

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

December 13, 2017

A meeting of the Steering Committee (the “**Committee**”) of The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club (“**RMHUC**”) was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:38 p.m. MT.

Members Participating:

Christina Gomez
JK Costello
Eric Eversley
Paul Chessin
Sunhee Hodges
Christie DiNapoli

Guests Attending:

Flip Koch

Members Absent:

Fred Ris
Stacey Lyne
John Griffin
Steve Kregstein
Megan Harney

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 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 welcomed Flip Koch to the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes: Sunhee Hodges made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on November 8, 2017, a copy of which was circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee adopted the minutes.

III. Financial Reports: The Committee agreed to defer discussion on the RMHUC financial reports for the months of October and November until the next meeting.

IV. Past Events:

A. HAE Reception – November 16th: JK Costello spoke with an attendee of the event, who indicated the reception was a success.

B. The Game (DiNapoli) – November 18th: The Game had a great turnout by alumni of Harvard and Yale. Christie DiNapoli shared positive feedback from attendees. Questions were asked and a discussion ensued. The Committee agreed to book the same venue (Original Brooklyn's) for next year's event.

C. Crespo Talk/Volunteer Event (Chessin/Ris/Gomez) – November 20th: This event was a success. 115 individuals signed up to attend the talk by Professor Crespo, who was an engaging speaker, and the volunteers appreciated the reception.

D. Planetarium (Costello) – December 2nd: Approximately 160 individuals signed up and between 100 and 120 attended. Mr. Costello received positive feedback on the event as a whole but suggested charging a higher rate for individuals interested in observing stars following the lecture to decrease numbers. The Committee discussed whether the lecture was appealing to young children and discussed various ways to make the event more entertaining for children.

V. Upcoming Events:

A. Holiday Party (Gomez/Kregstein) – December 17th: 59 individuals have signed up. Regional manager Mike Temenski will arrive by 3 pm so the Committee can meet with him before the event.

B. Clifford Still Museum (Costello) – Almost every attendee bought a membership. The event is cost-neutral to RMHUC and will be followed by lunch depending on interest.

C. Global Networking Night (Costello) – January 9th: 60 individuals have signed up to attend. There will be a cash bar and RMHUC will spend between \$600 and \$700. HAE will co-sponsor this event. The Committee expressed interest in hosting future GNNs in additional cities.

D. Soup Kitchen – January 15th, March 26th, May 21st: There were no updates at this time.

E. Access to Justice Panel (Gomez/Chessin) – January 17th: The planning is in process. 9 individuals have signed up to attend.

F. Alumni Leadership Conference – February 8-9th: Ms. Gomez reminded the Committee of the upcoming Alumni Leadership Conference in February. Ms. Gomez and Fred Ris are the only confirmed attendees at this time.

G. Colorado Symphony Orchestra (Hodges) – March 11th: 35 spots are reserved at this time. This event will be charged at cost.

VI. Events in Gestation: Mr. Koch announced that he is organizing a climb of Mt. Harvard as a 40th anniversary event for his class on August 4th or 5th (which date will depend on weather). Mr. Koch asked if there is any interest in opening up the event to members. The Committee asked questions and a discussion ensued. The Committee agreed to market the event and finalize details closer to the event date.

Mr. Eversley departed the meeting.

VII. Committee Updates:

A. Schools Committee: Mr. Ris circulated an update by email in advance of the meeting. All admitted early action applicants from Colorado were interviewed. The Colorado admissions officer has decided to step down and a new person will replace her for the regular action cycle in the next few weeks. There are 99 regular action applicants with approximately another 200-250 expected. There are a few mass interview dates scheduled in Denver and Colorado Springs. Interviewers of accepted applicants are eligible to contact them, be available for questions and encourage them to come to the RMHUC Holiday Party. There will be a reception on December 23rd in Denver. The Schools Committee had a volunteer appreciation and interviewer training event on December 2nd and plans to conduct more trainings.

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.

VIII. Old Business

A. Standards for Advertising Non-Club Events & Deals: The Committee acknowledged the proposed standards circulated by Mr. Costello by email in advance of the meeting but agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting.

IX. New Business

A. February Meeting Date: The Committee discussed possible dates for the upcoming February meeting and agreed to schedule the meeting for February 21st.

B. Nonprofit Fair: Mr. Costello suggested RMHUC host a nonprofit fair. Members can bring displays and representatives for their nonprofits and invite alumni who are interested in opportunities to volunteer, donate, and/or serve on boards. The Committee asked questions and a discussion ensued with respect to marketing the event, exhibitors' connections to Harvard alumni and guidelines for exhibitors.

Ms. Gomez departed the meeting.

C. Potential Affiliations: The Committee discussed potential affiliate groups such as All-Ivy Women, Boulder All Ivy, Harvard Women Alumni and Society for Alumni Club leadership. Mr. Costello would like more information on the affiliate groups to determine whether RMHUC should partner with them on, or co-market, future events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 MT. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2017.