

Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club Minutes

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 1:00 pm

Sherry (Maxson) Myers, Secretary

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In attendance: Kirk Anderson, Larry Bowe, Barbara Brockett, Joyce Colella, Kevin Harris, Ray Heinzeroth, Keith Hughes, Christine Lindley, Doug Metzger, Sherry Myers, Don Nicholas, Kevin Vetter, Judy Wilger

1. Welcome – Keith
2. Review of minutes, key action overview – Keith
3. Treasurer's Report – Doug reviewed his Treasurer's reports that he sent out to the board.
 - Spring picnic cost was approximately \$1,000 for about 100 attendees. About half of the cost was for the facility. The holiday lunch was also a big expense.
 - Additional items that are part of the annual report: make sure we're registered with the AZ Corporation Commission and with the IRS. As of the last meeting, Doug had registered with the Corporation Commission and yesterday he registered with the IRS. Also need to make sure we know where all the club's money comes from. Between the information Barbara provides and information provided to Doug by those who plan the events, Doug has record of this. Doug's statement satisfies our bylaw requirement for an annual report.
 - Balance Sheet Statement: this is where we are now and the membership numbers match what Barbara sent out yesterday. We have prepaid expenses (Verde Canyon RR). We get a good report from Pay Pal that Doug can put into a spreadsheet to track all activities.
 - We had 2 CD's, have now combined them into one after getting agreement with Christine and Keith. It's a one-year CD opened in July. In June, Doug moved \$1K from the savings account to the checking account. Question was asked if we should put the money into a Money Market account in order to earn more interest. Doug took the action item to look into this.
 - HRAC Income and Expense by Activity report shows expenses by month. We are down \$1,364 but \$1,000 was for expenses last year.
4. Membership headcount – Barbara B
Barbara reviewed her Membership Reports as sent to the board.
 - Total HRAC membership as of August 31, 2025 is 560; at the beginning of May it was 565. There are only two VIP members remaining: PJ and a man in Gold Canyon. For Active-Payment Due members, we're down from 122 to 88 due to Barbara's work contacting these folks and she'll keep calling/texting them. They seem interested, they just don't follow through, but Barbara anticipates response when the newsletter goes out. We got seven new members over the summer.
 - The Payments and Deposits report is for the financial year, not the calendar year. For 5/6-8/31/25, there was \$535 in dues deposits.
Keith commented that we have plenty of money but we have a declining membership so we need to be cautious on spending. We lost \$1K on the holiday lunch and \$1K on the picnic and it cost us \$1K for the website. For money coming in each year, multiply the number of members by \$5.00. Pre-paid membership dues money is in the CD. Expenses are not going down, dues will not cover our costs, and membership is declining and will continue declining, so if we're going to fund events, should we raise the dues or start charging for the events? Suggestion was made to charge for the picnic, see if/how attendance numbers change. Maybe charge \$10 admission and have a larger door prize worth maybe \$200? Money may not be the issue, it's how we present the event. The 50/50 raffle does bring in

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money. Can ask in the survey if people would attend the picnic if they had to pay. It was also suggested to table this subject until we're lower on funds.

- We got no new Garrett members, just one renewal.
- Barbara will be gone most of October but will have the coverage to get her work done.
- When Barbara learned of passings of members, she reached out with condolences and to see if the surviving spouse wants to continue club membership.

5. Past & future event updates

None.

6. Future events

- ABT – Kevin V. It's in the newsletter and Kevin will start collecting money for the December show. We have 36 tickets for the December show. Next show will be March 26.
- Verde Canyon Railroad – Kirk. Nobody has signed up yet and the money is due October 1 so it was decided to cancel for now and offer it in the Spring with more advertising. It will be removed from the newsletter and from Keith's message, noting, rescheduled due to lack of sign-ups. Don will add it to the survey if folks would be interested in this event.
- Recycle tour – Kirk. Write-up is ready to go, will go into the next Navigator with a January date. The free tours are only offered on Thursdays from 9am to 1pm.
- Ping tours – Don. Date is Wednesday, October 22. The free tours are limited to 8 people including Don; six slots are available. Also, anybody can follow the link to make their own tour reservation if they choose.
- Lake Pleasant Music Cruise – Don. Date is Thursday, October 23. 30 spots are reserved with 26 remaining available. Money is needed by October 2 but there won't be a financial loss if we don't get 30 attendees.
- Arizona Copper Museum (Clarkdale) – Don. Need to set a date for the group tour after February. Advertise starting in December newsletter. This is not a small museum. Also add this event to the survey to get interest.
- Sanderson Museum – Keith. Two have signed up including Keith but there is still plenty of time.
- Tovrea Castle – Keith. A recycled event. Waiting to book this as they're currently doing renovations; no tickets available until February or March.
- Palo Verde Nuclear Reactor tour – Keith. Keith got no response from his contact at the facility; will follow up.
- Manistee Ranch Park? – Keith. This will be set up sometime in the future. Barbara will coordinate this in the Spring based on survey responses.
- Arizona Gold Mining Experience (Cave Creek)? – Keith. Ten or twelve attended previously. This can be combined with a tour of the Cave Creek museum.

