

UTA Retirees Club

Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2017

<i>Next meeting:</i>	May 9, 2017; Room 106 of Maverick Stadium

- **Announcements**

President Rita Thompson was absent. VP for Programs Harley Courtney opened the meeting. He asked for volunteers for this year's nominating committee. Open positions include President, VP for Programs, VP for Membership, Secretary and Treasurer. Harley, Peggy Quinn and Frank Gault volunteered to man the committee. Rosanne Minyard volunteered to run for secretary again.

- **Program**

Harley introduced our speaker Dave Lieber. Dave is a certified professional speaker, Watchdog Columnist for the Dallas Morning News, author of several books, and conducts Ted talk on how to change the world with great storytelling at <https://davelieber.org/>. He advised us to become a Citizen of Dave Lieber's Watchdog Nation®: "Bite Back When Businesses and Scammers Do You Wrong." Bernard Madoffs are everywhere. There's nothing funny about getting hurt by a scammer or your bank or a credit card company. But if anyone can get you to laugh at these heartless institutions and show you how to beat them at their own game, it's Dallas Morning News Watchdog columnist Dave Lieber. His Watchdog Nation shows Americans how to bite back and win. His inspirational, funny and informative talk is based on his award-winning book, Dave Lieber's Watchdog Nation: Bite Back When Businesses and Scammers Do You Wrong. The book won two national book awards for social change and was named one of the top ten consumer books of the year. He shares the latest information you won't find anywhere else on scams and corporate thievery. If you want to laugh AND learn how to be a superhero in your own life, don't miss Dave Lieber's Watchdog Nation. Learn more at <https://watchdognation.com/>. He said that consumers have a lot of power but you have to do your homework. 1.

Always google the company, 2. Keep a sheet with company name at the top and pertinent information, 3. Find the company's point of vulnerability, 4. Ask a bunch of questions, and 5. Find the company's pressure point and squeeze. He made everyone a citizen of Watchdog Nation and cautioned never buy from a door to door salesman or from a phone call.

- **Discussion**

Dave answered many questions and had handouts for everyone. He also had books to sell.

Submitted by Rosanne Minyard, secretary