

Honeywell Retiree Social Club Minutes

Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 10:30am, via Zoom

Sherry (Maxson) Myers, Secretary

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

1. March meeting minutes were approved by all.
2. Website and eBridge – Kevin
Nothing special to report, did routine stuff with the website and The e-Bridge distribution.
3. Treasurer's Report – Doug
Treasury report is uneventful; few dues, not much change from last month.
Spent \$0 on events for the year.
Mary will send the Zoom invoice to Doug to pay today. No scholarship fund.
Doug recommended cancel the annual financial audit this year since the minimal activity is very transparent in the monthly reports anyway – all agreed. Doug will provide a one-page unofficial audit report to summarize the year.
The \$8K CD expires this June, all agreed to renew it for one more year; will have this discussion again in another year. Interest rate is very low.
4. Scholarships – Cheryl
Cheryl reported there were 8 recipients; 3 STEM (each got \$2,500 because Honeywell favors STEM), 5 remaining (each got \$1,875).
Doug received the \$8K check from Honeywell, deposited it, wrote check to Scholarship fund for Mary.
Regarding the soon-to-be-open positions of Scholarship Board Chair and Treasurer: Cheryl updated the Bridge info to add time involved along with duties, and will send update to Kay. Also, the Scholarship Board members will contact the grandparents of the scholarship recipients, urging them to be on the Board or serve as Treasurer or Chair. Garrett is also having difficulty getting Board members.
Cheryl will send email to recipients next week, saying they must submit their final transcripts, picture (in cap and gown if graduating, if possible) and essay updates before she'll send them their check in June. Goal is to issue checks in early June.
Audit will be done in July; Mary will give documents to Cheryl to have Paul look at, then Paul Christopherson and his wife will take them over.
Cheryl and Mary (Harris) have automated the monthly donation receipt (no longer hand-written), and the hand-written thank-you notes will be automated soon, speeding up these labor-intensive processes. As a result, new Board Chair will need to be computer-literate or have a spouse who is.
Frank told Cheryl that their Treasurer (Joan) is retiring so they need a replacement as well.
5. Cruises – Barbara
Barb has booked a cruise with the travel agent starting April 24, 2022 for 5 days, Los Angeles to Cabo San Lucas; she sent the info to Kay to publish in the bulletin. Since booking this cruise, cruise prices have gone up 25-30%. So far, five people are signed up.
6. Bridge Status/Issues – Kay
Nothing new – Kay is getting it ready to publish. Even though positive feedback was received, this is the last issue that will include info on virtual tours. Going forward, Oktoberfest and the cruise will be publicized.

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Kay asked about obituaries, that Garrett includes the obits of spouses of employees, should we do the same? It was agreed that yes, spouse obits should be included. It was also agreed that obits would include all Honeywell employees, no matter what Division, since this is a *Honeywell* club.

7. New events 2021

Oktoberfest – the outdoor seating is expanded at Edelweiss Biergarten; will wait and see how the weather is. Haus Murphy was suggested as an alternative; it was ruled out at one time, but maybe consider again if enough outdoor space. Ironworks (43rd Avenue and Bell Road) worked out good, was cheaper, buffet style, got good attendance there; however, Edelweiss has a larger space and more central location for this event. It was agreed Oktoberfest will be a good start to in-person events, especially if outdoors.

Tomorrow's outdoor AAC/Sperry picnic has 58 people signed up, per Mary (only announced to Sperry).

AAC has a Christmas lunch scheduled, we'll wait till August to decide if we should publicize. Coming events, Oktoberfest and Hall of Flame, both TBD.

Doug suggested a community service project for November – he'll get info and bring it up at August meeting; don't publicize now.

8. Member Recruiting

Shirley Krieger has agreed to rejoin the HRSC board; should we vote again or just add her back in? Barb noted that since she (Barb) filled in for Shirley (who was already elected) during her absence, she is ready to re-join, and Barb's term is up, we should just add her back – all agreed – effective September. Mary talked to Paul Christopherson about joining our Board, he declined. He will stay with the Scholarship Committee Board but not as Chair.

Do we have enough Board members to get the required number of votes for a quorum. We have ten and per Kevin, Bylaws state a quorum is 6 members. All of us can vote:

Mary, Denise, Doug, Sherry, are voting Officers.

Kevin, Kay, Bruce, Barb, Cheryl, Kirk, are voting Directors.

The Secretary position expires 2021; Sherry agreed to continue without ballot and membership vote.

We should make sure at all meetings that voting results in a quorum. Per Bylaws, if a quorum isn't at a meeting, the President can send out the question in email to the voting members to get quorum.

All agreed we do no voting to membership for Secretary (Sherry) and Director (Shirley).

9. New Business topic added

Barb mentioned some previous activities for club to offer going forward; think about over summer: AZ Historical museum, AZ Cardinals tour, fundraiser, Kitt Peak, Funerals (how to plan), Medicare info presented by Area Agency on Aging, brewery tour/beer tasting, AZ Capitol museum tour, Laughlin overnigher, Wildlife World Zoo, Pima Air and Space Museum, light rail experience and lunch. Also, a lunch in Prescott and/or Payson, and casino trips. 2022 may be when events start up again.

Cheryl won't be here for August meeting, will send her Scholarship report to Sherry to present.

Action Items:

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

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Meeting adjourned at about 11:20 am.

Next meeting: August 25, 2021, 10:30am.

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