings, so $10,000 was spent on tents to hold activities. Cost $3,000-4,000 just for security with additional costs for parking and clean-up. The second day is run by the Chamber of Commerce and is called “Boast the Coast.”
  • Some of their activities were a crab cake and clam chowder cook-off, a magician using chemistry, treasure hunt, crafts and hands-on demonstrations. There were no lab tours.

• In the discussion that followed these points/ideas were brought up:
  • Luminaries from the different agencies are wanted, plus politicians (Hatfield?)
  • Have a big name like Bob Ballard to do the Saturday night talk at the PAC
  • Use Mate and Hammond as our own stars or in a responding panel
• Use this Management Team as a steering committee, giving overall vision and theme, with you suggesting your own agency individuals to help out
• Organizing committee would do the actual work
• Possible theme: Marine Conservation – whatever the agencies feel would be most beneficial to showcase them with the public
  • Hal Gray (Ship Ops) said the Wecoma will be at sea. They are offering their dock for any vessel that we can get, perhaps a Coast Guard cutter or the dredge Yaquina. It must be big enough to allow people to get on it safely. When they know the 2003 visiting ship schedule, they might find another possibility.

There will be a follow-up email detailing action items from this meeting.