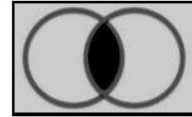




## Polaroid Retirees Association

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Bob Ganapathy, Secretary

### **Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting Sept12, 2017**

**Attendees:** Arthur Aznavorian, David Bayer, Elizabeth Foote, Robert Ganapathy, Dick Gellis , Mary Ann Hall, Touie Jackson, Edyie Johnson, Doug Mitchell, George Murray, Bill Rosen, Richard Rosenblatt , Bob Ruckstuhl and Eric Thorgerson

**Absent:** Al Clark, Elizabeth Foote, Mary McCann and Jim Grunst

#### **1. Call to Order: President George Murray**

The President called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m. and welcomed the attendees. Prior to which, he addressed the vicissitudes of the folks who were (and still are) in Texas and Florida and especially our Polaroid friends in Florida, which not only all the members shared in but also sympathized.

#### **2. Secretary's Report – Bob Ganapathy**

Bob Ganapathy presented Minutes of the June 13th meeting which was sent via email to all members for inputs which were then incorporated.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously supported to accept the this as published.

#### **3. Treasurer's Report- Doug Mitchell**

Doug reported that at the end of August we have increased our income through efforts from additional membership and maintaining the budget on the Newsletter but significantly also from Direct Federal Credit Union Sponsorship of our Membership Luncheon. (What's more is that the Credit Union folks have offered to sponsor us next year as well!)

**AUGUST 2017 P&L Report**

**INCOME**

	<b>Full Year 2016 Actual Results</b>	<b>Full Year 2017 Budget</b>	<b>Actuals @ August YTD</b>
Dues & Rosters	\$ 17,393	\$ 13,000	\$ 11,925
Interest	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 50
Plaque Fundraising	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ -
Luncheon Prepayments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,025

**TOTAL INCOME**

	\$ 17,508	\$ 13,075	\$ 13,000
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**EXPENSES**

Newsletter	\$ 7,208	\$ 7,300	\$ 4,976
Administration	\$ 2,520	\$ 2,500	\$ 899
Plaque Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Membership	\$ 629	\$ 625	\$ -
Lunch Subsidy May	\$ 2,020	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,088
Program Subsidy May	\$ 558	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Lunch Subsidy Oct	\$ 1,969	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Program Subsidy Oct	\$ 956	\$ 1,000	\$ -

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

	\$ 15,860	\$ 16,425	\$ 6,963
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**Cash Increase (Decrease)**

	\$ 1,648	\$ (3,350)	\$ 6,038
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May Reservations

