

MINUTES - RMHUC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 9, 2024

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

II. MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM. The following members were present: Paul Chessin, Stacey Fiske, Charlotte Horton, Chris Miller, and Rick Walsh (left at 19:15, rejoined at 19:40). Members Alicia Alvero Koski, Sunhee Juhon Hodges, and Bill Horton were absent, having previously sent their regrets. Member Anna Jones was absent. President C. Horton determined that the meeting was duly called and noticed and that a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Upon motion M/S/P, the previously circulated agenda, as revised, was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Upon motion M/S/P, the September 2024 Steering Committee's meeting minutes were approved.

V. GOVERNANCE. Discussion on adopting a consent agenda, to be effective on a trial basis with the December Steering Committee meeting, was postponed for the November meeting.

VI. MEMBERSHIP. Discussion ensued regarding how to treat Extension School online degree candidates with respect to RMHUC membership and event ticket costs. Consensus was to treat them the same as any other Harvard College student, subject to revisiting.

VII. MARKETING & EVENTS

A. Review of Past Events

1. Welcome to Your City. C. Horton reported a healthy turnout for this event and that it proceeded like clockwork.

2. Main Street Business Soviet Emigres Entrepreneurs Panel. C. Miller noted the cancellation of this event due to a lack of interest.

B. Upcoming/Proposed Events.

1. Fiske Planetarium. R. Walsh updated the status of this event, including the progress of ticket sales. There was discussion concerning refreshments, logistics, and other matters. Upon motion M/S/P, \$200 was

budgeted for refreshments, conditioned that there is not a competing concessionaire at the venue.

2. Happy Hour. Upon motion M/S/P, \$100 was approved for tonight's Happy Hour event.

3. Harvard-Yale Game. C. Miller reported that, with Yale's consent, this event will be at the Ice House Tavern. Discussion ensued whether to reserve the entire venue for a guaranteed \$1,000 minimum spend (both food and drink), or reserve just a separate space in the venue with no minimum spend requirement. Upon motion M/S/P, it was decided to secure the entire venue at a guaranteed \$1,000 minimum spend.

4. Holiday Party. C. Horton advised that no progress has been made in planning this event. C. Miller volunteered to take lead and sketched out various ideas for this event, including proposing the Denver Press Club as the venue.

5. Ski Train. P. Chessin stated that, as Amtrak has not yet announced or posted the availability of Winter Park Ski Train tickets, there was nothing new to report. He suggested the possible dates of January 24 or 31, 2025, both of which are Fridays and likely during the slower, post-MLK holiday season.

6. Harvard Moves. C. Horton proposed a November 9, 2024, Colorado Trail hike in conjunction with Harvard Moves. Upon motion M/S/P, this event was approved.

7. Harvard Men's Basketball Game at CU. C. Horton stated that she will investigate publicizing this November 17, 2024, game by posting it on the website and perhaps a corresponding newsletter article, both to include an informal meet-up at a local watering hole for those going to the game.

8. HAE Bryan Leach Talk. It was agreed to limit the RMHUC's participation in this November 19, 2024, event to posting it on the website.

9. Harvard Krokodiloes. C. Horton reported that the Harvard Krokodiloes are planning a January 2025 visit to Denver and are in need of families to host about 12 undergraduates for 1 or 2 nights. In exchange, they would give a performance for the RMHUC. She proposed sending an email soliciting possible host families.

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A. Finance. S. Fiske presented a brief update on recent activity. She is preparing the year end report, which should be available shortly.

B. Schools. C. Horton reported on the successful dinner with the admission's officer and interviewers.

IX. HAA UPDATE. C. Horton summarized her SW regional conference call. The major takeaway concerned problems that clubs had with the Speakers' Bureau program: although listed speakers commit to traveling to various clubs, when selected by a particular club that involves travel, some speakers beg off and cancel.

X. NEXT MEETINGS. The next Steering Committee meetings are scheduled for November 13 and December 11, 2024, and January 8, 2025, whether in person or virtual to be determined.

XI. ADJOURN. There being no other business, president C. Horton adjourned the meeting at 20:02 MDT.