

## **Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club Minutes**

Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 1:00 pm, via Zoom

Sherry (Maxson) Myers, Secretary

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In attendance: Kirk Anderson, Larry Bowe, Barbara Brockett, Joyce Colella, Kevin Harris, Keith Hughes, Doug Metzger, Sherry Myers, Barbara Rippstein, Kevin Vetter, Judy Wilger

### **1. Welcome – Keith**

### **2. Review of minutes – Keith**

Keith suggested that going forward, Sherry review only action items reported in previous meetings' minutes rather than review entire minutes, and that the action items should be noted at the end of the minutes. All attendees should review the minutes before each meeting.

### **3. Treasurer's Report – Doug**

Doug sent out his Treasurer's report, summary below:

Shortly after our last meeting in May, our name change became official with the Arizona Corporation Commission, and Keith replaced Mary Barkl as statutory agent. The name on the HRSC account at AeroFed Credit Union was changed to HRAC (Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club of Arizona). Keith, Christine and Doug are authorized signees on the account. In June, the "e-Postcard" report was filed to the IRS covering the HRSC fiscal year ending April 30. In July, though it did not appear to be required until our next e-Postcard, Doug applied to the IRS for our name change. Hopefully we will get a confirmation letter back from the IRS soon.

In July, Christine closed the AAC money market fund, moving its funds to the HRAC account. All but \$5 of the Primary Savings account was also moved to the HRAC account, leaving that account and the AAC checking account open, for now. We expect to move the checking account funds and close out the savings account in September.

In July, Doug and Christine opened up two CDs, total of \$11K, for one year, at 5.08%.

HRSC Income and Expense by Activity Report: Doug will get together with Christine to put this together better.

There was discussion on posting the Treasurer's Reports on the website: how far back should we go, maybe don't post it but provide it if requested, maybe post only a simple P&L for the year rather than balance sheet information? There is no login for our website so anyone can see this information. Will discuss this later; in the meantime, won't post the report.

As of last meeting, new officers were registered as officers of HRSC and we were in the process of changing to HRAC but it hadn't come through.

We've gotten hacked, a scammer has sent email supposedly from Keith. Keith said he will never ask for money in email, be sure to look at the actual email address of these emails before responding. He has reported it as scam.

### **4. Membership headcount – Barbara**

Barbara sent out her Membership Report on Sept. 2 which includes details on membership count, Associates' memberships, dues deposited, expired memberships. 596 members now including associates. 89 haven't renewed dues that were due in May but we're keeping them on for now.

Obituaries: should someone scour them? No one is assigned this task currently but Barbara can take this on. We most often learn of passings through word of mouth.

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Should we offer a newsletter to widows/widowers? No, due to change in bylaws, they would have to pay dues.

### 5. Past & future event updates

- 5a. Scottsdale Western Museum – Barbara. Event took place on May 9; write-up was in September newsletter.
- 5b. MIM tour? Barbara will look into. MIM sent us an email to set up a tour.
- 5c. Cerreta Candy – Joyce. 14 signed up so far, can handle up to 20 people. Pay \$7.50 at door for the optional tour.
- 5d. Japanese Friendship Garden – Kirk. 10 signed up, Kirk sent check in and sent a spreadsheet of this to Doug. If more sign up, he'll send another check and update sheet.

From Treasury standpoint and IRS rules, we need a list of people who have paid to attend an event, how much they paid and what event the payment is for. Money coming in from non-members needs to show we did not make money for the club. Other rules apply too. Doug needs to keep track of this. Need to make sure it's only members who sign up; can check against member list.

- 5e. Manistee Ranch Park – Keith. New event, 6 signed up so far.
- 5f. Recycling Tour – Keith. 1 signed up so far (Keith).

Question was asked, should we add to the tours if they are handicap accessible. Yes.

- 5g. Sunset Music Cruise – Don. (Don not in attendance)
- 5h. ABT – Kevin. Beauty and the Beast Dec. 5; Phantom March 20 but will publicize this one later.
- 5i. Wrigley Mansion – Larry. Need level of interest on this, maybe do next spring.
- 5j. Caribbean Cruise – Barbara R. It's either a one-week or a two-week or a combo cruise in March. 6 signed up. Barbara will get info into next newsletter.
- 5k. Hall of Flame. Keith will ask Melanie if she'll volunteer for this.
- 5l. Christmas Lunch – Joyce. Date is Dec. 19. Joyce has found a different venue – Sun City Country Club at 9433 N. 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Peoria. The room is free, we pay for food which includes drinks and dessert. Dessert is chocolate cake/chocolate frosting or white cake/white frosting or half/half. We need to choose the two meals – we chose bruschetta chicken and glazed ham with half/half cake for dessert. (Anyone on a special diet will be provided a number to call) We will charge \$30 and subsidize the rest. For actual meal cost, take into account the cost of the meal plus our additional costs; i.e., a \$30 meal could have an actual cost of \$42.50. Suggestion made to charge less to celebrate the joining of the two groups, maybe get a bigger turnout. Do we say this is subsidized cost? Need to determine how many gift cards to give out.

Honeywell Flight Ops tour, scheduled for Jan. 30.

Tovrea Castle. About 3 years ago, they started a lottery because it became so popular. Keith will look into this as an event option.

### 6. Website Status – PJ/Kevin

Working with Kevin, PJ completed many tasks as listed on the Honeywell Retirees' & Activities Club report Keith sent to us. Tasks were on these website pages: Home, From our President,

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Keith sent us a report from the Website meeting of July 23 which includes the differences in the HRSC and HRAC websites and specific action items.

### **7. September Navigator Review – Joyce**

To the Honeywell Flight Ops note, add “tour” on the front page and “Details coming.” Get details into the October issue.

Add a line for the March 8 and 15 cruises.

Keith to look into a tour of recycling facility, maybe for March.

### **8. New business**

8a. Garrett club status. They have no President, VP, Secretary or Treasurer. Their club format is nine meetings per year, \$15 per year membership, rent a hall for meetings – discussions on topics like social security, not a social club. 100 used to attend, now about 25 attend, and they are thinking about folding the club as they’ve been trying for years to get people involved. If they really are going to fold, they should give their members the option to join our club. They do advertise our club. It was suggested that we invite them to join our next meeting so they can see what we’re doing. Maybe use their membership money to pay for one year of our club membership. Keith will follow up.

A suggestion was made to put an article in the newspaper about our two clubs merging as a way to publicize the club.

8b. Keith sent to us the suggested process for new events, with minor updates.

### **9. Round Table discussion**

Per Doug, PJ had asked what should people put on their checks – HRAC is fine. If it’s for dues, HRAC must be spelled out on the envelope, no acronym.

PJ has everything she needs from Kevin and he will shut down the HRSC website on Nov. 18.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 1:00 pm.

### **Action Items:**

- Prior to every meeting, everyone should review the minutes and the reports sent out by Board.
- Doug and Christine meet to discuss how Doug can better put the HRSC Income and Expense by Activity Report together.
- Discuss what financial information to post, if any.
- Barbara will look into a MIM tour.
- Keith will ask Melanie if she would be willing to look into a Hall of Flame event.
- Keith will look into a Tovrea Castle and a recycling facility tour as events.
- Keith will follow up with Garrett club.
- Put an article in the newspaper about our two clubs merging as a way to publicize the club?