## The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club

# Minutes of a Meeting of the Steering Committee May 9, 2018

A meeting of the Steering Committee (the "Committee") of The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club ("RMHUC") was held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:41 p.m. MT.

# **Members Participating:**

Christina Gomez
JK Costello
Paul Chessin
Fred Ris
Stacey Lyne
Eric Eversley

### **Members Absent:**

Steve Kregstein Christie DiNapoli John Griffin

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. MT by Christina Gomez. Ms. Gomez announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **I. Preliminaries:** Members of the Committee shared personal updates. Mr. Fred Ris went to Arts First weekend at Harvard, which was quite a sight.
- **II. Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion duly made (JK) and seconded (Paul) to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on April 11, 2018, a copy of which was circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting, the Committee adopted the minutes.
- **III. Financial Reports:** Fred Ris provided an overview of the RMHUC financial reports for the Month of April 2018. There were only 4 transactions; a CD matured and rolled over at a slightly higher interest rates. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the financial reports.
- IV. Past Events: None.

# V. Upcoming Events:

- **A. Soup Kitchen** (Costello) May 21st: The May soup kitchen is open for registration and there are 10 people RSVPd. Mr. Costello has spoken with Ms. Adele Alvarado about taking over this duty and she has agreed to this. She has been introduced to Mr. John Love with Capitol Hill Community Services. She will schedule future dates.
- **B. Rockies Game** (Costello) May 29th: Tickets for the Rockies game are now available and five individuals have already registered. Will engage in more marketing of this event, but it is a low-barrier event and will be held no matter the attendance.
- **C. Local Networking Night** (Costello)-- June 14th: This event has a venue at a club member's boyfriend's co-working space/law office. They have offered to provide beer and wine; Mr. Costello will check on the quantities to see if we need to top this up. Food will be on us, possibly in the form of a food truck. Mr. Costello to check on loading docks. Mr. Costello and Ms. Gomez to communicate about plates/cups/etc.
- **D. Annual Meeting/BBQ** (Gomez/Griffin)-- August 18th? Ms. Gomez is checking with Mr. Griffin on the availability of the clubhouse at Mr. Griffin's estate. The caterer and time will likely stay the same as last year. Tickets to go on sale as soon as the location is confirmed.
- **E. Welcome to Your City** (Costello) October 18th: Planning will start in July-August; Mr. Costello will run an event in Boulder, perhaps at the Rayback Collective per Mr. Chessin's excellent suggestion, and we are looking for someone who could run the Denver event, perhaps at Punch Bowl Social like last year.

### VI. Events in Gestation

- **A. DMNS Talk/Tour** (Gomez)-- July 26: This will be similar to last year's event where there is a talk and tour aimed at families and then the families can hang out in the museum after the tour. Last year, this was entirely free and Ms. Gomez hopes to continue in this tradition.
- **B. Butterfly Pavilion Talk/Tour** (Gomez)-- August 5: A lepidopterist will present about monarch butterflies for the group. The cost of this is a discounted admission per person plus \$150 for the talk; we will price it so that we break even with 25 people in attendance. Ms. Gomez will check on eating facilities there to see if we could picnic.
- **C. Netflix "Dirty Money" showing** (Chessin)-- Fall/Winter 2018: The Sie Film Theater would be around \$900 to rent for off-peak pricing; the lounge is \$500 off-peak for up to 200 people. Mr. Chessin suggests that we could sell tickets for \$40-50. He is also checking on Landmark theaters as well. Currently it would have to be streamed but there is a chance it could come out on DVD prior to that. Mr. Alex Gibney, the filmmaker, might ask for an honorarium. Mr. Chessin to look into dates and costs.

**D. SC Annual Report** (Gomez)-- July 2018: We could organize a larger strategic planning meeting to coincide with the annual report.

**E. Interview/Club event with admissions officer** (Ris)-- October 5-6 2018: Mr. Ris has discovered that our new regional admissions officer will be in Aspen this summer for a college fair and would be willing to speak with the interview committee and perhaps the club at large. Mr. Ris intends to ask her to speak with the interview committee definitely. There is another person, Ms. Lindsey Kelley, who works with HAA and might visit.

# VII. Committee Updates:

**A. Schools Committee** (Ris/Hodges/Lyne): Mr. Ris reported that 1962 people were admitted to the College of 42,500 applicants. 18 were from Colorado and another 2 with Colorado ties. 19 of those 20 people will attend Harvard in the fall.

Visitas happened in April; 1350 students attended. We will pay 2-4 subsidies

On Saturday, May 12th, we will host the matriculant tea. It is likely there will be a pizza party in August.

**B. Club Policies Committee** (Gomez/Ris/Griffin/Eversley): There were no updates at this time.

**C. Events Committee** (Gomez): There were no updates at this time.

**D. Membership Committee** (Gomez/Ris): There were no updates at this time.

**E. HAE Update:** There was an event in April but there are not current updates.

VIII. Old Business: None

**IX. New Business:** Mr. Ris would like to revive the club archives project for the Radcliffe Club of the Rockies. He requests authorization for 40 hours at \$12. Upon motion duly made (Eric) and seconded (Paul), the Committee approved the financial reports.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. MT. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018. Ms. Lyne agrees to bring food.