

Meeting minutes, Wednesday January 8, 2014

Agenda:

***Update on February Speaker and other Speaker suggestions:**

Someone from the rodeo would be a good speaker in February since the Rodeo is in March. Gene has contacted the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (No Charge) at Tel: 832-667-1000 (Kathy Zigler, Coordinator Business Speech, Speakers Committee) and has requested a speaker.

Wylie agreed to try and find another speaker from Rice for our May lunch (Dead Sea Scrolls/Antarctica). Gary agreed to contact the Sugar Land Police Department for an alternate speaker. Both Ann (Nigerian graduates from U of H) and Steve (Chevron – current operations in the Gulf of Mexico) agreed to investigate an industry related speaker as well.

Wylie suggested something for the ladies like a fashion show but Ann advised that from her experience they can be expensive. Wylie also suggested the Salvation Army in terms of what they do and how they do it but Dale said we would have to give equal time to other charitable organizations.

We are still planning on having a joint meeting with another Houston area chapter at RBCC in September.

*** Timing of Annual Membership drive: Gary will kick off the membership drive when the dinner invite is sent which is expected to be on November 13th.**

Treasurer' s Report and annual audit: Dale presented last quarter results as well as and unaudited report for 2013. The additional cost of the Christmas dinner was \$812 primarily due to the upgraded menu. The annual audit will be performed before the end of January. Gary will ask RBCC if other food combinations are cheaper regarding next year' s dinner.

***2014 Membership update: Dale advised that last year we paid CRA monies based on a total of 204 members (incl spouses); currently, we**

are up to 135. Steve advised that we need to advise CRA of new members for Dental insurance purposes.

***Timing of luncheon invite:** As we are relatively sure that Gene will be able to schedule a speaker from the Houston Rodeo and Livestock show for our February meeting, we will go ahead and send out a lunch invite with a generic description. Like last year, we will offer a free lunch to spouses in honor of Valentine' s Day. Finally, for anyone wearing Western Ware attire to the lunch will be given a special raffle ticket to be drawn in a separate raffle which should increase their chances of winning a nice prize.

***Next meeting:** Wednesday February 4th. It was agreed by all to meet next on Feb 4th.