201 Paid

200 Paid

Oct Reservations

173 Paid

180 Paid

Life Members

199 Life Mem

205 Life Mem

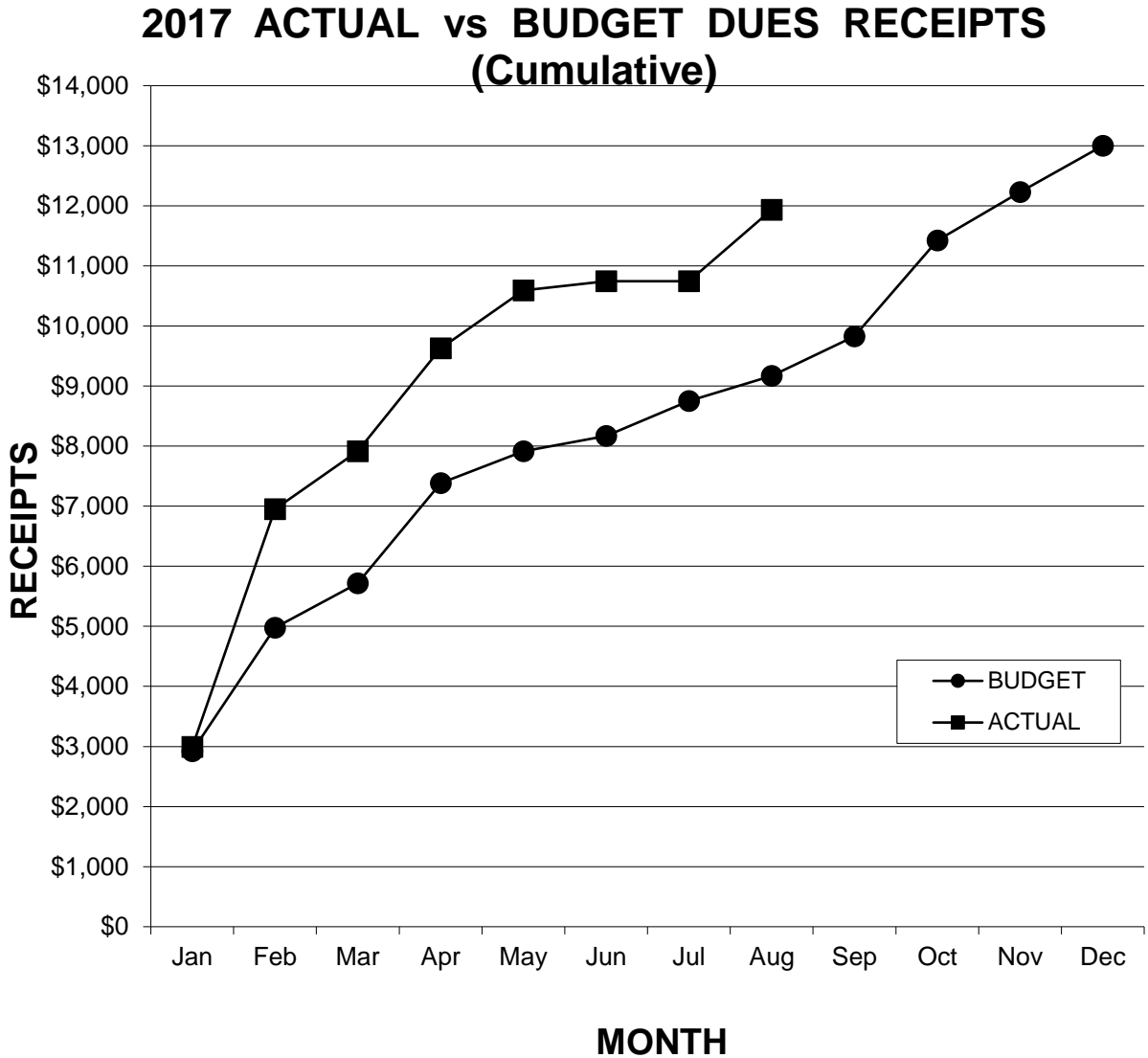
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**Balance Sheet Notes:**

Total Assets (Cash @ DFCU)	\$ 29,500	\$ 26,150	\$ 35,538
Less uncashed checks:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted Sutton Fund	\$ 7,750	\$ 7,750	\$ 7,750
Lifetime Member Obligations	\$ 10,950	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,950
Prepaid Dues Obligations	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,800
<b>Available Assets:</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,900</b>	<b>\$ 15,038</b>

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### a. Membership- Bob Ruckstuhl



#### PRA Membership report 9/12/2017

We started the year with 976 paying members. That number is down to 968 as of 9/1 indicating the continued decrease of paying members. Today, we have an additional 202 lifetime members and 94 widows/widowers for a total membership of 1264.

Along with the Newsletter, letters will be sent out to 111 members who have not paid dues since 2015. Historically 40 members will re-up and 80 will be dropped from the membership ranks.

As I said at the end of the year we are averaging approximately 120 members whose dues are in arrears and we lose approx. 2/3 of them, or 80. Next year the arrears will be less than 60. I suspect that two things contributed. One was the free luncheon and the requirement to have one's dues paid up to date for a free lunch, and the other, to a much lesser degree, was the way we clarified members' dues status on the Newsletter address page. I cannot explain the magnitude of the gap.

#### **b. Condolences**

MaryAnn Hall presented her report indicating that in June 3 and in August 3 PRA members passed away. Here are their Names:

Dutra, Winslow (Wink)

Hawko, Thomas J. Sr.

Ford, Stanwood Seymour

Young, Dr. Richard W.

Spinale, James Domenic

Raphael, Thomas

#### **c. Future Speakers**

The October 2017 Speaker will be Marian Ryan, Middlesex County District Attorney on Senior Protection:

i.e. scams, computer hacking, identity theft etc. Her presentation will be 45mins long (exactly) and only needs good Audio system

The May 2018 speaker will be John Rueter . Subject 20X 24 large format film

Discussion continues on potential speaker for Fall Luncheon. Edyie will ask Mary McCann to contact Ed Gaffey as possible speaker on the subject of current uses of photography in law enforcement.

