

Honeywell Retiree Social Club Minutes

Wednesday, December 27, 10:30am, via Zoom

Sherry (Maxson) Myers, Secretary

December 28, 2023

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In attendance: Kirk Anderson, Mary Barkl, Doug Metzger, Sherry Myers, Kay Nye

1. November 2023 meeting minutes were approved by all.

A discussion followed regarding the joint AAC/HRSC meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, 1:00 pm, at the Aero Credit Union headquarters office. Though not final, it's likely the clubs merger will take place which would be effective next fiscal year (May 2024). Doug and Kay would not be available to attend meetings on Tuesdays at that time so a new schedule would need to be worked out for the working sessions. Bylaws will need to be worked out and taken back to each organization to reach agreement.

Mary announced that she plans to quit as President at the end of this club year (April 2024). Zoom needs to be renewed in April; Mary wasn't going to renew but the club should make the decision to renew or not. Mary also said that Melanie Merrill wants to join the HRSC group.

2. Website/eBridge report – Kevin

Kevin performed a few website maintenance tasks including updating the event schedule page to keep the information current. No major website issues. The December eBridge was distributed. A complimentary eBridge, along with an information cover message about HRSC, was sent to 173 retirees who might be candidates for membership. Ted Rees generated the list with input from Mary Barkl and Kay Nye. To date, five new members have enrolled.

3. Treasurer's Report – Doug

Doug sent out the November treasurers report; mostly showed dues coming in and response that Doug talked about last month about getting people in (about 20 or so). Have not officially processed it yet (will go to Credit Union tomorrow), but got 8-10 online forms and six payments through Paypal – this will go into December report. This is a result of our drive to get new members.

We paid double for the website last year (for last year and this year), so we had less website cost this year.

4. Cruise Update – Barb

Barb not in attendance, no report.

5. Bridge Status/Issues – Kay

December paper Bridge didn't go out because both of Kay's contacts for copy/distribution were off the last two weeks of December. She learned this from their "out of office" messages. Xerox was also copied. It usually takes five days for Xerox to get the paper Bridge out.

Kay found a glitch in the membership application online, as brought to her attention by a Honeywell friend's experience. On the form it says "name of spouse/partner at same address." Next question is, "is spouse/partner a former employee" and if so, must put in that retirement date. Kay's friend's spouse is the retiree but his spouse (Kay's friend) is still an employee, so the form should accommodate this by saying "is spouse/partner a **current or** former employee" instead, with the option of noting "N/A" as retirement date. Kay and Doug discussed this before the meeting; Kay made the recommendation to Ted about updating the form. Ted said there is an age limit of at least age 50.

Mary mentioned that there used to be an additional position in our club where that position would have to step up to be President; that position was removed years ago. That position was "Past President" which Mary had been and which resulted her in being President several times.

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Kay's concern about the merger is that Keith emphasized their club's efficiencies over HRSC's methods and that maybe AAC will take over and HRSC may be put aside, so we just need to point out when we disagree. Maybe AAC wants our bank account, maybe our formal state and federal registrations, maybe Paypal. Doug wants to push to make sure we have bylaws and elections, and bylaws should be voted on by all members, not just Board members. Voting was always minimal but members still need to have the opportunity to vote.

Mary mentioned that this is the first year that eight of our members signed up for the Christmas lunch. For the last two Spring picnics, we've had good joint turnout. AAC handed out membership applications which may have gone to HRSC attendees (may have been confusing to HRSC members).

Doug mentioned that when he first joined HRSC, he wondered why there were three different clubs. At that time, AAC didn't seem to want to combine, but now they do. We need to encourage members who are not on the Board to join the meetings to keep them involved. Zoom meetings make this very convenient, especially after some face to face meetings to get to know the others.

Kay, Doug and Kirk plan to attend next Tuesday's joint meeting. [Mary doesn't plan to attend. Sherry cannot attend in person or on phone.]

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 10:30 am, via Zoom.