

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
KEY SCHOOL IN PERSON & VIRTUAL
May 14, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Claire Corcoran, Romeo Santos, Gene Gross, Helene Raven, Geoff Werner, Steve Vanderbosch, Joanna Parkinson, Ray Sullivan, **Absent:** Maria Triandos, Danielle Franz, Tom Anderson

CONTRACTURAL STAFF: Jean Somers, Cassie Heckman, Ann Levelle

GUESTS: Donna Shuman, Dave Yemc, Joel Gibney, Sandra Anderson, Jenifer McCubbin, Marilyn Hunter, Rachael Smith, Charles Metzger, Katherine Leedy, Carson Leedy, Craig Martin, Paulette Schwallenberg, Tom Schwallenberg, Rosemary Foltis, Ellen Clark, Parker Kelsey, Alfred Parkinson, Jaye Falls, Drew Jackson, Pam Jackson, Theresa Coale, Jen Reilly, Georgios Sekeroglou, Crystal Monkman, Vijay Ramraj **Virtual:** Tracy Duvall, Bill Cone, Vicky Cone, Coleen Mennucci

Claire Corcoran called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Virtual attendance closed 10 minutes after meeting was called to order, for purposes of a quorum count. No quorum present.

Claire Corcoran announced that there will be no recording of this meeting in any form or fashion, to include anyone attending via zoom.

MINUTES: March General meeting minutes could not be approved – no quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Jean Somers reported as follows:

1. Current membership is 637
2. No mosquito spraying this year due to the amount of exemption requests
3. Monday, May 25, Memorial Day Remembrance at beach pavilion
4. Saturday, May 30 – Band at the Beach
5. Arundel Rivers Federation will be testing water for bacteria weekly through the summer at the beach and sandspit
6. Cassie will be handling pavilion and pool party reservations moving forward. Anyone having a party at the pavilion will get a key to the west end gate provided by Cassie. Key needs to be returned to get the security deposit back.

PROPERTY MANAGER: Cassie Heckman reported as follows:

1. Beach gate won't be locked until memorial Day weekend.
2. Get your RFID stickers at the community house on Saturday, 10 am – 12 noon, Sunday, 12-2 pm.

PRESIDENT: Claire Corcoran explained why we are getting an automatic gate at the beach. Claire discussed the dollars spent on security in the past few years. We are spending a lot of special tax dollars and are not getting a very good return for our money. We are starting with the new, locked gate and will see how it goes and whether additional security is needed at some point

- Georgios Sekeroglou, Security Chair, agreed that the gate will make a big difference. Georgios also reported that we don't have any current security issues and big crimes are outside of our community.

- Geoff Werner, Beach Chair, mentioned that the east pathway to the beach is being destroyed by tree roots. Looking to reroute the pedestrian traffic to the right of the east gate.

VICE PRESIDENT: Romeo Santos reported as follows:

1. Communications – building a new community portal. Everything can be done online. Romeo hopes to have a preview at the next board and general meeting.
2. Piers & Harbor – establishing a committee for all aspects of the marina. Gravel has been replenished. Looking to redeck the marina as a Fall install. Also exploring additional lifts.
3. Living Shoreline – we have beautiful signs explaining the Living Shoreline. The shoreline is working well. Some plantings need to be replanted. Currents are not overflowing over the docks during heavy rain.

TREASURER: Gene Gross reported that we have \$862,789.87 in the Operating Account; \$285,551.72 in the Special Tax Checking Account; for a grand total of \$1,148,341.59 as of March 31, 2026. We are on track with our current budget.

PIERS & HARBOR: Steve Vanderbosch reported that the floating dock is delayed because we need a special exception permit from the County. The County deems we are putting a commercial dock on a residential lot. The County permit will take four months. There will be a County Hearing.

BYLAWS: Helene Raven gave a synopsis of the Bylaws vote. We cannot vote tonight because we do not have a quorum. We will vote on Article VII at the July General meeting. The Bylaws Committee was established to revise existing Bylaws, which date back to the 1950s. The Committee Chair is Tom Anderson. Article VII has been revised and it is cleaner and more direct. Whatever is not stated directly in the Bylaws, defers to Robert's Rules.

COMMUNITY HOUSE: Helene Raven reported that the community house is available for reservations. Contact the Administrator.

EVENTS: Helene Raven reported as follows:

- Memorial Day Remembrance - Monday, May 25 at 10 am
- Band at the Beach on Saturday, May 30
- Band at the Beach on Sunday, June 14
- Happy Hour on Friday, June 26, 5-7 pm

WELCOMING COMMITTEE: Helene Raven reported that we have 4 Welcoming Events scheduled through January 2027 at the community house. New residents can learn the history of Hillsmere. Information on joining HSIA, voting, amenities, will be explained. A group of members raised for discussion the revitalization of the Welcoming Committee and seeking a Chair who could relieve the Secretary of this additional burden.

BEACH: Geoff Werner reported as follows

- Pavilion painting complete
- Rope fence repairs complete
- Automatic gate in place and will be operational on Memorial Day weekend. Talked about east pathway repairs and reroute of pedestrian walkway
- Beach cleanup – May 16 at 11 am. Need volunteers to replace slats on Memorial benches

- Early morning leashed dog walking before 8 am resumed for geese deterrent. Reducing geese presence helps alleviate waste and helps improve water quality. Keep dogs leashed, use designated pathways, clean up after your pet. Water quality testing resuming this summer.
- Shoreline restoration – met with ESA and John Flood and received recommendations. Flood's design is to do shoreline restoration incrementally.
- At this time, Geoff gave a playground update, with a slide presentation.

Open discussion, questions and answers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator