

Honeywell Retiree Social Club Minutes

Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 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, Barb Rippstein, Cheryl Wiley

1. August meeting minutes were approved by all.
2. Share AAC Christmas Event – Mary
Most Board members approved event via email. Question was asked, how much money would we spend on this? No amount talked about; however, all Board members (10) agreed to the expense. We will ask members to sign in with AAC then AAC will tell us how many HRSC members attended. Barb talked with Keith Hughes at the September lunch where he encouraged our group to do activities with their group.
Barb asked what desserts will be served, she heard it would only be cookies but need to clarify. Location is Union Hills Country Club because Arrowhead CC wanted almost double the price.
3. Website and eBridge – Kevin
Kevin reviewed the issues with migration as noted in the Webmaster report he sent out (technical issues with migration to 365 mail and migration to Linux). With no real rush to resolve these, Kevin suggested doing it during the next summer break.
Benefits of moving to Linux – no new ones have been identified. Kevin has spent much time trying to find out what the costs of Paypal and credit card payments would be – Linux wouldn't help. If Newtek did the processing, members would probably have to pay about \$7 dues for us to get \$5, due to monthly fee, but few people would probably do it. Paypal may not be any cheaper, but no definite numbers yet. Members could send a \$5 check, pay for the check and stamp, or go online and pay \$7, but Kevin needs to get more details. One option is to pay less for multiple years.
Cheryl asked, Kevin confirmed, Scholarship documents will be up by December 1.
4. Treasurer's Report – Doug
Doug briefly reviewed the report he sent out, not much activity. He is projecting we will lose money based on dues that we have; 430 members would pay our expenses but currently we have 344 members. However, the loss is at a low rate compared to what we have in the bank and now is not the time to make any adjustment to dues (strange year, membership situation; things are not stable with regards to activities).
Talking about money, Mary brought up "Charity Event 2021" for discussion. This is something we have never done, it would be a monetary donation to a charity, suggested amount \$500 around Thanksgiving, maybe a Food Bank. Something to think about.
Bruce asked where the club money is located. Doug reported some is in a share account, some in a checking account, both earn minimal or no interest, and a CD (comes up end of May 2022) which gets 1% interest [*correction: 0.35% interest, not 1% which was the rate before renewal this year*]. Bruce suggested a Money Market account as interest rates go up.
5. Scholarships – Cheryl
Jim Brink is the new Treasurer, he has met with Cheryl, Mary Harris and Doug at the Credit Union to do the transition, had many questions and is enthusiastic about his new role. His grandson is a Sophomore so Cheryl expects Jim to continue through grandson's senior year.
This is Cheryl's last year in this role, she will stay through the audit and transition next summer. The Scholarship committee agreed to issue tax receipts and Thank You letters once a year, in January, to simplify the process; a paragraph about this will be in the October newsletter. Cheryl read the text of

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the new procedure, Kirk suggested a few word changes which were discussed and agreed to by Cheryl and the Board.

Two scholarship recipients did not acknowledge receipt of checks as instructed. The Scholarship Committee will have a formal review and vote at their November meeting as to whether these recipients will receive a reduced amount or nothing if they apply again.

Cheryl will send the list of Grandparents who are sponsoring students to Mary to include on a list when looking for more people to join group.

Cheryl reminded us that students are still eligible for scholarships through Doctorate degrees.

6. Cruises – Barbara

Barb is writing an article for the newsletter about her and her husband's experience on a cruise in August to relay the safety features in place. Basically, safety and security were very high; had to show vax card three times to different people and be tested within 72 hours or couldn't board ship, ship held about 2,500 people but only had 800-1,200 on board, cleanliness was very good. All dining tables were for two, no groups. In the casino, every other machine was gone. They were given a watch-like tracer to indicate if you got within 6' of someone with symptoms. If so, quarantine for 24 hours then another test. If you get sick onboard, quarantined, taken off ship, flown home on a medical plane.

Planes – stewardess told Barb about 95% of people are ok with masks. Hotel buffets – everything is paper and plastic for safety.

Costs for cruises have gone up considerably. Although more expensive than Celebrity and Royal Caribbean, Barb has gotten feedback that people prefer Princess cruise line so that's what she's using. Princess offers benefits to those who continue to cruise with them.

Barb has two cruises scheduled: a 5-day to Cabo scheduled in April 2022 in a new ship (booked before prices went up) and another to Alaska in August (booked after prices went up) – both on Princess.

Board can decide in April whether to proceed with the Alaska cruise.

7. Bridge Status/Issues – Kay

Kay is working on the Bridge, waiting on some input, hope to have out next week.

Kay was informed that some people are receiving their hard copy of the Bridge in bad condition (torn, falling apart) and manually stamped instead of automated postage machine so she told Tracy (responsible for paper copies) who will look into it (did the mail process change?), and Kay will note the condition of the next issue. Doug got back about four copies (undeliverable), not in very bad shape. Kay also asked that hard copy Bridges go out in a timely manner.

About ten members get both hard copy and e-copy, this will remain as is.

When a member dies, we normally continue to send the Bridge to the surviving spouse.

Kay asked about response to request in last month's President's Perspective for members to renew.

Doug said one person. Currently there are about 50 members whose membership has expired; will see how many renew. They won't get the Bridge after September issue.

8. Charity Event 2021 – Mary

This appears to be a good idea, thinking \$500. Kirk asked, where should we donate, who chooses and what is the focus? Food shortage and homelessness were suggested; November was suggested as timeframe. Doug suggested we all think about it and suggested make sure the money goes directly to the charity and not to administrative funds (like United Way). Scholarship fund was suggested and rejected since it would benefit so few people. Will be discussed further at next meeting.

Action: Board members research charities and bring ideas to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at about 11:45 am. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 10:30am, via Zoom.