

Honeywell Retiree Social Club Minutes, Rev. 1

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 10:30am, via Zoom

Sherry (Maxson) Myers, Secretary

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In attendance: Kirk Anderson, Mary Barkl, Larry Bowe, Kevin Harris, Keith Hughes, Doug Metzger, Sherry Myers, Kay Nye

1. February 2024 meeting minutes, done by Kay Nye, were approved by all. *(Thank you Kay!)*

2. New Bylaws Approval – Kirk

Kirk Anderson and Barbara Brockett prepared a first draft of the bylaws that were reviewed by Keith Hughes, Doug Metzger and Christine Lindley on 2/16/2024. Doug Metzger emailed this to the Board on 3/15/2024, “[Board] HRAC Bylaws.” Kirk went over the draft, highlighting the changes. See the powerpoint document, attached to this email, for covered material.

Kay moved to approve the bylaws, all approved. AAC has already approved the bylaws. As both AAC and HRSC have now officially approved the new jointly developed bylaws, we will move forward as planned, beginning our next fiscal year on May 1 as a merged organization under the name Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club of Arizona (HRAC).

Doug motioned we approve the interim assignment of officers as identified by Keith Hughes, all approved. AAC approved at their last meeting.

3. Website/eBridge report – Kevin

Website Maintenance and Updates

Kevin updated the event schedule page to keep the information current.

AAC Website Merge

The website merge subcommittee of Keith Hughes, PJ Hughes, Kirk Anderson and Kevin did not meet this reporting period due to travel. The HRACAZ.ORG url is now operational, leading to a placeholder home page.

There has been difficulty getting a firm answer from GoDaddy on what the incremental costs of online payments would be. An upgrade to a premium plan (\$60/year more) is now required for what was previously free, but Keith Hughes will provide details at next meeting.

Keith sent an email out on 3/27/24 regarding HRAC website costs.

eBridge Distribution

Kevin distributed the March eBridge; two non-deliveries were reported and re-sent. He phoned the member who reported non-receipt last month to see if she received her March eBridge, but she did not return the call.

Distribution of Renewal/Joining Solicitations

As in December, January and February, Kevin sent out a complimentary eBridge with an informational cover message about HRSC and encouragement to join to a list of 162 addresses generated by Ted Rees with input from Mary Barkl and Kay Nye. Only two new members have enrolled since this went out, although there were a few renewals. However, we have gained 15 new members since the first solicitation went out, so overall this appears to have been a worthwhile effort. It was decided to not send out complimentary eBridges for the time being.

First official meeting of the new Board will be the first Tuesday of May. Next meeting after that will be first Tuesday of September. Kay will gather obituaries and lunches info during the summer and going forward. Currently we have no activities planned for Fall, so Keith will be asking committee and Board members to come up with activities for the Fall.

Next AAC meeting is next Tuesday, April 2.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Doug

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Doug sent out February report last night to Board. Exclusively dues is coming in. This month we got 10 renewals and two new members; nine of those were through PayPal.

Doug and Christine have talked about how to combine the funds that are in the Aero CU but haven't worked out the details. Will have different signatures: Keith, Christine and Doug will have ability to sign checks (need to go into office to make this happen). Instead of Doug, Barbara Brockett will now check the mailbox at the CU on a monthly basis and it'll go there rather than to her house. Ted Rees will work himself out of the primary role of membership database, Barbara will take this over. After May 1, Doug will document (on line) with the Arizona Corporation Commission the new name and the new slate of 'elected' officers for the next fiscal year. Then, Doug, Christine and Barbara have to go to the CU to get Club name changed on the Credit Union accounts, then they'll decide where the funds go. Probably keep the share, checking and CD accounts. Christine and Doug will decide how much money goes into which accounts and any possible changes to the CD.

After May 1, it'll be a joint club and Doug will write the checks instead of Christine. Probably no urgency to close the AAC account right away in case something comes up, Doug agreed.

Ted Rees and Barbara Brockett have done a lot of work to merge the Clubs' databases, joint group will work out details of information to include in May meeting.

The final Bridge newsletter will go out in April, the Navigator will start in May.

5. Cruise Update – Barb

Kay received an E-mail from Barb regarding the cruise updates. She is currently in Hawaii on the March cruise and will start working on planning cruises when she gets back. They will be for the new merged newsletter.

6. Bridge Status/Issues – Kay

Pretty much done, waiting to get Wings for information to add. Inputs due April 3. Need to get Keith's (perspective) article. He was waiting for this meeting to have progress to report and will provide it in the next couple of days.

7. Picnic – Mary

Mary gave Larry one couple to add to picnic headcount and will send names of two other couples. No official deadline for signups but should have final list by Monday before the picnic (April 22). Will have a check-in list and several check-in lines to avoid bottleneck. Larry will add Doug to list who will try to convince his wife to go as well. Kay is on the list.

Keith reported that for last year's picnic, for the first time, they came up with signage - specific to Aero. New signage will be made with more general words ... Retirees Picnic. All agreed.

Have three cooks (enough). Are not going to wipe down all the tables this year – a lot of work. Up to attendees. Attendance is at about 90 now.

Keith showed a picture, draft of picture for Navigator, which he sent in email. He wants pictures of HPS computers; Mary has some calendars from around 1960, and the First 100 Years that have pictures, will get to Keith. Keith has no pictures for Honeywell Bull. This is a starting point.

HRSC will not have a meeting in April, will have joint meeting on the Tuesday after that. April Bridge is based on this meeting, May Navigator is based on May 2 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Aero Federal Credit Union, 5811 W. Talavi Blvd., and via Zoom.