

Honeywell Retiree Social Club Minutes

Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 10:30am, via Zoom

Sherry (Maxson) Myers, Secretary

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In attendance: Kirk Anderson, Mary Barkl, Denise Downar, Kevin Harris, Bruce Landini, Doug Metzger, Sherry Myers, Kay Nye, Barb Rippstein

1. April meeting minutes were approved by all.
2. Mary welcomed everyone back.
3. Website and eBridge – Kevin
No major issues but something to discuss: Kevin is in discussion with our ISP, Newtek, about migrating 1) from our obsolete, unsupported email system (SmarterMail) to Microsoft 365 and 2) from our obsolescent website hosting system (Windows 2012 Small), currently supported, but not for long, to Small Linux Hosting Bundle with Newtek. Kevin reviewed the pros and cons which are listed in the report he emailed to the Board. We will be forced to migrate sooner or later.

It was motioned and approved by all to do what Kevin suggested: we migrate to MS 365 for email now but vote on the migration of website hosting system at the next meeting, after Kevin has more info on it from Newtek.

Doug feels the cost differences in the options are insignificant compared to benefits. Members asked Kevin how comfortable he is doing the work noted and if Linux would make his job easier; he is investigating, no answer yet. Regarding migration to Linux, Kevin asked Newtek what are the benefits to the Webmaster, the visitors to the site and to our organization – no response on these yet but based on his communications with Newtek, he anticipates quick responses. No urgency on the migration to Linux at this time.

Doug asked if people would be able to pay dues on the web. AAC can, and they can update their info on the web. Are these changes compatible with a solution in that regard? Per Kevin, we could do that now but the cost was fairly high the last time he asked; but it's a good point and Kevin will ask.

4. Treasurer's Report – Doug
Nothing major to report. One-year CD renewed at 0.35% interest effective June 1, registered with the AZ Corp. Commission (done annually in May at a cost of \$10), filed the Federal tax form for the past fiscal year (due in September at a cost of \$0) and processed a few dues. Doug emailed the 2021 Fiscal Year Audit report to the Board on June 5 and today.

Some discussion started regarding charging members for dues this year, how much activity we'll have, safety requirements for group activities offered, sponsoring activities with AAC. Some members noted they are in disagreement with sponsoring any group gathering in light of the Covid Delta variant. Will discuss later in meeting.

5. Scholarships – Cheryl
Mary said both Cheryl Wiley and Mary Harris have done awesome jobs as Scholarship Chair and Treasurer respectively.
Cheryl missed today's meeting but emailed her report. Jim Brink of the Honeywell-Garrett club is new Treasurer. He, Cheryl and Mary are doing the transition. Checks were issued in mid-June and all were cashed by June 24. Two recipients haven't acknowledged receipt as requested so the Board will decide if/what action will be taken. Audit on books conducted, all looks good. Cheryl updated the web forms with new Treasurer, will send to Kevin for web page and will get September article to Kay. Scholarship program opens December 1, so will be discussed in future meetings.

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6. Cruises – Barbara

Barb has scheduled a cruise for April 2022, eight people have signed up, and it will be publicized in the newsletter despite the CDC request late last night that people do not go on cruises due to Covid. It was agreed to publish the info but to add a note saying it will be continually reassessed due to Covid. The article is already published in the AAC and Garrett newsletters.

Barb mentioned some cruise changes due to Covid: the cruise lines are saying you must have a current Covid test done 72 hours before boarding and bring the certificate showing that with you. Also, they are using less ships and enhanced security (such as Covid testing) and cancellations are more lenient if Covid numbers rise (up to 24 hours). If a passenger gets Covid while on the ship, they will be flown home on a medical aircraft.

Barb will stay on as a Board member.

7. Bridge Status/Issues – Kay

Mary received a call from AAC President asking if we would help support their kick-off luncheon and publicize it in The Bridge. Support would include providing funds towards door prizes so answer is no since our members don't attend it.

A volunteer activity: with Covid going up, Doug has not set up an activity.

Discussion followed as to whether AAC and Garrett activities should be advertised in The Bridge and it was agreed they should be, so that members can make the decision themselves to attend or not, noting they are AAC or Garrett activities and to contact the leader of each activity to participate. Garrett notes that masks and proofs of vaccination are required. If we advertise their activities, they are more likely to advertise ours.

Mary noted that if we support their activities (i.e., provide funds for door prizes), then at least one of our members should attend that activity. Doug doesn't have a problem with money from our club going to a charity associated with an activity but not if the money goes to an activity for food, etc., that few of our members attend.

Hall of Flame tour (Kay): it was agreed to discuss in next month or two for a tour next year.

Kay will get The Bridge out by end of next week.

Doug asked if we are all in agreement about charging dues this year which would be due by April 2022. It was agreed yes, we will charge. April 2020 – April 2021 was free [actual specific dates May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021]. If members haven't paid for FY 2022, they owe. New members last year got that year free and must pay this year. They'll get the September Bridge but none after that. This info should be included in The Bridge, in the President's Perspective. Doug suggested adding a reference to the mailing of The Bridge, that it notes how long members are paid for. Kay will write it up and send to Mary, Doug and Ted Rees to make sure info is correct.

Kay needs to update the Board of Directors list adding Shirley Kreiger as a Board member, will update it when Shirley returns. Barb and Cheryl are shown as Directors ending in 2021, should be updated to 2024.

Meeting adjourned at about 11:45 am.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 10:30am, via Zoom.