These recycled events should be mentioned in the survey to learn members' interest. Don will update the survey and send it to the board today. Will make the survey as uncumbersome as possible. Besides events, should we include questions about the newsletter – no, make that a different survey.

- Arizona Commemorative Air Force Museum – Tom Leard. Twelve people have signed up as of a couple of weeks ago.
- Holiday lunch – Joyce. This will be held at the same place as last year (Sun City Country Club). The menu we selected is ham or bruschetta chicken (with a veg entrée available on request), vegetable medley and roasted creamer potatoes and a chocolate and white sheet

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cake for dessert. Salad is included. Cost is \$30 per person plus tax plus 20% service charge plus \$3 per person for sit-down. We'll charge \$40 per person. Information will go into the newsletter.

- n. MIM – Christine. A one-hour VIP Behind the Scenes tour is available for \$7 + \$20 admission. This will be planned for next May but not on a day when they have an evening concert as the VIP tour would be more limited.
- o. Need next year Winter/Spring events – All
 - Barbara had two suggestions but will give them more thought and revisit: one, St. Vincent de Paul has offered a tour to our group and two, an early afternoon lunch event at Organ Stop Pizza (Mesa).

7. Website Update

- PJ sent her report to the board ahead of the meeting.
- On the website, go to More – Board members login. Only one document there so far. Only PJ can load this section, can load multiple documents at once and space is unlimited. “Contact us” link only goes to PJ.
- PJ’s Website Report – Kevin H pointed out that statistics on the website visits are not valid because there is not a prompt that says “I am not a robot” so some visits could be bot visits.
- Per Christine, the last time we paid PJ was in April 2024. Her fee is less than \$600 so to not deal with taxes. When PJ submits a bill, we will pay her.

8. September Navigator Review – Joyce

- Remove Verde Canyon Railroad information
- Lake Pleasant Sunset cruise is Thursday, October 23, not October 24 and payment is due by October 3. Keith will let PJ know to update webpage.
- Recycling tour will be January 15.
- Add to first page:
 - Ping tour Wednesday, October 22.
 - AZ Copper Museum – Keith – in May
 - Tovrea Castle – Keith – TBD
 - Manistee Ranch – Barbara – March-ish
 - Gold Mining Experience – Keith – February
 - MIM – Christine – May

When anyone has an article in the newsletter, they need to check the article and links. Also, let PJ know of any changes or cancellations to update the website.

9. New business

- a. New survey – Don and Kirk. We already discussed this; Don needs our feedback by tomorrow.
- b. Brian (from Garrett club) will get information on a tour of the Lucent factory in Casa Grande and send to Keith. No update.
- c. Document storage. Barbara, Kirk and Kevin need to discuss this to learn what the requirements are to have board members add documents to the website without going through PJ and to arrange them in folders. If any other board member sees a requirement, let them know as these three collaborate. With her background, maybe Kathy H can share information.

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- d. Business card updates. Keith passed some out to board members, asked for feedback. The background should be a lighter color so the wording is clearer to read. Add "Come join the fun." Add "affiliates" to backside, top wording (too many different companies to note them all). Keith will update and send to board for approval and bring new ones to next meeting. Keith will put some at the Aero credit unions. Kirk gave some to an IAC employee to put out for those employees. At Aero, it's not really allowed.
- e. Navigator hot links – already discussed.

10. Round Table discussion

- Kevin V will help with the Arizona Copper tour.
- Larry has four plastic totes and two ice chests – picnic supplies. Ray doesn't have room for them now so Kevin V will store them temporarily.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 1:00 pm.

Action Items:

- Prior to every meeting, everyone should review the minutes and the reports sent out by Board members.
- When anyone has an event publicized in the newsletter, they need to check the article and links. Also, let PJ know of any changes or cancellations to update the website.
- Doug will look into putting club money into a Money Market account in order to earn higher interest.
- Barbara, Kirk and Kevin discuss document storage on the website.
- Don will update the survey with comments from this meeting and send to the board for feedback.
- Keith will update the club business card and send to board for feedback, and will bring new ones to the next meeting.
- Larry will get his picnic supplies to Kevin V for temporary storage until Ray can take it all.