# The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club Minutes of a Meeting of the Steering Committee

### October 11, 2017

A meeting of the Steering Committee (the "Committee") of The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club ("RMHUC") was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:35 p.m. MT.

## **Members Participating:**

Christina Gomez
JK Costello
Eric Eversley
Steve Kregstein
Fred Ris
Paul Chessin
Stacey Lyne
Christie DiNapoli

#### **Members Absent:**

John Griffin Megan Harney Sunhee Hodges

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 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**: Ms. Gomez made a motion to admit Stacey Lyne to the Committee. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee approved Ms. Lyne's admission to the Committee.
- **II. Approval of Minutes**: Ms. Gomez made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on September 13, 2017, a copy of which was circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee adopted the minutes.

Next, Ms. Gomez made a motion to approve the minutes of the annual meeting, which minutes were presented to the Committee at the meeting. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee adopted the minutes.

**III. Financial Reports**: Fred Ris provided an overview of the RMHUC financial reports for fiscal year-end and the month of September. Questions were asked and a discussion ensued.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the financial reports for fiscal year-end and the month of September.

**IV. Alumni Survey Results**: Ms. Gomez provided an overview of the responses received from a recent alumni survey. The Committee discussed the responses to questions relating to membership, participation and events and considered various proposals to improve outreach and participation, including diversifying outreach methods and the logistics and categories of events. The Committee agreed to request ZIP codes of responders in the next survey to better understand locations to target and to contact individuals who expressed an interest in participating in current and prospective committees of RMHUC.

#### V. Past Events:

- **A. HAE Showcase (Costello) September 14th**: No members attended the HAE Showcase.
- **B. Soup Kitchen (Costello) September 18th and October 9th**: The Soup Kitchen event held on September 18th had full attendance and the Soup Kitchen event held on October 9th was attended by 5 volunteers. The Committee discussed asking Adele Alvarado to captain the events moving forward, and JK Costello agreed to contact her to discuss interest.
- **C. Parks Project (Chessin) September 23rd**: 7 volunteers signed up and 2 volunteers attended, including Paul Chessin. The Committee discussed the possibility of inclement weather and/or the location impacting attendance.
- **D. Rockies Game (Costello) September 26th**: This event was a success. 24 individuals purchased tickets and 19-20 individuals attended. Mr. Costello agreed to organize this event again in the spring and fall of 2018.

## **VI.** Upcoming Events:

- **A.** Welcome to Your City (Costello) October 18th: 13 individuals have registered for the event. The event has been marketed by newsletter and the website. Mr. Costello will continue to promote the event along with other upcoming events.
- **B.** The Game (DiNapoli/Costello) November 18th: The Committee discussed venue options, event logistics and coordination with the Colorado Yale Association. Christie DiNapoli agreed to further research and reserve a venue for the event and to contact the president of the Colorado Yale Association.
- **C.** Crespo Event (Chessin) November 20th: Registration for the event is now open, including discounted early registration for members. Mr. Chessin agreed to seek continuing legal education credits for the event.
- **D. Planetarium (Costello) December 2nd**: The space and lecture for the event are now booked. Individuals have been signing up without much marketing of the event. Mr. Costello is working on setting up a telescope show at an adjacent observatory following the lecture.

- **E.** Holiday Party (Gomez) December 17th: Steve Kregstein agreed to help Ms. Gomez with planning the event. The venue is booked and the Committee agreed to use the same caterer and pricing as last year's event.
- **F. Global Networking Night January 9th**: The Committee deferred discussion on the next Global Networking Night until the next meeting.
- **G.** Access to Justice Panel (Gomez/Chessin) January 17th: The event will be held at the University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs, which can accommodate up to 100 attendees. Ms. Gomez and Mr. Chessin will discuss price and invitations prior to the next meeting.
- **H.** Alumni Leadership Conference February 8-9th: The Committee deferred discussion on the Alumni Leadership Conference until the next meeting.
- **VII.** Events in Gestation: In advance of the meeting, Sunhee Hodges proposed two potential events in collaboration with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. The Committee discussed the options and agreed to move forward with a family concert.
- **VIII.** Committee Updates: The Schools Committee reported that it has received a number of applications that are assigned as they come in. The Schools Committee plans to host an event on December 2nd at Park Hill Golf Club. There are approximately 100 active interviewers and the Schools Committee would like to obtain 20 more interviewers before the beginning of the regular season.
- **IX.** New Business: The Committee discussed developing a set of standards for posting non-RMHUC events on social media.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. MT. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.