

RMHUC Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 (“October” meeting)
Daniels Fund Building

In attendance:

Fred Ris – President
John Griffin – Schools & Scholarships
Douglas Dinsmoor – Webmaster
Mike Durall – Secretary

Phil Weintraub
Peter Hanson
Anna Jones
Christina Gomez
Tracey Smith

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM.
2. Minutes of the September 7 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Fred reported on the current membership and financial situation. 168 current members; dues \$8,125; Scholarship Fund \$980; Summer program \$345. The annual meeting had a net loss of \$431 because of a late decision to go with valet parking, which cost \$873. Total cost of the appreciation event was \$1167.
4. Members reviewed the calendar of upcoming meetings and events.
5. Money market status. Fred and Anna presented three options regarding the investment of approximately \$20,000. Members discussed the options, and voted to approve the laddered CD strategy with US Bank.
6. Value proposition. Members discussed this ongoing issue briefly, then decided that the next meeting might allow more time for strategic issues.
7. CLIMB. Members reviewed the three-page summary and recommendations from the subcommittee. Members voted to accept the recommendations:
 - The general approach presented is the sense of the Club.
 - The underlined items presented are of the highest importance.
 - The president is authorized to negotiate a Document of Understanding with CLIMB, drawing in others as needed and consulting the SC by e-mail if significant deviations become necessary.

8. Schools Committee. John reported on meeting with potential interviewers, and the Cambridge Admissions conference that is scheduled to be held in two weeks. The goal will be to interview everyone who applies to Harvard in a way that leaves all applicants with a positive impression of Harvard and its alumni.

9. Alumni Magnet. Douglas is hoping to launch AM next week. He mentioned once again numerous “content” holes, i.e. information that is needed from members to make the site an interesting read. Of special interest is the various reasons to join the Club, as people can now join online.

10. Recognition Event. There was some discussion about whether to make this an annual event, as it consumes about 10 percent of the budget.

11. Welcome to your city. This is an HAA idea, for classes of '09, 10, and 11. The event will be arranged by Natasha and Grace (last names?) and will be held at the Avery Brewery in Boulder, on Sunday, October 8.

12. Future events. Fred reported on a conversation with Charlie Miller (AB '08 and a recipient of two Summer Community Service Fellowship grants) aiming at an event around the Denver Off Center Theater, of which Charlie is a “co-curator”

13. Harvard-Yale game. Phil said we may be competing with the University of Arkansas for the date in question, but we will have some part of Choppers. There was some discussion of other possible venues.

14. Student employment. Fred asked members if RMHUC might benefit from a student employee during the semester break, approximately 40-100 hours. Suggestions welcomed.

15. 125th Anniversary Celebration? Fred and Anna speculated that the RMHUC was founded in 1886, thus the current year 2011 is the Club's 125th anniversary. Members discussed the possibility of hosting a celebration event, possibly at the new Colorado History Museum.

16. Steering Committee Processes. The general feeling was that the *ad hoc* subcommittee process had worked well between the September and October meetings. The consent agenda process was revisited, and it will be attempted at future meetings.

17. Larger Things. As usual, not much transpired because it was so late in the evening. Fred stated his intention of putting some of these items at the head of the agenda for the November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.