

MINUTES - RMHUC ANNUAL MEETING

June 22, 2021

I. **CALL TO ORDER.** RMHUC President B. Horton called the meeting, which was held via Zoom, to order at 18:35 MDT.

II. **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM.** The following members were present: J. Allen, R. Bagully, M. Baldrige, P. Blake, B. Bruneau, D. Chaudhari, P. Chessin, JK Costello, C. DiNapoli, R. Dodge, W. Eads, S. Frankel, A. Gass, B. Geller, J. Griffin, S. Hertzberg, B. Horton, C. Horton, S. Hodges, A. Jones, J. Jones (joined at 18:51), S. Lyne, A. Mendenhall, C. Miller, E. O'Hare, J. Polsfut, F. Ris, B. Sanders, J. Smith, R. Walsh, and J. Wheeler. President B. Horton determined that the meeting was duly called and noticed and that a quorum was present.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes of last year's annual meeting, held on July 14, 2020, were presented for approval. Upon motion M/S/P, the minutes were approved.

IV. **REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.** S. Hodges reported on the progress of the recently-formed nominating committee and its development of internal guidelines and a nominating form for members to use to express their interest in becoming RMHUC trustees. She then presented the committee's slate of trustee nominees for open positions, which slate was approved by the board of trustees: for three year terms from 2021-2024, S. Hodges and J. Griffin; to fill the remaining one year left on P. Koch's term created by his vacancy, i.e., from 2021-2022, A. Jones. Upon motion M/S/P, the slate was elected without objection.

V. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** President B. Horton gave a Power Point presentation, which included a brief history of the club, statistics on its membership, the past year's activities and members of the club's Steering Committee and trustees, and new officers. B. Horton acknowledged the diligent work of the Steering Committee and Trustees through an especially challenging year due to COVID restrictions. All meetings were held virtually. B. Horton noted three departures from the Steering Committee in 2020-2021: JK Costello, whose service as President was acknowledged; Flip Koch, who had other commitments that precluded his further participation as a Steering Committee member and Trustee; and, Janette Heung, whose untimely death in a climbing accident on September 5, 2020, saddened us greatly. Mr. Costello continues as Trustee.

VI. **HAA REPORT.** A. Mendenhall, a vice president and executive committee member of the Harvard Alumni Association, shared the HAA's past year's focus in four areas: skill building and leadership development; allyship; psychological

safety; and conflict resolution. She also reported on ongoing efforts to get more mountain region voices on the HAA board.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer F. Ris presented a comparison of this year's income and expenses (through June 22, 2021; the fiscal year does not end until June 30th) with the past two fiscal years. Compared to the prior two years, this year showed a dramatic increase in net income, totaling some \$6,110, due primarily to a corresponding decrease of event-related expenses, as events were held virtually because of the COVID 19 pandemic. It was also announced that Mr. Ris is stepping down from his position as club treasurer; S. Lyne will be taking over the position. The club recognized Mr. Ris for his many years of service as treasurer.

VIII. SCHOOLS COMMITTEE REPORT. Committee co-chair C. Horton announced that this year was a banner year for the committee: the number of applicants from the club's region increased well over 40% from last year, to over 600. Also exceptional was that out of the 29 admits, 28 matriculated as part of the largest freshman class (over 1,900 students) in the College's history. She also reported on some notable developments: this year, all interviews were held virtually; as a result, there was no need to match geographically interviewers with interviewees, something that will be considered for future years; and a host of new volunteer interviewers were recruited and trained, which included implicit bias training, ably presented by S. Hodges.

IX. EVENTS AND MARKETING. Events committee chair C. Miller reported on the challenge of holding events during a pandemic. Despite the challenges, it was a robust year, with a number of events presented in collaboration with other clubs in the SW region. Highlights included: a lively discussion by HLS Prof. M. Klarman on the current state of our democracy; an entertaining presentation by Prof. M. Brenner on the science of cooking; an educational program, in conjunction with the Fiske Planetarium, on climate change; and what is believed to be the club's first ever Harvard alumnae networking event. Upcoming events and those in process include: a tailgate before the Colorado Symphony Orchestra's Red Rocks tribute concert to Aretha Franklin; a possible Rockies game; and a possible mini-Outward Bound experience.

X. MEMBER OPEN FORUM. President B. Horton opened the meeting to discussion and comments from the members, but there was none.

XI. ADJOURN. There being no other business, President B. Horton adjourned the meeting at 19:37.