

# Honeywell Retirees' Club of Arizona

## Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 29, 2015

1. Mary Barkl called the meeting to order at Barros Pizza.
2. November 25, 2014 minutes were approved as written. There was a clarification on a motion that expanded the Board's commitment for \$400 for obtaining an EIN to include using the money for re-incorporation expenses if needed.
3. Treasury report by Francis was approved by the Board.
4. Pat reported a small turn out for the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) event. However, the social activity and the tour of the MIM were quite successful and Pat offered she might set this event again in the future.
5. Vic reported that there are 48 people signed up for the Day at the Races event. Feb 4 is the cutoff date to get reservations in. Parking is available at 19<sup>th</sup> and Turf Paradise Road. Look for the club house.
6. Ed reported that all slots for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Amazon Fulfillment Center Tours are filled and he has a waiting list. While Amazon has limited us to 3 tours, Ed said he has enough on the waiting list to press for a 4<sup>th</sup> tour. He'll let us know if that happens.
7. Pat and Judy reported everything is on schedule for the Spring Picnic. They said the trivia quiz at a previous picnic was so successful that she will be incorporating an Arizona history quiz for this picnic that should be fun. Pat requested approval for two \$25 gift cards for dinner to be awarded as door prizes. Ed observed that \$25 doesn't buy much of a dinner for two in today's environment and suggested we get one dinner card for \$50. The Board elected to stay with the two \$25 cards.
8. Mary reported that she and Gwen are working on the annual Members' Meeting scheduled for April 16. Mary said she has not gotten a response from the Elks Club on 32<sup>nd</sup> street, so is looking for other venues. Kevin offered that this is an event where we could and should pay for a speaker if we have to.  
  
Mary shared that we needed to replace Judy (Director) and Francis (Treasurer) and these positions need to be on the ballot at the Members' meeting. She wants the ballot ready to be published in The Bridge for March. General discussion followed by a decision to call members for the purpose of recruiting a Director and a Treasurer. Calls should be completed by Feb 16. **ACTION: Darrell to sort the members list and send a calling assignment to each of the Directors.**
9. Dawn reported the Scholarship Program Committee has made great strides in improving and pushing the program forward. She submitted a written report that is attached to these minutes.
10. Russ presented the Web data. During this conversation, Kevin said he would consider becoming an understudy to Russ to learn the Webmaster job.
11. Mary is working the Christmas event and is looking for help with it.
12. There being no further business, Mary adjourned the meeting.

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### Board Record of Attendance – 2014 -2015 Season January 29, 2015

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

Directors			Yes	No	Comments	# Absences
Mary	Barkl	President	✓			
Francis	Cartwright	Treasurer	✓			
Judy	Edmond	Director (2015)	✓			1
Wally	Estfan	Vice-President	✓			
Victor	Fragnito	Past-President	✓			2
Pat	Golic	Director (2016)	✓			
Kevin	Harris	Director (2016)	✓			4
Dawn	Orgill	Scholarships & Director (2016)	✓			1
Gwen	Scheetz	Director (2017)	✓			
Ed	Taschner	Secretary	✓			1
Bala	Visvanathan	Director (2017)	✓			3
			<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<i>Quorum Achieved</i>	

### Non-Voting Staff

Russ	Henzel	Web Master	✓			
Darrel	Golic	Membership	✓			
Linda	Gregerson	Editor	✓			
Barbara	Rippstein	Cruises	✓			

## Report to the HRC Board January 28, 2015 Scholarship Committee HRC as 501c7 and valid EIN number project

Project: Verify Status of Honeywell Retiree Club as a 501c7 with a valid EIN number.

Goals: Overall goal, that prompted this project, was the Scholarship Committee's desire to ensure HRC had a tax deductible status, so that members could make charitable donations to the Scholarship Fund.

### ACTIONS:

1. Board approved \$400 expenditure to get an EIN number
2. Team worked with HRC Treasurer to research current EIN number, used at the credit union, before applying for a new number. No valid results.
3. Team also has identified, what they believe to be appropriate steps to gain tax deductible status
  - a. Ensure current status as a 501c7 organization
  - b. Have a valid EIN number
  - c. Create a separate checking account for the Scholarship Program
  - d. Follow IRS guidelines for charitable contributions to a scholarship program (including documents provided to those making donations)
  - e. Note: there was a suggestion that we consult with a tax attorney regarding validity of this approach
4. Current status of 501c7
  - a. Francis confirmed all necessary papers filed annually with AZ. Corp. Commission
  - b. No documents were filed with IRS regarding HRC
5. EIN Number
  - a. To date, verification (paperwork) can't be found to validate tax deductible status or EIN number.
  - b. IRS has no record of the HRC.
  - c. Question on how the HRC can use an EIN with the Credit Union that the IRS has no record of. Should that be a concern to HRC Board?
  - d. If HRC has not filed with Federal, exempt status has probably expired, and HRC would need to file for a new EIN.
6. NEXT STEPS
  - a. File for new EIN number (Francis, as HRC Treasurer).
  - b. Confirm status as 501c7 with IRS
    - i. As part of verification of process, the team will meet with a tax attorney (first visit free).
  - c. Create a new checking account at the Credit Union for the Scholarship Fund.
7. Other
  - a. Team has submitted invoice to Honeywell for \$3000
  - b. Team will work with HRC to receive \$1500 for this year's scholarship fund
  - c. Team is meeting with member of Ironwood Wealth Management (Rebecca Williams) to work on potential Fund Raiser for Scholarship Team (she has an interest in special needs children and would volunteer her time, with her company's support to help raise money. Scholarship Team would potentially dedicate one scholarship to a special needs student)
  - d. Schools processes continue to be a problem.