

Honeywell Retiree Social Club Minutes

Wednesday, October 25, 10:30am, via Zoom

Sherry (Maxson) Myers, Secretary

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In attendance: Kirk Anderson, Mary Barkl, Kevin Harris, Bruce Landini, Doug Metzger, Sherry Myers, Kay Nye, Ted Rees

1. September 2023 meeting minutes were approved by all.
2. Website/eBridge report – Kevin
The new archives page is working well. Kevin updated the schedule page to keep it current. An Event Payment form submitted by Mary was received by Doug but not by Kevin (should go to both); Tom Sparks and Kevin investigated, random email problem, not a very satisfactory conclusion. Kevin did receive another from submitted by Mary.
Have been transitioning to a complimentary Newtek managed support plan which has been very slow due to administrative problems such as a DocuSign agreement being twice rejected by DocuSign. Kevin is in communication with two Newtek VP's, some progress is being made on our two open tickets about email problems not relating to eBridge distribution.
Very few delivery issues for October eBridge reported and none appeared to be due to Newtek server problems so Kevin will have that Newtek ticket closed. If there are problems in November, Kevin will open a new ticket.
Kirk set up a rule in his Cox webmail to have the Eadmin email Kevin sends out go to his inbox and it's working fine now. This was one of the Newtek tickets so Kevin will have them work other issues instead. Doug can click on an email in Spam and say "not spam" and this also corrects this for the most part but a Rule will probably work better. Kevin noted that every email service should have the ability to set Rules so this may work with AOL too.
3. Treasurer's Report – Doug
Not much going on, the exciting thing is the bank gave us our 2.96% interest on our CD for June-July-Aug, after Doug mentioned it while in the bank.
4. Cruise Update – Barb
No update from Barb; Kay will touch base with her for any information. Hawaiian cruise in March or May. Five have signed up per Mary, probably including Barb and her husband.
5. Bridge Status/Issues – Kay
Kay has been working on the Bridge. Missed a couple of things (the play, picnic stuff) but fixed that now - Kay will open the Wings to compare, make sure she doesn't miss anything going forward. Checks should be made out to HRSC. Why are they not using the Online payment button? Kevin will send Kay instructions for use of this along with the link. We did this specifically so that Mary won't receive checks which she has to get to Doug to deposit at bank.
Would be very helpful for Kevin to know why online didn't work to get it fixed.
AAC newsletter doesn't insinuate you pay online. Three ways to sign up for Christmas lunch: contact Joyce (call or email); make checks out to AAC and mail them to Joyce. Nothing online.
6. Need new members – Board
Mary has a list of 200 people long for the four times a year lunches. She's thinking about giving up the lunches after this year because two times this year there were only about 5 people in attendance. Mary suggested compare this list to the list Ted has, remove duplicates, send the Bridge to the others for a year and if they want to renew at that time, they can.

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Many people whose membership expired April 2023 did not renew. Suggestion made we reach out to them, maybe get a handful back? The policy we've implemented is the September Bridge goes out gratis to those people and sometimes we get members renew but this year only one person (Kirk) renewed. Ted reported that sixty people have not renewed for this year. About 10 were paying for membership in both clubs. Could any of these people not be getting The Bridge and we don't know? Maybe call those who didn't renew, ask if they're getting the Bridge. If it's a bad email, rejection or email doesn't exist, Kevin tells Ted.

Ted agreed to having Mary send her list to him, he'll put lists into categories: those who have never been a member, those who are a current member and getting the Bridge, and those who are a former member. The intent is to send them the Bridge this year along with an appropriately written letter about the club including that we'll send them the Bridge until next May.

Need to start calling these ~ 60 people. Whoever calls, let Ted know if problem with the phone number. If can't reach on phone, Ted tries email. Some may have moved away; many people outside AZ get the Bridge who are active members.

Ted reported that in 2018, calls were made to those who didn't renew which resulted in a few renewing. When a member dies, the spouse becomes an Associate member and they receive the Bridge for life. There may be some people on that list who have died or aren't interested in getting the Bridge and don't tell us.

7. Upcoming Event Christmas Luncheon – Board

Mary and the other two who have tried to sign up online are not going to do so online because it didn't work out. Kevin will send the info to Kay on how to sign up online (go to our website and click the Event Payment button, and will also send the link for that page) if Kay can't find it.

8. On-line Payments – Board

9. HRSC/AAC Clubs Merger – Kay

Kay had sent out email with pros and cons for an HRSC/AAC club merger, she reviewed those. Doug suggested make a big deal of this at a joint event, the Spring picnic, so all members understand. If we have joint events with members from both clubs, we could have voting for officers at the event. At one time there was a reason AAC didn't want to join HRSC. A vote was taken to combine the clubs. All voted yes to combine the clubs, but the mechanism of combining the clubs needs to be worked out. Each club is signed up with Arizona and the IRS, so we need to have a legitimate plan. We need to agree on bylaws, possibly merging websites and online payments, decide which Board members and Officers remain, etc. Kay will invite Keith Hughes to our next meeting to review.

10. Clarify spouse/partner on membership form – Kevin

Kevin sent an email to the Board about this 2020 issue which changed the membership application from "spouse" to "spouse/partner" for memberships with two people in one household. Kevin suggested we further change that to "spouse/partner at same address" to make the intent clearer on the membership form. A vote was taken, all agreed to this. Discussion on policing this followed. Bruce motioned no enforcement and Board agreed and will leave it to member to self-enforce. We will let this pass for existing cases. Kay will update the form and send to Ted and put it in the November Bridge. Kevin will update the online form.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 10:30 am, via Zoom.