

# Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting October 21, 2009

These minutes were approved at the RCRV board meeting February 17, 2010

1:30 P.M. Red Cross Building

## PRESENT

RCRV members: Rod Thorpe, Jim Green, Chuck Wehage, Arlo Meyer, Mike Wilson, Jim Klein, Jim Spencer, Keith Sutherland, Don Grimm, John McDonough, Bob Ocken, Vern Jackson, Tom Brennom, Kay Nelson, Judy Wirth, Cliff Koop

Community Service Agency members: Carol Luth, Linda Dearing, Mary Beth Minges

Guest: Roy Robertson

## CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman Jim Green determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 17 members were present.

## MINUTES

Keith Sutherland moved to accept the September, 2009 RCRV board minutes as posted on the RCRV website. John McDonough seconded. Motion: carried

## PROGRAM

Roy Robertson, Senior Systems Engineer at Rockwell Collins, presented a program about a new color weather radar system developed for air transport aircraft. The Multiscan WXR system has automated much of the operational issues that used to be time-consuming for pilots. The system automatically controls antenna tilt angle, suppresses ground clutter returns, and matches range with the selected range on the moving map display. The software also provides for automatic correction for installation and airframe variations across airplane types.

After providing the members with a brief tutorial of WXR operation, Roy explained the long and arduous process that the engineering team went through to identify the different weather patterns experienced by international airlines. Rockwell Collins leased a Boeing Business Jet to perform engineering test flights around the globe to gather data on how the weather behaves differently in different locations around the world. The team endured two trips, lasting 30 days each, to make the necessary flights. After the data was analyzed, the WXR system software was modified to optimize the system operation dependent on the location of the flight. There are now 3000 Rockwell Collins Multiscan WXR systems flying, and the system has been selected for the new Boeing 787 transport.

## OLD BUSINESS

Rod Thorp reported that the Nominations Committee is nearly finished compiling its recommendations for board members and officers for 2010. He asked that any member who wants to be included on the Board, or any current member who does not want to continue, contact Rod, John McDonough, Barbara Hoffman, or Helen Potthoff.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. RCRV has received requests from two non-retirees to become members. The by-laws allow the Board to award membership to non-retirees. John McDonough moved that both Chris Powers and Barbara Hoffman be approved as associate members of RCRV. Motion seconded by Mike Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.
2. It was noted that the latest issue of the newsletter contained a typo on the date for the Annual Meeting for November. John McDonough moved that the Annual Meeting be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2009, at 1:30pm and that the membership be notified of the date and time through the weekly Projects Committee email that is sent to

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all active members. It was noted that the Board Room of the Red Cross is not available on November 18, but is reserved for RCRV on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Rod Thorp. Motion passed unanimously.

## PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS

### 1. Carol Luth- Vision in Motion, Spanda, Inc.

Spanda Inc. team returned from a successful trip to Kipkaren, Kenya. We took over 28 bags and boxes of medicines, eye equipment, medical equipment, a portable ultrasound machine, water chlorination systems, and hand knitted dolls for the children living in the orphanages.

We are continuing to work on the need for a clean water supply. More pictures and stories of the trip will be posted on our blog site: [www.eyecarekenya.blogspot.com](http://www.eyecarekenya.blogspot.com).

The Vision In Motion staff spoke at the Covenant Brain Injury Conference in Waterloo on Saturday, October 24th.

### 2. Linda Dearing- Heritage Agency on Aging

The last TV conversion referral needs a converter box which she can't afford.

Bob Ocken said he had a box he would donate.

Heritage had arranged for continuing education to take the reservation calls for the Rockwell retiree presentations at KTOS and arranged for the set-up with KTOS staff.

## RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

### 1. Community Projects- John McDonough

- John Wauer is again working on building 8 more bandage winders for Mercy Medical Center.
- We continue to design and build ramps for the WRAP program.
- Cliff Koop continues to fabricate Astronaut Boards for St Luke's Witwer Therapy Children's Center. He has completed 55 to date and is working on 5 more.
- Continuing to provide mentoring for the Lego Program in various local schools. We are also providing assistance with the University of Iowa with the FIRST Tech Challenge program which is for high school students for robotics larger than Lego's but smaller than the Linn-Mar type robots
- Tina Ryan of Hawthorne Hills requested our help in moving their clients from one apartment to another while remodeling occurs.
- Louanne Lawson of Marion Schools has requested our help with mentoring.
- Don Wickenkamp will be teaching another class on PC Maintenance starting in December. Several openings are still available. Contact Barb the REACT Center. This is a very worth while class. I recommend it to all folks who have computers.
- The Children's Museum in Coralville has opened their Aviation Display. The parachute drop was designed by Jack Murphy.
- Joe Wells, Jim Wolfe and myself have been putting together the 2010 Rockwell Collins Insurance presentation that will be provided to RC retirees the last week in October. We were shut off last week and have not been turned back on. Rockwell Collins negotiated with both Wellmark and Humana so that they would foot the bill for room 100 at the KTOS Center in Marion. Thank you Chris for your efforts. Reservations are being made by Heritage @ 398-1022 or 1-800-332-8833 or online at [www.heritageaaa.com](http://www.heritageaaa.com).

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- The 10th Annual Senior Celebration Expo is coming up on 10/26/09. It is free! They have a good listing of programs being offered. The program will be at the Marriott on Collins Road NE.
- We continue to provide services to many nonprofits in the area as well.

If you can dream it, we can do it

## **2 Recruiting/Retention- Barbara Hoffman**

- Four new RCRV members registered in October
- September hours- 123 reported 5,113 service hours
- End of Quarter 3- 182 have reported 30,131 service hours

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rod Thorpe announced that the speaker for the Annual Meeting will be Amy Anderson from Junior Achievement.

## ADJOURNMENT

Jim Green adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm.

Jim Green  
Secretary Pro-tem