

Honeywell Retiree Social Club Minutes

Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 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, Cheryl Wiley

1. August meeting minutes were approved by all.
2. Website and eBridge – Kevin
Kevin had emailed report to Board which he briefly reviewed. No questions about his noted Webmaster tasks; first priority is distribution of e-Bridge.
Cheryl will send updates of documents for scholarship page piecemeal to Kevin as they don't need to be up until Nov. 30.
Mary asked if there is a link for complaints in The Bridge – Kevin said there is a hotline for questions, info, etc. – this is what Mary was referring to. She offered to help with responses to this but Kevin said no help needed now as action is low, mostly changes of addresses and obituaries.
Mary asked if a payment is coming to (Newtek Technology Solutions), Kevin said yes and should be handled routinely.
3. Treasurer's Report – Doug
Doug had emailed August report to Board which he reviewed, all agreed on what was presented. The report is always one month behind so Doug can check it with the bank.
August report shows results of discussion from last meeting where fiscal year 2021 is essentially free, and Ted Rees has updated the database and this reflects that. Liability \$2,000 more because these dues move out one year. \$1600 loss for this year as most of this shows this year.
Bruce noted the write-up about Covid deferral for The Bridge, worked by Doug and Kay, was very good. All agreed.
Doug motioned and it was approved: the Club extend membership for new members same as ongoing members; new member must pay \$5 dues and it is for next year and this year is free.
Barb said membership has dropped 100 from 2016 membership; 493 in 2016 to 393 in May 2020. If we didn't do what we did last month (automatically include people who hadn't paid for this year), membership would be 339. 2019 membership was 431. Doug does membership count in August since people pay up April thru June then payments slow down. Membership has gone down since Honeywell quit giving us the bulletin (retiree and deaths info) 1-2 years ago as members look for that info.
Barb asked for ideas on how to get people to renew since Club no longer gets list of retirees.
 - Bruce suggested add note at front in President's Prospective of The Bridge that if members know of retirees, please encourage them to join. Doug suggested put this in regularly going forward.
 - Obituary page notes that this info is not shared from Honeywell and asks that members share any info with Mary via phone or email.
 - Though not normally done, send The Bridge to prospective members so they can see what Club offers.Mary will give Doug three invoices for Zoom next month, for payment. Bruce will send Zoom discount info to Mary to see if it's worthwhile.
4. Scholarships – Cheryl
Since some scholarship recipients didn't respond to receiving their check, Scholarship Board discussed how to get response. They sent email to both recipient and the grandparent, then got responses. Noted in future applications: following directions is part of you getting a check.
When Cheryl has commitment from Honeywell Aero for their donation to the fund (Frank Holman has mentioned \$8K), she'll let Bruce know so he can ask John Rudolph for donation. With layoffs, etc., in 4Q20, Bruce will ask John in January. Not an issue since money isn't due until April or May.

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Changes to submission process – Kevin worked with Paul Christopherson to set up a separate email for applications to be sent to. Scholarship applications open December 1.

Recipients are featured in The Bridge.

Cheryl asked for any suggestions on how to get more donations from membership.

Cheryl will send article to Kay this afternoon.

5. Cruises – Barbara

Cruiselines are starting to offer cruises again. Barb set up a Caribbean cruise on Celebrity for August 2021 but won't publicize it yet. Will be on agenda in March or April.

6. Virtual Tours – Kay

Kay did extensive research on Youtube for virtual tours offered in the Phoenix area; she sent a summary to all Board members for review. It was motioned and agreed that one tour would be sponsored in each Bridge issue with brief write-up and all links available for info, plus give clear indication on where to get worthwhile info, for next 5-6 months. Since Kay can only see what's on Youtube; Kevin suggested someone else check out other sites to add more info. Other tours could still be in Bridge, just focus on one per month. Grand Canyon will be featured in upcoming issue. There was discussion on having Board members who have attended any of these tours in-person send Kay a brief write-up, feedback with ratings, pictures, to add personal interaction. Maybe ask for feedback from members who attend a virtual tour. Kevin can add a voting link that would automatically feed back to us such as "how did you like this" or "would you like more" and print in bulletin.

7. Bridge Status/Issues

Consensus is The Bridge current issue was impressive.

Aero is still offering two tours – Tovrea Castle and Commemorative Air Force museum (attendance dropped down from 25 to 10)

Cheryl asked if Bridge is still publishing articles "catching up on members." Kay received another one from Bob Hattrick for upcoming issue.

Barb will send Kay an article on "how to travel – land or cruise" this week.

Kay reviewed her process for updating The Bridge:

- Monday before Board meeting, she sends reminder to people directly responsible for coordinating an event, give them till Friday for update.
- Send draft back to those responsible for review.
- Get updates, do final draft.
- Send to Mary for approval.
- Send to Kevin for distribution of e-copies and Ted Rees as responsible for membership application.
- Send hard copy to 19th Avenue facility to copy and send out paper copies.

For current issue, Kay sent to 19th Ave. on September 8, got her copy yesterday. Slow response, but not an issue since no events.

Barb asked if Kay has all old issues of Bridge; Kay only has since 2018 when she took it over plus some from 2005 from Ted Rees. Barb suggested noting old events to pique interest.

Kay asked if the draft should be sent to all Board members. Doug suggested not doing this as that could invite more time-consuming inputs and editing; i.e., more work. Process will remain unchanged.

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8. New business – All

Outdoor luncheon for membership – since gatherings currently are limited to 10 people, this is taken off the list.

Cheryl suggested having a Board meeting lunch at her place, in her huge backyard. Kay suggested maybe do this for the December meeting.

Action items for all:

Ideas on how to get members to renew

Ideas on how to get word of club to new retirees

Ideas on how to solicit more donations to Scholarship Fund

Research the virtual tours to provide detailed information in Bridge for members' ease in locating proper links

Feedback on venues that offer virtual tours from personal experience- send to Kay

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Next meetings scheduled, all on Wednesday at 10:30 am and via Zoom:

October 28

November 18

December 16