

MINUTES - RMHUC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
October 11, 2023

Invited: Alicia Alvero Koski, Stacey Fiske, Sunhee Juhon Hodges, Bill Horton, Charlotte Horton, Chris Miller, Leah Porter,
Regrets: Paul Chessin, Fred Ris, Rick Walsh
Absent: Anna Jones, John Griffin

I. CALL TO ORDER. RMHUC Co-President C. Horton called the meeting to order at 18:44 MDT. Meeting was held at Carla Madison Rec Center Multi-Purpose Room; 2401 E Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80206.

II. MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM. The following members were present: Alicia Alvero Koski, Stacey Fiske, Sunhee Juhon Hodges, Bill Horton, Charlotte Horton, Chris Miller, Leah Porter

Members Absent: Paul Chessin, John Griffin, Anna Jones, Fred Ris, and Rick Walsh.

Co-President C. Horton determined that the meeting was duly called and noticed and that a quorum was present. Bill Horton was appointed Secretary *pro tem* in Paul Chessin's absence.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Upon motion M/S/P, the previously circulated agenda was approved, as amended. (added items: ski train; Oct. Happy Hour)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes from the prior month's (September 2023) were approved as amended M/S/P.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Natalie Hodges '19 to be a guest on the NPR show *All Things Considered* in the next weeks and will hold a book talk in Louisville, CO October 27.

Claudine Gay was inaugurated on September 30, 2023 as Harvard's 30th President.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A. Trustees. C Horton reported that the Trustees did not meet in September.

B. Finance. S. Fiske presented a Jul-Sep 2023 financial report and noted that net income for this quarter was \$4,301.19

1. Colorado Scholarship Fund disbursement to Harvard will come from Club accounts.

2. Income of \$2,000 for the August 2023 Mt. Harvard event has been included in the Club financial statements. This represents 40 tickets for the event. There have been no expenses reimbursed against this income to date.

C. Governance. No updates to report. Discussion of this topic was tabled to a later meeting.

D. Schools Committee:

1. October 2 meeting with Maeve Hoffstot, Admissions Officer, was held at CiviCO in Denver. 20 attendees and an expenditure of \$1,329.29 for the event. CiviCO is now charging a room rental fee of \$500.
2. RMHUC Interviewer training will begin in the week of October 19.
3. Harvard Admission training will be required for all interviewers this season.

E. HAA and SW Region Update: M/S/P to continue the Club practice to reimburse \$250 of travel expenses to RMHUC attendees of the Alumni Leadership Conference in Cambridge, MA October 26-27, 2023. An additional \$250 of reimbursement will be provided upon delivery of a written report on the meetings from each attendee.

VII. MARKETING AND EVENTS.

A. Debrief of Past Events.

- a. Discussion: support for use of Chris Miller model of presenting prospective events in bullet point form.
- b. Happy Hour in July 2023 – A. Alvero Koski reports Lowry was a good location and the event was within the \$150 budget allocation.
- c. Welcome to Your City: September 28 Punch Bowl Social. B. Horton reports 28 good-spirited attendees and had a \$69 food expenditure. Co-hosted with HAE and HNAW.
- d. Leaf Peeping October 8. C. Miller reports “some hiccups” so the event did not result in a group hike as planned. Lessons learned were captured.
- e. In-person Steering Committee meeting (October 11) had an unanticipated room cost. M/S/P to increase the budget for this in-person meeting by \$200.

B. Upcoming/Proposed Events

- a. Happy Hour October 25, 2023 – Alicia Alvero Koski, chair. M/S/P event budget maximum of \$150.
- b. Dim Sum November 11. M/S/P ticket prices \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members with limit of 20 attendees. Budget to be set at November Steering Committee meeting.
- c. Harvard-Yale Watch Event November 18. Venue: Will Call. M/S/P to reimburse up to \$200 as Club subsidy if venue minimum (\$2,000) is not met.
- d. Nutcracker Event December 9. Venue Colorado Academy of Dance. C. Miller expects to purchase 34 to 58 tickets to sell. Pre-performance reception ins planned.

- e. Holiday Celebration 2023. A. Alvero Koski and B Horton to develop proposal to present at November meeting.
- f. Pink Martini at CSO. April 19, 2023. C. Miller plans to purchase block of tickets at 20% discount or \$56.10 in Mezzanine 3. Pre-performance reception planned. C. Miller to consider applying Club tax exemption when purchasing tickets.
- g. CiviCO. Venue has requested a short testimonial for their marketing publication. It was agreed the B. Horton will provide this to CiviCO.
- h. Next: discuss details of Ski Train event in January 2024.

VIII. NEWSLETTER. C. Horton plans to publish the next newsletter prior to the October 25 Happy Hour event.

IX. ADJOURN. There being no other business, and C. Horton adjourned the meeting at 20:15 MDT.

Respectfully submitted by: Bill Horton, Secretary *pro tem*