

Honeywell Retiree Social Club Minutes

Wednesday, February 24, 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, Cheryl Wiley

1. January meeting minutes were approved by all.

2. Website and eBridge – Kevin

No major issues, did routine stuff: created mailing lists for the eBridge, created the online Bridge; updated website for event changes; posted eBridges, board minutes, board agenda, treasurer's report and webmaster reports in Archives; checked for dead links and handled routine Hotline emails.

Cheryl asked if Kevin put updated Scholarship application on website yet; he has not, so she will ask Paul Christopherson to send it to Kevin to post.

Cheryl asked if there is someone Kevin would like to have as a backup to do the small things in case he's not available. Kevin does have a comprehensive list of instructions on how to do the webmaster jobs; however, it needs to be updated. Kevin fully agrees a backup is a good idea, is working on updating the instructions and has identified a few people he feels are qualified to do it.

3. Treasurer's Report – Doug

Not much activity; few dues, occasional new member.

Doug reported that a member called with an issue about not receiving The Bridge, so he referred it to Ted Rees who will handle.

Bruce suggested club extend member's membership one more year out due to continuing pandemic, it was agreed to discuss this in June or July because club may be able to offer activities by Fall.

Cheryl suggested that at only \$5/year, a one-year extension should be enough. Kevin suggested he could put it out there again what all you get for \$5/year with club membership.

4. Scholarships – Cheryl

HPS President rejected request for \$8K donation to the Scholarship Fund, said donations come from Hometown Solutions, so Bruce will pursue this. Denise suggested go to Engineering VP's, like Jason Urso, and HR, to ask that this donation be added to his budget and to do promotionals to get more applicants.

Cheryl reported two scholarship apps have been received so far (one from HRSC side, one from Garrett), deadline is April 1. Need to get more applicants because with \$8K Aero donation coming plus current fund, total will be about \$19K.

Donations received to date: \$8,867.19; \$8,215 from Garrett folks, remaining \$520 from HRSC folks (the difference is the balance forward from last year). Garrett is basically funding this and last year scholarships went to 8 HRSC students and only 6 from Garrett, so with this disparity, need to encourage more HRSC giving. Cheryl suggested Mary mention this in her "President's Perspective" column to encourage more HRSC giving (Cheryl will write, Mary to edit). More than 100 people give monthly from Garrett (talking \$100 and more, monthly, plus some from Trusts). Kevin suggested drumming up more business with Garrett, to get their kids and grandkids to apply for these scholarships.

Scholarships are restricted to AZ colleges to keep it less complicated, but Bruce suggested open it to students attending out of state, Kevin and Kirk suggested opening it to community colleges. Although too late for this year, Cheryl will bring this up to Scholarship Board (would require a change to bylaws); flipside, could get too many apps so not much money to each student.

Kay suggested Cheryl add in "President's Perspective" about the few applicants and nearing deadline, to encourage more applicants. Also, Kay will move Cheryl's Scholarship article to front of newsletter.

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Cheryl's term ends this year, she's trying to recruit Paul Christopherson as her replacement. Several members agreed Paul is a good choice.

Cheryl continues to clean out the Scholarship Board files, has it very organized, and asked how far back these records must be kept for IRS for HRSC, a charitable organization. Kay will look into this.

With so many Garrett thank you notes to write, Cheryl started a program with merge document, type something once, maybe between Kevin, Paul C and Cheryl, get the thank you note automated to make it easier for the Treasurer.

Post-meeting note from Cheryl: Mary Harris is formally resigning as Treasurer of the Scholarship Board at end of the academic season, so need a replacement for her.

5. Cruises – Barbara

Barb not in attendance today. Barb put them on hold until next year due to Covid.

6. Virtual Tours in Arizona – Kay

Kay was going to include Butterfly Wonderland and Odysea Aquarium in next newsletter but due to technical issues with the links not being available, will include others instead. Next month may be the last month for publicizing virtual tours; winding down now. Ted Rees sends Kay lots of info that can be added.

Once a year, the email addresses of those members who approve are published in The Bridge to aid in members reconnecting. (The option to approve or disapprove is on the membership application form) Even though it's on the membership application form, Kay will put a note in the March newsletter asking members to confirm their info is correct and that it's OK to publish their email address next month. The email list will then be published in the April newsletter. Kay will let Ted Rees know since they originally agreed to send out the email list this month.

7. Bridge Status/Issues – Kay

The question was asked, are members who get the paper copy of The Bridge mailed to them changing to electronic copy? No.

Obituaries – Kay heard of some by word of mouth from the division she worked at, found the obituary, so will include them in the next issue; Mary said this is OK.

Hall of Flame tour – Kay will follow up in August, maybe schedule for January, depending on how things go.

8. New events 2021

Both Cheryl's and Barbara's Board positions will open; need replacements.

Action Items:

Extend member's dues out one additional year due to continuing pandemic? Discuss in June or July.

Approach Honeywell Hometown Solutions for donation to Scholarship fund – Bruce.

Decide what to do with the club's CD. Discuss in May.

Next meeting: March 31, 2021, 10:30am. Meeting adjourned at about 11:30 am.

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