

## RMHUC Steering Committee Minutes – September 7, 2024

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**Committee Members present:** Alicia Alvaro Koski, Stacey Fisk, Sunhee Juhon Hodges, Bill Horton, Charlotte Horton, Chris Miller, Rick Walsh,

**Guest:** Fred Ris (by invitation)

**Regrets.** Paul Chessin (due to COVID)

**Not attending:** Anna Jones

**Location:** Horton residence at 30948 Idlewild Lane Evergreen, CO.

The meeting was called to order at 12:2pm.MT

Bill Horton was appointed Secretary *pro tem* in the absence of Paul Chessin.

President Charlotte Horton established that a quorum was present.

The agenda with date amended to read “September 7” MSP.

The minutes from the previous meeting. Were passed as presented. MSP

**Events update.** (Alicia Alvero Koski events were pulled forward, due to her need for early departure)

Event: Summer barbecue chaired by Alicia Alvaro Koski August 25, 2024

52 attended, \$530 of tickets sold, \$613 in expenses of which: \$430 for food, \$97 for the location, Great Lawn Park, Denver.

Event: Welcome to Your City. This event is to take place on September 11<sup>th</sup>. 2024. And chaired by Alicia Alvaro Koski. Co-sponsored by the HAA. Location: Punch Bowl Social.

### **Governance:**

Trustees are to meet September 10, 2024.

Proposal for new process for complimentary membership for new grads.

Bill Horton proposal: was MSP.

The new policy: To allow complimentary club membership for graduates of the college within the last three years and graduates of graduate schools within the last year on an opt-in basis. This shall be communicated annually in a newsletter and also on the membership page of the website.

This changes the prior practice of automatically providing complimentary membership to that cohort.

## Event Updates

Event: The Aspen Art Fair reported on by Chris Miller. At beginning of August. Six members of the RMHUC attended.

Fiscal Year 2025 event planning. Was agreed upon as a successful effort by the group.

Event: Aspen Marriage of Figaro. Pre-event meeting arranged by ranged by Chris Nolan ALM'23 on August 17, 2024 in Aspen with seven attendees.

Event: For future consideration – Robert Putnam documentary, Join or Die, for private screening via internet. To be investigated by Bill Horton.

Event: Soviet emigrates panel chaired by Chris Miller. To be held on September 26, 2024 at the Denver Press Club.

Event: a Happy Hour on October 10, 2024 to be held at the Denver Press Club chaired by Chris Miller.

Event: At the Fiske Planetarium for October 20, 2024 chaired by Rick Walsh. It was moved seconded and passed to allocate \$700 towards the planetarium event on October 20<sup>th</sup> with an expectation of cost of the planetarium rental of \$700 and viewing cost of \$600 for a total of \$1,300. The expectation would be to sell tickets for \$15 and expect 40 attendees to recoup \$600 of this cost. Will also be marketed to All Ivy+ groups.

Chris Miller to contact the Yale Club about participation.

Michael Banks AB'77 is a contact for Rick Walsh for this event.

It was noted that the RMHUC does have liability insurance which will be communicated by Rick Walsh to the Fiske Planetarium at their request.

Event: Harvard Yale watch party on November 23, 2024 will likely be held at Ice House and not Will Call. Another group had already booked the Will Call venue.

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Charlotte Horton will correspond with the HAA about swag for this event. Chris Miller to chair the event.

**Finance:** There was no update on the financial situation from Treasurer Stacey Fiske, other than the Club finances are in good order.

**Schools Committee:** a budget request for an October 7, 2024 interviewer appreciation with Harvard admissions representative, Maeve Hoffstot. With a target expenditure of \$1,500. This expenditure was approved MSP. Possible locations: Denver Press Club to be explored by Chris Miller and Windsor condominiums to be explored by Fred Ris.

**HAA news:** the Southwest region of the HAA has a new regional director, Anand Acharya, AB '99 . Charlotte Horton will participate in a regional call on September 12, 2024.

**Book Prize:** A member had raised the issue of providing sponsorship to only Cherry Creek High School for a Book Prize. This matter was discussed and determined that this is not an appropriate activity for the Club at this time, as determined after discussion with Harvard Admissions office. This issue had been moved to Schools Committee for discussion and decision. The Schools Committee recommendation was to not participate.

**Alumni Leadership Conference:** a proposal was made to revise the amount of reimbursement for up to two steering committee members to participate in the annual alumni leadership conference held in Cambridge, MA and put on by the Harvard Alumni Association. Formerly, up to two participants could receive \$250 against receipts for travel plus \$200 if a report was submitted. The new proposal, now provides for up to \$750 against travel receipts, plus \$250 for submission of a report. The ALC will be held on October 24, 2024 this year. The motion was passed to support up to two members of the Steering Committee to attend the ALC with up to \$750 of travel expense reimbursement, plus \$250 for a report on the participants activity. MSP.

### **Old Business**

Denver Press Club Relationship: Chris Miller to obtain contract from the Denver Press Club outlining obligations for the RMHUC in entering into a relationship.

Items tabled: Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram accounts status

Volunteer Ideas: outdoor, trail maintenance; Rocky Mountain Food Bank in winter.

### **New Business**

Zoom account administration: Bill Horton provided an update that the HAA is requiring a new zoom license for the RMHUC. The changeover will take place on September 16, 2024. All necessary actions have been taken by Bill Horton to accommodate this changeover by the HAA. There is still no cost to the Club for this Zoom account.

The Committee thanked Rachelle and Bill Horton for hosting the in-person meeting and brunch today, September 7, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned. At 2:15 PM MT.

### **Action items.**

- Welcome to your city event send Day of E-mail.
- Chris Miller to print upcoming events page
- Chris Miller. forward information on Soviet Émigré's promotion by September 9, 2024
- Fiske Planetarium web page. Save the date to be set up by September 9, 2024 by Bill Horton after consultation with Rick Walsh
- Charlotte Horton will correspond with the HAA about swag for this event