

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

October 13, 2020 - Rescheduled from October 7, 2020

A meeting of the Steering Committee (the “**Committee**”) of The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club (“**RMHUC**”) was held via videoconference on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. MT.

Members Participating:

Bill Horton
Christie DiNapoli
Charlotte Horton
Fred Ris
Paul Chessin
Chris Miller
Stacey Lyne

Members Absent

Sunhee Juhon Hodges
John Griffin
Philip Koch

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. MT by Bill Horton. Mr. Horton announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- I. Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the agenda, copies of which were circulated in advance of the meeting. Paul Chessin suggested an edit to the numbering. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee approved the agenda with the correction.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on September 17, 2020, copies of which were circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee approved the minutes.
- III. Announcements:** There were no new announcements since the last meeting.
- IV. Reports:**

- A. Trustees: Mr. Horton reported that the trustees will meet for a quarterly meeting before the end of the year.
- B. Finance: Fred Ris provided financial reports for September 2020, copies of which were circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting. Mr. Ris discussed membership and outstanding expenditures from the prior fiscal year.
- C. Governance: Mr. Ris and Mr. Horton will meet at the bank to give Mr. Horton sign off authority.
- D. Schools Committee: Mr. Ris reported that 15 new interviewers are signed up, pending certification from the Admissions Office. The majority of new interviews have not previously interviewed for the College. The schools committee is planning to train the new interviewers one-on-one. The schools committee led training sessions for new and experienced interviewers. Sunhee Hodges led a well-received training on implicit bias.
- E. Nominating Committee: There were no reports from the nominating committee.
- F. Membership: Mr. Horton encouraged the Committee to consider who might be capable and interested in serving as chair. Mr. Horton suggested that the Welcome to Your City event is a good event to encourage new membership.

V. Marketing & Events:

- A. Debrief immediate past events
 - 1. There were no events since the last meeting.
- B. Upcoming events:
 - 1. Welcome to Your City event (Miller): Chris Miller reported that 27 people were registered to attend the event. Mr. Horton will be the event moderator. Mr. Miller described organizing efforts and event logistics. Mr. Miller is hoping that the event will generate someone who is interested in planning and recruiting for a future event.
- C. Proposed events:
 - 1. HAA Regional Speakers Bureau (Miller): RMHUC will co-sponsor an event that the HAA Southwest regional director (Jeannie Reeth '96) is coordinating with the HAA speakers Bureau. Michael Klarman (HLS) expressed interest in speaking at the event called "The Degradation of Democracy in the United States". The event is planned for the last week of October.
 - 2. Faculty speaker Carolyn Minturn Hoxby (Miller) - Mr. Miller has invited Carolyn Minturn Hoxby to speak to the RMHUC.
 - 3. Book Tour (virtual) speaker: Suzanne Nossel (AB91, JD96) "Dare to Speak: Defending Free Speech For All": The event proposal was sent to Mr. Horton.
 - 4. Harvard Beats Yale 29-29 (Ris): Mr. Miller reported that he met with Mr. Ris to discuss the event. Mr. Miller asked if there was

interest in watching the film. The Committee expressed interest. Mr. Miller asked for feedback on date and format. The Committee agreed that a virtual event on November 21 would be best, in lieu of the usual Harvard-Yale game watch party. Mr. Horton agreed to lead the event planning. Mr. Horton asked that anyone interested in supporting the event meet in a week for a brainstorming session. Mr. Ris proposed targeting invitations to the classes of 1979-1982.

5. RMHUC 135th Anniversary Celebration February 2021: The Committee agreed that the event would be best in person, and could take place within the next year. Mr. Miller proposed discussing the event at the next meeting.

VI. Newsletter: Mr. Horton deferred the discussion to the next meeting.

VII. Old Business:

- A. Donation in memory of Janette Heung: Christie DiNapoli reported that the goal for donations for a memorial plaque had been met. Ms. DiNapoli proposed making a donation to The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Horton made a motion to make a donation of \$100 to The Nature Conservancy in memory of Janette Heung. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee approved the donation. Mr. Ris agreed to handle the donation, to be applied towards Colorado projects.

VIII. New Business:

- A. New Business - There was no new business to discuss.

IX. Decisions: Mr. Horton summarized decisions made during the meeting.

X. Action Items: Mr. Horton summarized action items from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. MT. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17 via video conference.