

Honeywell Retirees' Social Club of Arizona

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 28 March, 2018

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. Linda Darnell announced her immediate resignation as Vice-President. She is leaving the post due to a conflict with an extremely busy personal schedule now that she has really retired. The board thanked her for the large impact she made during her service as the club Vice-President.
3. The revised 21 February 2018 HRSC Board Meeting Minutes were approved via an email vote occurring prior to the current Board meeting.
4. Doug Metzger, Treasurer, submitted his report for February 2018. Doug noted an anticipated budget shortfall for the year. This shortfall is due in part to the number club members whose memberships expire in May and have not yet renewed. While there are still two months for membership renewals to be received, it is not likely the number of renewals eventually received will eliminate the budget short fall. At this point, Doug reports that the finances of the club are sound, but that the likelihood of budget shortfalls in coming years needs to be monitored.

The Treasurer's report was approved by the board.

5. Due to a concern raised about the cost of the Fix-It Team's mileage being paid solely by the Garrett Club, a discussion of the current Fix-It billing process occurred. Diane Bennett, the current Garrett Club Treasurer, was in attendance at this meeting and indicated that she had been paying all mileage claims for the Fix-It team. Ed reviewed some history on how reimbursements were made in the past. The original Fix-It Guys Coordinator operated his financial transactions through a dedicated account for the Fix-It Guys. From time to time, he solicited donations for that account from the sponsoring Clubs (Sperry & Honeywell). When Garrett joined the effort, they operated by billing the Garrett Treasurer directly. When the Sperry/Honeywell Coordinator passed recently, team leadership defaulted to the Garrett Coordinator who continued billing the Garrett Treasurer for all Fix-It Guy reimbursements. During the ensuing discussion it was clarified that mileage should be paid by the club whose member is being helped independent of the individual Fix-It team member performing the task. Also, the HRSC Treasure clarified that he only issues payments when claims for costs incurred are received. After discussion of a few proposals, the details of how the cost sharing between clubs will be mechanized will be worked out after seeking the input of the current Fix-It Team Coordinator.

ACTION: Ed to review the reimbursement process with Garrett Coordinator, Warren Koepsel, then communicate and coordinate his desired process among the three clubs.

ACTION: Darrel Golic to provide Diane the available contact information on the Fix-It Team members who are Honeywell Club members so she can provide payments directly to them where appropriate.

6. Discussion of the recent Spring Picnic hosted by Diane Bennett focused on two issues. First, the personnel putting the event recommended that a much less labor intensive event needs to be identified. Diane recommended we consider having it catered. She said that the Garrett Club catered their picnics in the past and the Club members were quite happy with the result. Second, turnout this year was far less than expected even with the great weather that was present. After some discussion on this topic, it was decided to table this issue for a future board meeting so that the attendees would have additional time to generate possible recommendations.
7. The Board formalized the decision to participate in the Garrett Club Christmas luncheon as a replacement to the Sperry Christmas Dinner-Dance. Diane Bennett proposed a repeat of the Charity Luncheon that has been very successful in past years. While focusing on a gathering of the Club's members, the event sponsors two low income families in the valley by gifting toys to the children and trees and a meal to the families. The details of the event location and date are TBD at this time.
8. Barb Rippstein circulated a brochure from the City of Phoenix asking for volunteers to work with the Police Department. The Board members present were supportive of the initiative and recommended an investigation of ways to present the material to the membership at large.

Someone suggested we create a web page dedicated to offering volunteer opportunities such as this. One concern raised during the discussion is that the club not open itself to any number of similar requests by setting a precedent for supporting requests without some sort of prior review and approval.

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9. Rick Carter reported that Amazon has indicated that they will start opening tour dates at their fulfillment center on a monthly basis. Rick will monitor the announcements and try to organize tours as they become available. Two aspects of this new announcement by Amazon is that the tour groups will be smaller, and the lead times to organize the groups will most likely be shorter. Someone suggested that Rick put a group together in advance with a tour date TBD, so we can take advantage of a short-notice opportunity.
10. The President and Vice-President positions for next year still have no replacement candidates. As a result, the board will possibly have to investigate alternative methods of addressing the activities associated with these positions.
11. Our efforts to stir new membership have stalled. With the exodus of Linda Darnell, somebody needs to resume the effort to place club signup cards in the credit union lobbies. Kevin Harris reported that his efforts to get a retirement club advertisement on one of Honeywell's internal web pages has stalled. Apparently the proposed web pages being developed by Honeywell are waiting for checkout and debug. Diane Bennett introduced a suggestion for a joint club membership. In essence her suggestion proposed a single fee which would entitle membership privileges with each of the three clubs. Detailed discussion of these various items was tabled primarily due to lack of meeting time.
12. Ed Taschner raised the issue of lack of visibility into what is happening in the Scholarship Foundation. There has been no HRSC Board meeting participation by Jim Redmond or an alternate since late 2017, and no assessment of their progress toward this year's scholarship program has been forthcoming. Doug reported that no contribution to the HRSC from Honeywell has been received, nor has there been a request from the Foundation for HRSC's contribution.
ACTION: Ed will contact Jim Redmond or Gwen Sheetz for an assessment of what is going on.
13. Two additional Board meetings exist on the current club year calendar. Important to compliance with the By-Laws is the distribution of Club Officer Candidate names and the subsequent membership vote / approval of those names.
14. Ed adjourned the meeting at approximately at 2:40 PM.

Note: The next HRSC Board Meeting is planned for 1:00 PM, 25 April, 2018; Mimi's Café

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Board Record of Attendance – 28 March, 2018

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

Officers & Directors			Yes	No	Comments	# Absences
Ed	Taschner	President	✓			
Doug	Metzger	Treasurer	✓			
Linda	Darnell	Vice-President	✓		Resignation and Last Meeting	
Mary	Barkl	Past-President		✓		
Marianne	Brown	Recording Secretary	✓		Beginning Club Year 2019	
Barbara	Rippstein	Director (2018)	✓		Temporary Director	
Kevin	Harris	Director (2018) & Web Master	✓			
Gaylord	Brockway	Director (2019)	✓			
Jim	Redmond	Director (2019)		✓		
Rick	Carter	Director (2020)	✓		Elected at meeting	
Darrel	Golic	Secretary	✓		Ending Club Year 2018	
		Director (2020)			Positon vacant	
			9	2	<i>Quorum Achieved</i>	

Non-Voting Staff

Barbara	Rippstein	Cruises	✓	
Rose	Kuntz	Editor	✓	
Ted	Rees	Membership Chair		✓