

Honeywell Retiree Social Club Minutes

Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 10:30am, via Zoom

Sherry (Maxson) Myers, Secretary

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

1. September meeting minutes were approved by all.

2. Scholarship fund usually gets more donations by now but Cheryl is not worried yet as they don't need money till May. Normally there are significant HGRC donations in October, but none have been received. This is assumed to be due to a change of treasurer and not lack of donations. Cheryl will send her article to Kay by Friday for newsletter. Three recipients are featured in November and the remaining two will be December.

Next Scholarship committee meeting is November 10 where they will decide what to do about recipients who don't acknowledge their check. Also, Paul Christopherson wants to talk about the future of the clubs and scholarship board in general.

Jim Brink, the new Scholarship Foundation treasurer, was a technical writer and has made several changes to our Operating Procedures. Cheryl will send to the Board for their input.

New Chairperson needed for next year. Cheryl sent list of grandparents who are associated with scholarship recipients, only one possibility identified who has a grandchild in college.

Frank is working with Aerospace to get the \$8K donation to Scholarship fund. No donation expected from Industrial.

Only Aerospace and Industrial are contacted for donations and only Aero gives a substantial amount. Each club is supposed to give \$1,500 to the fund. This wasn't done last year as we didn't have as many recipients so it wasn't needed.

Keith Hughes asked Cheryl why doesn't the AAC group participate in the Scholarship program so Cheryl asked our Board. The answer was AAC didn't want to spend the \$1,500. It's been four years since we asked them. Since Sperry has a new Board and President, it was suggested we approach them again. Cheryl will ask Keith. Doug suggested we can remind them they can participate any time if they contribute \$1,500 to the Scholarship fund. It was suggested Cheryl tell Keith how much money each recipient received last year so they can see how far their \$1,500 donation would go towards their members' qualified recipients. Cheryl will tell Keith we also encourage donations from members.

3. Website report – no major issues, routine monthly activities.

Kevin discussed item 8 on his report, how to migrate mailing list to Outlook 365, found a method that should work but needs to be tested before making the move.

Regarding online payments, Newtek doesn't have a suitable offering since they're geared to larger businesses with high volume of payments, so Kevin is working more on a Paypal possibility which looks good – no set up fee, no annual fee, no monthly fees, all major credit cards and Visa and MasterCard debit cards accepted. However, there are per-payment fees: for Scholarship Foundation, 2.2% + 30 cents, for Club fees, 2.9% + 30 cents. Payment from a Paypal account may also be possible, but Kevin has yet to find this out.

If payment is made via personal check, the member would pay \$5 membership fee plus cost of check, envelope and stamp, but if made by credit card, the member would pay about \$5.50, the extra to cover the fees.

Doug said best to put all three on the web – dues, scholarship donation, plus form to change address/ phone number. Would be less confusing to all if all these can all be on the web instead of just the two payments. Kevin needs to find out what documentation for each transaction provides – is it everything the treasurer needs?

Kevin is making the optimistic conclusion that the burden of integrating HTML code into our website will not be too much work as he would have to do it.

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Kevin asked, does the Board want him to continue pursuing online payments along with pay by check (originally it was Board's request)? Online payment would be \$5.50, checks would be \$5. Board agreed, yes, so Kevin will continue to follow up with Paypal.

4. Cruises were covered next. Barb said ten people are signed up for the Cabo cruise in April and six for the Alaska cruise in August. The same ship will be used for both cruises. Barb will advertise the Alaska cruise in next newsletter since people are booking cruises early (one to two years in advance) when prices are usually lower and more benes are offered. Also, in most cases, cruises are refundable. She will alternate, advertise Alaska one month, Cabo following month, not both in same newsletter. *[In a discussion between Kay and Barb after the meeting, it was decided to not alternate and to advertise both cruises in each newsletter.]*

The Government has passed a bill saying cruise ships no longer have to dock in a foreign port, reversing an old law.

Next cruise Barb is working on is Panama Canal in 2023.

5. Treasurer's report – Doug got \$10 in September, \$20 in October; other than that, nothing, but we have talked about a donation in December with AAC activity. This will not be in the budget until Board discusses, then Doug will update. He said we do have the money to cover.
6. The Bridge - Kay is working on it for November and commented that since talking to Tracy about the poor condition of the mailed newsletters, her last issue arrived in good condition with three sides sealed. Keeping in Touch article – haven't been including it so Kay and Mary discussed and members will be encouraged to let us know what they're doing in an article in the November Bridge. The ones Kay had been getting are from Bob Hatrick from Old Timer's club; he sends their newsletter to Kay every month.

Mary tried to show some pics from the Ghostbusters play at Honeywell. She scanned the pictures, will send to all of us. Maybe some of the pictures can be included in newsletter.

7. Charity donation

Board needs to agree on a recipient organization and an amount. Suggested organizations so far: food bank, homeless shelter, Red Cross. Suggested amounts: \$300 to \$500. Since two Board members have left the meeting today, Doug suggested we continue the email discussions for recipient organization and make final decision at the November meeting. For amount, Bruce motioned to donate \$500 in 2021, Kirk seconded, all agreed. It was also agreed to donate to either one or two charities, no more, to be agreed on at next meeting. If one charity, it would get \$500, if two charities, they each would get \$250.

Doug suggested Desert Mission Community Services, which includes a food bank plus other community services.

Action: recipient organization(s) to be decided upon at next meeting; Doug to write and send check accordingly. In the meantime, continue email discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 10:30am, via Zoom.