Eva brought up the Documentary on Elsa Dorfman which was received warmly by the directors.

Edyie will investigate other options. Leonard Polizzottoi and the successful CEO of Ocean State Job Lot! were mentioned as possibilities.

### **5.Old Business.**

#### **a.Rolling Calendar**

Bob Ganapathy indicated the dates in the Rolling Calendar for 2018 were mixed up and it was corrected thanks to help from the Group. But, action in the for this year rolling are along merrily

#### **b. Newsletter**

The Q3 Newsletter offered copies of the Baker Library catalogue to those requesting them. We received 28 requests and sent them out. Also, we gave out 230 copies at the May luncheon. The

exhibit has been extended to December 21<sup>st</sup>. Elizabeth will bring some catalogues to the October luncheon.

We also pointed people to the Retirees' website for Textron's "Managing Your Affairs," and offered to mail copies to those without Internet access. We sent 14 copies.

The Q4 Newsletter is at the printer. Bill and Maryann were again committed and thorough, gladly sharing their talents. Many thanks to them both. Thank you, Edyie, for the New Bedford page of photos.

For Q1 2018, please urge members to submit memories of their work lives and stories of life after Polaroid – or write one yourself. These make the best articles.

Eric, who was subbing for Elizabeth, talked excitedly about David Kennedy of VOL, (to whom Elizabeth had sent a bunch of our Newsletters) to which in response David sent Eric a nice thankyou letter and a book on VOL detailing their Plant and operations in great detail. The book was passed around and questions about if we can permission to put it on the web for all our members to see. (R.Ruckstahl requested Eric to send a copy of the book to Paul Lambert, who ran VOL for a period)

### **c. Annual Audit**

Richard Rosenblatt, said that the Audit was completed early this year. We should change the Rolling Calendar to reflect this timing

### **d . Reorganization of web site responsibilities**

Website Committee consists of Bill Rosen, Chair; Members, Maryann Hall, Elizabeth Foote & Steve Berry. Duties are maintaining Website and includes uploading information, articles etc. that may be of interest to the PRA membership.

While the Newsletter has always been available on the PRA website, the team has also successfully added links to the front page to make it easier for the membership to get the delayed 4th quarter issue and the luncheon page.

### **e. BOD Replacement Candidates**

There was been no activity on this. We need four candidates in reserve in anticipation of openings in May

Richard Rosenblatt mentioned the names of Dick Terry and Dick Wilsack as people who attend the luncheons all the time and said that he will approaches them.

George will call Sam Leggiro Dick Bayer brought up Ninovainna and Dick Gillis. Cathy Radley.

Bob Ruckstahl said he occasionally receives notes from members praising the PRA but from now on if they seem interested, he will contact them

**e. Oct. Luncheon**

Dick said 42 people have registered so far. Since the Newsletter is on its way to our members with the Luncheon info, it might stimulate members to act quickly.

Edyie has the Tables/easels situation under control.

There was further discussion on the Microphone situation and variety of ideas were proposed, including testing of the sound system with our speaker(s) to cover any issues in their use the sound system.

It had already been agreed that we will spend up to \$200 and get eight \$25 gift cards to distribute at the meeting in a manner similar to wine bottles.

**f. Melding of Operating Procedures/Committee Duties**

Lots of work has been done, with the Constitution, By-Laws, Operating Procedures and the Committee tasks which when completed will be an important improvement to our board operation. Timeline to be worked out by Arthur by next meeting; George agreed with Arthur to help with document formatting

**6. New Business:**

**a. Committee Appointments**

George to publish the latest Committee Structures for the Organization

**b.1265 Main Street Property**

Kathy McMenimen, a member of the Waltham City Councilor is busy and Eric is still in touch with her.

**c.Inquires**

Eric also mentioned two different Film companies one German and the other Swiss who approached him interested in Polaroid and Dr. Land. More to follow..

**7.Future Meeting Dates**

**DIRECTORS: All at the Chateau (Doors open 9:30AM; Meeting at 9:45AM)**

**For 2017 Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12**

**MEMBERS: Luncheons October 18 (Wednesday)**

**For 2018 Mar 13, April 10 , May 8, Jun 12,Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 12**

**8.Adjournment**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to adjourn

at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Bob Ganapathy (Secretary)

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