

Meeting minutes, Wednesday February 5, 2014

Agenda:

***Update on February and May Speaker suggestions:** We are set to go with Mike Jackson from The Houston Livestock & Rodeo as our speaker on Wednesday, February 12th. Wylie believes that he can get Julie Wellner, professor at Uof H, to talk at our May lunch. Her topic will be the Antarctica. Gary will try and contact Dr Stephen Klineberg from Rice regarding “The New Face of Houston.....” for our September lunch. Gary agreed to contact the Sugar Land Police Department for an alternate speaker. (Last meeting 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.)

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

*** Misc:** Dale paid fees for our USPO mail box (\$70); Dale & Steve did some comparative shopping, including UPS, but it looks like our box is a keeper for now. He will look at renting a smaller box next year but that would involve changing our checks.

*** 2014 Membership update:** To date we have about 180 members (includes spouses). After March business, Dale will send a check to CRA for our membership. Gary advised that we have a stack of “inactive” membership forms we can comb through to try and entice them to rejoin. Steve advised that we need to advise CRA of new members for Dental insurance purposes.

Treasurer’ s Report and annual audit:Dale presented the Annual report and the financials for 2013.

***Luncheon invite:** We will raffle off two \$50 gift cards to be drawn in separate raffles (one for best outfit). Dale will ask Dot to introduce the speaker as Steve is unable to attend.

***Next meeting:** It was agreed by all to meet next on April 2nd.