

RMHUC Steering Committee Minutes, August 10th, 2016

6:52 Meeting Opens with JK, Christina, Tracey, John, Fred, Phil, and Paul in attendance

- I. Prelims
 - A. Regrets: Eric
 - B. Guests: Ed Field, Andrew Buks (MLA '10, RMHUC member, Harvard Alumni for Agriculture SIG member)
 - C. Personal Matters: This is Phil's last SC meeting and Tracey's last meeting as president. Phil looks forward to working a bit less and spending more time with his family. JK just finished his MPH in public health policy.
 - D. Consent agenda adopted unanimously.

- II. Consent July minutes (JK): Approved unanimously with no amendments.

- III. Financial Report for July (Christina)
 - A. See emailed reports. There was very little activity this month but a \$350 deposit check was returned this month.
 - B. Also, the ten-year spreadsheet has been updated to reflect some minor changes. Please see emailed copy.
 - C. Fred will presumably retake treasurer duties when Christina ascends to higher office, pending election by the membership.
 - D. The report is accepted unanimously.

- IV. Past event: Soup kitchen lunches (JK) July 18th and August 1st were fully staffed and proceeded smoothly.

- V. Upcoming events
 - A. Lunch Service (JK), October 24th and November 14th, both Mondays. JK to send reminders. Fred will captain the 10/24 event because JK will be out of town.
 - B. Annual Meeting BBQ, September 10th (John/Tracey):
 1. Arrangements: The clubhouse is reserved and we have put down a deposit. Lifeguards will be retained pending a check for this. The event will be posted and tickets will be sold soon pending the alumni magnet switchover. The caterer is the same as last year and Tracey will take care of beverages. There is an event after ours but none before.
 2. Prices: Kids, 12/15/20 (Early bird/Sept. 4-9/day of event), Adults 30/35/40, recent grads 20.
 3. Announcements: There will be an announcement on the website this Saturday 8/13. There will be separate emails for recent grads.
 4. Board and trustee elections: Christina will run as president, JK will continue as secretary, and Fred will take over treasurer duties. In the interest of liability, we will minimize officers. Trustees will be Fred, Christina, Tracey, JK, Paul, and John. Fred will ask Sunhee if she would run for trustee. Tracey to make up the slate.
 5. Photos: Should be taken in abundance for new website.
 - C. Botanic Garden Event with GSD (Christina): October 10th there will be a private morning event for us with the GSD. This is a Monday. This will feature mingling and light refreshments, an architect speaking about the new building at the Botanic Gardens, and more mingling among the gardens. There is debate about ticket prices with the thought being that a low ticket price can draw more folks than free tickets. Christina will talk to Allyson Mendenhall MLA '99 about ticket pricing.

- VI. Events in Gestation
 - A. Member Volunteer Appreciation Event (Tracey): This is deferred and will roll over to the next president. This could also feature a faculty speaker.
 - B. Fall HAA Faculty Speaker (Tracey): Tracey awaits the new catalog of faculty speakers. She is discussing this with Ryan at HAA. We need to decide on a faculty speaker to approach about coming to Denver this fall or winter. Tracey re-sent the catalog from last year and would appreciate input from board and young alumni in particular.
 - C. Young Alumni Event, October (JK): JK is undertaking this. October 18th, Tuesday, is the likely date. Location to be booked in the next 1-2 weeks.

- VII. Status Updates
 - A. Schools Committee (Fred): Sunhee's daughter will probably apply this year. If she applies early and is accepted, then Sunhee might be able to rejoin the committee. If not, she will have to sit this year out. Fred will discuss the contingency with the Admissions Office to ensure its ethical rectitude. Stacy Lyne is going to continue on this committee as well. Sunhee and Stacy are planning to attend the Cambridge Admissions Conference this fall; this may result in a plane ticket's expenditure to support attendance for Stacy.
 - B. Membership Committee (Tracey): Many memberships come up for renewal around the annual meeting. There has been discussion of a membership drive but little movement. This discussion, in fact, results in a mini-membership drive where Ed and Andrew renew their memberships.
 - C. Communications/Webmaster: There is talk of Rex van Gorden doing this.
 - D. Local Speaker Series (JK): No updates, although this Botanic Garden event has a whiff of a speaker series event.
 - E. Young alumni/Welcome to Your City (JK): There is also a resurgent All-Ivy Happy Hour happening every third Thursday. JK is on the hunt for recent Harvard grads to take over this position. See Events in Gestation for more on the October Welcome to the City event.

- VIII. Pending issues
 - A. Bylaws revision (John): There is a question about scope-of-practice issues, but John will look into this. There should be an indemnification provision in the bylaws, and there is not right now. This will be carried out in conjunction with another pending issue, insurance.
 - B. Keeping club archives: No updates.
 - C. Membership survey: No updates. This could happen along with a membership drive.
 - D. Book prize (Fred): No updates.
 - E. Insurance: See Item VII.A., Eric is obtaining quotes.

- IX. Other business:
 - A. Phil officially resigns. We will try to find someone to run the Harvard-Yale Game Party; they will be put in touch with Phil in order to pass on contacts and traditions regarding the game watching party.
 - B. Alumni magnet upgrade: After months of discussion, HAA attempted to change our alumni magnet quite quickly. Fred is going to speak with them prior to this change. The major aspects of the change are that: 1) Harvard takes control of the domain name and 2) there is a change in the appearance of the page. We also need to sign new confidentiality agreements.

- X. Adjourned at 8:23. Next meeting is Wednesday, September 14th, 2016, 6:30 with Christina presiding. Paul Chessin will get food. The meeting after that is October 12th with Fred on food.