

Honeywell Retirees and Activities Club Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 1:00 pm

Sherry (Maxson) Myers, Secretary

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In attendance: Kirk Anderson, Larry Bowe, Barbara Brockett, Christine Lindley, Doug Metzger, Sherry Myers, Don Nicholas

1. Welcome – Kirk, in Keith’s absence. Took roll call.
2. Review of minutes, key action overview – Kirk
 - PJ’s website update – will discuss later in meeting.
 - Doug’s action item to show near-term liabilities in his report – will cover in meeting.
 - Barbara B to provide a write-up for the newsletter about obtaining more contact information about members’ spouse/partner.
 - Joyce to confirm all Honeywell luncheons.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Doug

Total assets is \$20K. An action item from last month, Doug has now identified short-term assets. This is money that is “spoken for” (like pre-paid membership dues), which is in the bank only temporarily as for the Wrigley mansion and ABT Phantom events. Lots of activity this month with current and upcoming events, and a lot of work by activities chairs. Doug cross-checked the bank and PayPal monthly statements, all is correct. PayPal fees are identified on the report.

Doug included two additions to the report:

 - A section on the Balance Sheet (page 1) under Liabilities called “Activity Prepayments” to identify short-term assets, money in the bank that will go back out to activities.
 - A fourth page that he used with HRSC which summarizes totals from previous page, income and expense so far for the year, and gives his projections for finishing the year.

Doug also provided a summary of income and expenses for the Holiday lunch. The lunch cost the club \$1,026.68 + PayPal fees = we ended up subsidizing \$1,057.74.
4. Membership headcount – Barbara B

Barbara provided a year-end membership report. Membership is at 561, down from 585 at the end of last month. This is mostly due to Associate members (spouses of deceased members who did not pay membership, HRSC) – 23 who were unable to reach, so Barbara removed them this month. Also removed one VIP member who requested it.

Ted Rees and Barbara have worked this since last summer – tried to contact these folks to get them to join – and resulted in only two members joining. One of these does not do email and commented that we need to accommodate those who don’t do email. She didn’t remove any that were in the category of “active-payment due.”

Amount paid for dues Dec. 3-31, 2024 was \$90.

Number of members whose dues are expiring this year is 133; in 2024, it was 47. In the February meeting, we need to discuss how to get them to pay and will keep them on the member list for now.

Addition to Treasurer’s report: Doug asked that when someone makes a deposit to CU, to ask the teller to note what activity the deposit is for because this will show on the monthly bank statement. He’ll send an email requesting this.

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5. Past & future event updates

- a. ABT – no update from Kevin.
- b. Christmas Lunch – Joyce sent out a good report on this. Food and service were good.
- c. Flight Ops tour – Barbara. About 30 folks have signed up.
- d. MIM tour – Barbara. Nothing for now.
- e. Wrigley Mansion – Larry. We're all set for two tours on Feb. 15 – 11 am and 1 pm. All money is collected (\$510, and it'll cost us \$500). Response is bigger than anticipated. Larry will send out instructions to attendees on how to get there. Larry will put it on his credit card and give invoice to Doug to write a check for payment.
- f. Recycling tour – Keith sent out an email with instructions to the attendees.
- g. Caribbean Cruise – Barbara R is not here; no update.
- h. Hall of Flame – Kirk – no response on this yet so nobody is signed up; four weeks to go. Cost is \$10 per person.
- i. Museum of Illusions – Kirk – no response on this yet, not until April. Admission cost varies by age but should balance out to approximately \$23 per person which is what we're charging for the event.
- j. Spring Picnic – Larry. Keith sent an email regarding cost increase and asked for feedback on number of ramadas to reserve. The board voted, we agreed we should get three ramadas. At the February meeting, we'll start the planning. This is the final year Larry will coordinate this event, so need to find someone who will take it over; identify the person by March. Larry has a detailed checklist to share with the new organizer.
- k. Ping, Fed Ex, Amazon tours – Don. Nothing yet, but these are indoor events so they can be in May or June. Don will start working these this month.
- l. Southwest Airlines – Keith is not here but emailed that three have signed up. Larry mentioned how accommodating SW is with this tour.
- m. Need next year Winter/Spring events – All. Bring ideas to next meeting. Tours are good, interesting to learn how things are done.

6. Website Status – PJ/Kevin

PJ submitted her Q2-4 2024 update;

- She fully merged the HRSC and the AAC websites into HRACAC.org (included HRSC Bridges, meeting minutes and events, reformatted Event Photos to be more user friendly, updated Honeywell's history, updated and reformatted "Board Members" to include photos, added Bylaws to the site; maintained upcoming events, reintegrated PayPal into relevant events. Her upcoming tasks include updating photos from recent events and investigating optional "sign in" for specific Board member access. Going forward, she should have less work for the club.

Doug noted that PJ's budgeted pay is \$599 because, as an official organization, if it's \$600 or more for January through December, we'd have to do the form 1099. If we agreed as a club to pay more, we would, but agreement was to pay less than \$600. An upfront payment was made to PJ prior to the clubs combining into an official organization.

7. December Navigator Review – Joyce

Picnic – add this to next month's Navigator, after reservation is made. Date is April 24.

Page 21 – Barbara B will tweak the membership application form to make sure we have back-up information for members.

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8. New business

Barbara B mentioned that we need to accommodate people who don't use email, must include phone numbers for contact for events.

Keith and Barbara discussed several items that need to be addressed at the next meeting:

- Inviting the ex-Garrett retiree club members to join our club. Barbara will draft a letter for this. Next month when Keith is back, need to discuss if we should offer them free membership. There are about 300 Garrett members.
- Collecting dues for those active members who have not yet paid and dues were due in 2024.
- Design of the business card. The cards at the Aero CU note Aero Activities Club but if people go to the link on the card, they'll get to the correct club website. Need to decide what should be on the card.
- How do we get the word out to retirees/late career employees to join the club.

9. Round Table discussion

Doug has a minor correction: the number that attended and paid for the Holiday lunch was 64, not 65, due to a refund made a few weeks before the lunch.

Larry asked how many non-Aero people attended the lunch, concerned about attracting non-Aero employees. Barbara B will look at the list of attendees to find out. How do we attract more IAC folks to attend the picnic and other events.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 1:00 pm.

Action Items:

- Prior to every meeting, everyone should review the minutes and the reports sent out by Board members.
- Barbara will draft a write-up for the newsletter about obtaining more contact information about members' spouse/partner, to be used in the event of a member's passing.
- Joyce will contact Honeywell groups to learn about their luncheon's attendance.
- PJ to update photos from recent events and investigate optional "sign in" for specific Board member access on webpage.
- Discuss how to get members to pay whose membership expired in 2024.
- Start Picnic planning and identify the person who will take this on after this year.
- Need Winter/Spring events.
- Follow up on inviting ex-Garrett retiree club members to join.
- Decide what should be on the club's business card.