

Agenda 4/02/2021 - Unocal Gulf Coast Alumni Club

In attendance – Board members: Jerry Lohr, Dale Putnam, Gary Najdowski, Ann Mathis, Ed Ruckstuhl and Steve Ohnimus. Meeting opened 8:30am at Kelley's Country Cooking.

- Review and approve minutes from February 26, 2021 UGCAC Board Meeting
Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as presented.
- Membership update including honorary membership
We currently have 238 dues paying members. We are ahead of last year's count; last March we had 172, this March we had 224 paid members. After a brief discussion Gary suggested to make Fred Govreau an honorary member. Fred is an original member, served on the nominating committee and has made efforts to attend our functions over the years; however, he and his wife are unable to participate in the Club due to failing health issues. Motion was made, seconded and approved to make Fred an honorary member.
- Allowing members to use Zelle or Vemo to pay dues
Gary introduced the possibility of members using Zelle or Vemo to pay annual dues; Dale advised that some members are already using their bank's "bill pay system" to pay their dues. This method would be somewhat more convenient. More than one member has asked if there is an easier way to pay their dues. We are not equipped to accept credit cards. After some discussion it was decided that Gary would send an email to the membership advising that they can use Vemo or a bill pay system if they didn't want to write a check and drop it the mail.

- Treasurer's update

Dale presented financial results for the first quarter ended March 31st 2021. Quarter-end cash balance was \$7,406.79. The current cash balance remains the same. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the financial reports as presented.

- May Luncheon topic approval: review Rog Hardy options on offshore exploration history

As the presentation in May by Morgan Stanley on investment trends was cancelled by them, the Board addressed Rog Hardy' s two presentations; one on the history of drilling on the California coast and one on the history of the Gulf offshore drilling. It was decided to ask Rog to present the Gulf history on May 6th. Jerry will contact Rog to confirm his availability. Dale requested authorization of \$75 for three gift cards for our next meeting. Motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize up to \$75 in gift cards. Gary will need to contact RBCC to confirm if there is a minimum count that we need to meet for the May meeting.

- South Texas Area chapter update

Jerry advised as to the following:

- Metropolitan Houston is robust with a grand total of 1100 members
- Hill Country is robust; membership is at 239
- Unocal Gulf Coast Alumni Club is robust; last membership count was 238
- Orange Retiree Chapter is stable with 75 members

- Chevron/Gulf Retirees (Port Arthur) is weak not having met in over two years

- CRA national meeting schedules and election nominations
Jerry advised that CRA will be nominating Brad McCullough for President. The mid-year meeting is scheduled for May in San Mateo and the annual meeting is scheduled for October in CA at LAX.

- Next 2021 board meeting
May 6th after the May luncheon at RBCC

Meeting was adjourned around 9:45 am

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