

# Honeywell Retirees' Social Club of Arizona

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 29 November, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Ed Taschner at 1:00 PM.

The reported discussion topics are presented in the order they were addressed at the meeting.

2. The meeting started on a positive note with the board approving the nomination of Rick Carter to the board. Rick will assume one of the open board member positions extending through the club year 2020.
3. Ed Taschner announced that the Garrett Club Board is having problems maintaining a complete staff for its board. Their board is searching for ways to either fill the current openings or possibly dissolve the club due to lack of support. Both Ed and Barb Rippstein indicated that the Sperry Club is also facing issues maintaining its staff.

**ACTION:** Ed will contact members of both the Garrett and Sperry boards regarding their availability to attend our January HRSC Board meeting. The intent is to hold a discussion between all three clubs about possible actions to be taken to address the common problem of recruiting members to serve on the respective boards.

4. The 25 October 2017 HRSC Board Meeting Minutes as revised per prior feedback were approved.

**ACTION:** Gaylord Brockway received no response from Gwen Scheetz in his attempt to inventory the Club Picnic supplies stored at Gwen's house. As a result, this action was retained for the current month.

5. The Treasure submitted his report for October 2017. Both the September Treasurer's Report received at the prior meeting and the October Report were approved by the board after discussion.
6. Ed Taschner raised two prior event proposals for discussion: The first dealt with organizing member attendance at Cardinals Football games. After some discussion it became clear that none of the board members present were knowledgeable about what the proposal entailed regarding the securing of tickets and the club's liability for their cost. As a result the proposal was tabled until a more detailed definition of the proposal could be presented for discussion.

The second proposal dealt with organizing events at restaurants as a means of raising money for the club. Here again there was no clear definition of how this proposal would work. In addition, there was serious concern if enough participation by club members could be generated to make this viable. As a result, the proposal received no support from the board members present.

7. Barb Rippstein reported that signups for the Alaska Cruise in August, 2018, are still lagging. She is working to develop a new presentation of the cruise and associated Alaska land expedition. This revised material will be distributed in coming months.
8. Mary Barkl confirmed that the Christmas Party costs will not totally be covered by the \$40 ticket price originally announced and that the Sperry Club will cover the currently projected \$5 shortfall for its club members. During the discussion the HRSC Board agreed to cover the additional cost for its club members who attend. Mary was not sure how individuals who were members of both clubs would be addressed. Mary also identified the possibility that there may still be additional costs to the HRSC club since she did not know how the DJ fees were being addressed.

**ACTION:** Mary Barkl will contact the Christmas event organizers in an attempt to quantify the remaining possible HRSC expenses associated with the joint club Christmas Party.

**See addendum to these minutes regarding the Board's response to the costs of the party identified by Mary in execution of her action.**

Barb Rippstein raised the need to consider the possibility of HRSC sponsoring its own Christmas Event in 2018. With the participation of HRSC members in the joint Sperry/HRSC event so low, it is in the club's best interest to investigate an alternative event that would draw more members. While there was general agreement in hosting a HRSC event, there was no consensus on the type of event to be considered.

**ACTION:** The HRSC Board will develop a possible list of Christmas timeframe events which the club could afford to sponsor. This list will then be put before the club membership in order to determine which is of most interest, and therefore most likely to succeed.

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9. **ACTION:** After a short discussion of experiences by board members regarding inconsistent newsletters reception from the three clubs, Ed Taschner committed to contacting the other clubs to insure that their newsletter distribution to HRSC Board members occurred more reliably.
10. Ed Taschner confirmed that the Sperry Club has identified an individual to organize the annual Day-at-the-Races Event on a permanent basis.
11. Rick Carter reported that he had contacted the Amazon Distribution Center here in Phoenix about resuming tours for interested club members. The response received from Amazon was that they would follow up with him in the New Year.
12. Doug Metzger reported that 18 people represented the HRSC at the RTVOS event in November. While Doug indicated a good deal of work in sprucing up the school was accomplished, an event organizational error resulted in most of the participants exiting following lunch leaving some work unfinished. This remaining work will be addressed by the RTVOS organization. Since the club's participation in community events prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday has worked well during the last two years, another event will be pursued in 2018.
13. Barb Rippstein re-iterated her interest in trying to organize a CPR training class for interested members. While the current belief is that one of the local city fire departments will provide the training, a location for the training in a good local of reasonable or no cost to the club is needed.

**ACTION:** Barb and her husband will continue to investigate possible venues for such a class.

14. Jim Redmond, the current chairman of the Scholarship Foundation joined the board discussion late in the meeting due to automobile issues. Jim reported the foundation is already receiving contributions at a pace ahead of the last scholarship year. As a result the foundation is optimistic that the amount and number of scholarships awarded in the coming year will most likely equal that of 2017.

In response to requests that Jim join the HRSC Board, Jim said he could accept a director position, but identified current personal activities that will prevent him from assuming responsibility for any support activities or events the club might sponsor. This limitation was acceptable to the HRSC Board members present and Jim was voted onto the board.

15. Ed closed the meeting at approximately at 2:30 PM.

**Note:** The next HRSC Board Meeting is planned for 1:00 PM, 24 January, 2017; Mimi's Café

(Note: The meeting location may change if Garrett and/or Sperry Club attendees are expected in conjunction with item 3 previously discussed.)

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### Board Record of Attendance – 2017 -2018 Season Thru August 30, 2017

NOTE: Board absences are tracked in accordance with HRC By-Laws, Article VI, ¶ 2G

Officers & Directors			Yes	No	Comments	# Absences
Ed	Taschner	President	✓			
Doug	Metzger	Treasurer	✓			1
Linda	Darnell	Vice-President		✓		
Mary	Barkl	Past-President	✓			
Barbara	Rippstein	Director (2018)	✓		Temporary Director	
Kevin	Harris	Director (2018) & Web Master		✓		2
Gaylord	Brockway	Director (2019)	✓			1
Jim	Redmond	Director (2019)	✓		Elected at meeting	
Rick	Carter	Director (2020)	✓		Elected at meeting	
Darrel	Golic	Secretary & Membership	✓			
		Director (2020)			Positon vacant	
			8	2	<i>Quorum Achieved</i>	

#### Non-Voting Staff

Barbara	Rippstein	Cruises	✓	

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**Club Event Responsible Persons:**

Event	Confirmed Responsible Individual(s)	Comment
Oktoberfest	Mary Barkl	Gaylord Brockway, Linda Darnell, and Barbara Rippstein will support
Day at the Races	N/A	Responsibility for this event has been assumed by the Sperry Club
Caribbean Cruise	Barbara Rippstein	
Spring Picnic	Linda Darnell	Gaylord Brockway and Mary Barkl will support
Christmas Party	Mary Barkl	
Annual Membership Meeting	Ed Tashner	
Rebuilding Together Valley of the Sun (RTVOS)	Doug Metzger Ed Tashner	

**Addendum to 29 November HRSC Board Meeting Minutes:**

Per item 8 in the preceding meeting minutes Mary Barkl was asked to identify the additional costs to the HRSC anticipated for the Christmas Party. She subsequently reported the following total costs to the club: One half of the DJ cost (\$150), 2 gift cards (\$75), and a \$5 subsidy for 17 dinners (\$85). Since a total expense of \$310 to the club had not previously been approved by the Board and the Christmas Party was to occur prior to the next HRSC Board meeting, an email vote to approve the expenditure was executed. Subsequently Ed Tashner reported that a majority of Board members responded with a vote to approve the expenditure for the party expenses.