

## **Honeywell Retiree Social Club Minutes, Rev. 2**

Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 10:30am, via Zoom

Sherry (Maxson) Myers, Secretary

March 8, 2022

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In attendance: Mary Barkl, Kevin Harris, Bruce Landini, Doug Metzger, Sherry Myers, Kay Nye, Barb Rippstein, Cheryl Wiley

1. January 2022 meeting minutes were approved by all.

2. Scholarships – Cheryl

Quarterly Scholarship Board meeting was held February 17. All Board members were in attendance. Jim Brink, who is now the Honeywell-Garrett Treasurer and on their Board, asked that he get the HRSC newsletter. Kevin will ensure he does.

Current balance is \$6,700.

We will send an invoice for \$8,000 to Honeywell Aerospace on March 31.

On April 2, after we know how many qualified applicants we have, as well as total dollars available for distribution, we will make the determination whether the Clubs need to contribute their \$1,500. If so, Cheryl will invoice Doug. As COVID restrictions continue and membership/dues decline, we know the Clubs may be operating at a loss and this may help their bottom line.

We have had three applications submitted to date. All are from grandchildren of Honeywell-Garrett Club members. Checks will be sent out at the end of June.

The next Honeywell-Garrett Club meeting is March 2. At that meeting, Brian Unsworth will ask their members if anyone wants to take his place on the Scholarship Board.

The Honeywell-Garrett Board has decided NOT to form their own Scholarship Foundation at this time.

The Scholarship Board feels the next Chairperson should be from HRSC since the Scholarship Board reports to/is under HRSC, but the chairperson could be from HGRC. Either way, we do want the chairperson to sit on (or at least report to each month) our HRSC Board. Need to make sure there is at least one HRSC member on the Scholarship Fund Board. To date, no one has volunteered to take Cheryl's place at the end of her term in July after the audit.

March newsletter is out for review and will be sent to Kay by February 25.

Our next Scholarship Board meeting will be April 20. At that meeting, we will determine this year's dollar awards.

3. Website/e Bridge report – Kevin

Kevin is making progress on work backlog and is improving the new-style online Bridge, which has some minor formatting problems (Kay is helping with these). The new-style has achieved its main objective of significantly reducing webmaster effort.

Kevin hasn't done much work on Office 365 migration plans.

Regarding online payments, Kevin looked for agreement between HRSC Treasurer Doug and Scholarship Foundation Treasurer Jim Brink on which accounts online payments of dues and scholarship donations should go into. For convenience, Doug thinks we should make it easy to pay dues and donate to the Scholarship Fund at one time, in the same online session, since we can (and will still continue to) do that with one check in our current paper-based system. Want this simplicity online except that Paypal fees are lower for donations than for dues.

Since members have asked for the ability to make dues payments and scholarship donations online, like AAC can do, Kevin is working on this. No paper form would be required, the process would be all automated including an online form. If this works for HRSC, Kevin can pass the info on to Garrett for them to use.

Since there are fees for online payments (2.9%) and donations (2.2%) plus a .30/transaction fee, we need to decide how to present this to members. Options are:

- 1) Let members pay/donate a set amount where the actual payment/donation amount would be a certain percentage less due to the Paypal fees, OR

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- 2) Let members pay/donate an amount and click a button (or whatever) indicating an additional certain percentage will be added to their payment to cover the Paypal fees; in this case, their actual designated amount will go to the club/foundation.

Bruce suggested make it simple; i.e., if someone wants to donate \$100, just take \$100 and we take the fee out of the \$100 resulting in a lesser amount donation.

No decision was made on this.

### 4. Treasurer's Report – Doug

Not much on the report. Got \$10 in dues in January, got \$135 in dues in February (paying through this fiscal year) and \$25 in donations which will show up on next month's report. Doug will watch for invoice from Cheryl if we need to pay \$1,500. If Doug sees the \$8K check from Honeywell at the bank, he will deposit it directly to the Scholarship fund. Cheryl should know about it in early April.

### 5. Cruises – Barb

Still only six people going to Cabo, four dropped out due to Covid. Barb will provide more info on Cabo cruise to Kay this week.

A family of three signed up for the Alaska cruise.

Cruise line rules are being changed day to day. Cruise lines are almost all booked up, prices are not going lower, they're going up as more people want to go.

March 2023, Panama cruise, won't publicize it yet.

### 6. Bridge Status/Issues – Kay

Dolf sent Kay a write-up – they're having a Spring Round Up BBQ/picnic at McCormick RR Park on April 20, \$19/person; they invited us. Kay will add this to the Bridge. They list our activities but not a write-up, in their newsletter.

Will get newsletter out week of February 28, still working on it. Had to update the fix-it guys list since two dropped of HRSC side. The paper copy of the February newsletter only took a week to get out – quick – Kay sent a Thank You for that.

Kay recommended that Keith Hughes get their Wings paper Bridge so he can monitor how quick he gets it and in what condition; he'll look into that. About 55 paper copies go out, per Doug. Five or 10 get both, paper and electronic. Mailing cost is paid for by Honeywell.

In March or April, email address list will be sent out with newsletter, so Kay will cut back on number of pages in the Bridge to allow for these additional pages. Kay tries to limit the number of pages to 20-24 to avoid high postage costs.

Kay does three versions of the Bridges each month: the original (final), electronic for Kevin (no mailing address on last page) and one with addresses for paper Bridge.

Hall of Flame tour: Kay will look into doing this in October or November, to allow time to publicize it after summer break. Will give an update in August.

AAC club update: Mary has gotten one call for two people for the Spring picnic. AAC group will do food prep, cooking.

Mary will stay on as President (yay!!). As Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Cheryl is the only Board member leaving at end of this term; she has automated the work and will train her replacement.

More members needed so suggestions were made: add a statement to the membership form, "if you'd like to be on the Board, on a committee, etc., please let us know;" make the form briefer; let people know they can join meetings via Zoom rather than in person, even if not a Board member, let Mary know (can have 100 on our Zoom calls). Kay will look into these suggestions, check with Ted, add some to President's Perspective.

Kay asked if Kevin can have a flash, asking if anyone is interested in joining the Board.

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If any member is interested in doing an activity, ask them to work on a committee for it.

Barb asked if we should publicize more for scholarship donations since our donations are much lower than Garrett's. It's mentioned in the Bridge.

Cheryl was asked, where did the idea come to have a scholarship part of this club? Scholarship fund has been part of HRSC for a long time (since before 2005) and one Board member attended Garrett meetings.

Per Doug, around 2015, organization was split into two different organizations so one could be a 501C and donors could get tax deduction.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 30, 10:30 am, via Zoom.