

MINUTES - RMHUC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

July 10, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER. RMHUC President C. Horton called the meeting, which was held via Zoom, to order at 18:34 MDT.

II. MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM. The following members were present: Alicia Alvero Koski, Paul Chessin, Stacey Fiske, Sunhee Juhon Hodges, Bill Horton, Charlotte Horton, Chris Miller, and Rick Walsh. Member Fred Ris was absent, having previously sent his regrets (see also Introductions and Announcements). Members John Griffin and Anna Jones were absent. Guests present were Tyler Gildan (who left the meeting at 19:36) and Brianna Oppong-Antwi. 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 amended, was approved.

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

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. For the guests' benefit, the Steering Committee members briefly introduced themselves. For the Steering Committee members' benefits, the guests introduced themselves.

VI. GOVERNANCE.

A. Members' Resignation. Via email on June 13, 2024, Leah Porter submitted her resignation from the Steering Committee. Similarly, via email on July 10, 2024, Fred Ris submitted his resignation from the Steering Committee.

B. Removal of Member. Despite several Steering Committee's members' multiple efforts, there has been no contact with member John Griffin, who has not attended a Steering Committee in some time. Upon motion M/S/P, Mr. Griffin was removed from the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee recognized him for his many years of service and valuable contributions.

C. Complimentary Club memberships. Discussion was had on offering complimentary RMHUC memberships to recent graduates. B. Horton volunteered to present a proposal at the next Steering Committee meeting.

VII. MARKETING & EVENTS

A. Review of Past Events

1. Annual Meeting. C. Miller reported that the RMHUC annual meeting went well and within budget. There were a total of 12 attendees, including guests.

B. Upcoming/Proposed Events.

1. Aspen Art Fair. C. Miller stated that there were four members who had signed up to attend the full event, and one member attending just the panel. All of the expected attendees are from the Roaring Fork valley.

2. In-Person Steering Committee meeting. B. Horton offered to host an in-person Steering Committee meeting at his house in Evergreen on a weekend in September. A Doodle Poll will go out to gauge members' date preferences.

3. FY25 Planning Meeting. C. Horton proposed a meeting, perhaps in conjunction with the September in-person Steering Committee meeting, to discuss possible events for fiscal year 2024-2025. Discussion ensued.

4. Marriage of Figaro. C. Miller relayed RMHUC member Chris Nolan's desire for an event attending the Marriage of Figaro, directed by Matthew Aucoin, Harvard College '12, on August 17, 2024, at the Wheeler Opera House in Aspen. Discussion followed regarding the extent of the RMHUC's marketing and financial support. Upon motion M/S/P, the RMHUC limited its involvement to providing email and website logistical support. As to financial support, upon motion M/S/P, a budget of up to a maximum of \$100 was approved for pre-performance snacks and meet-and-greet with Mr. Aucoin.

5. Welcome to Your City. A. Koski agreed to take the lead on planning this event, to occur on September 11, 2024, at Punch Bowl Social. Upon motion M/S/P, a budget of up to \$200 was approved for this event.

6. Summer BBQ. A. Koski reported on the status of the Summer BBQ. She suggested dates of either August 18 or 25, 2024, at a Denver park, from about 12:00 to 14:00 those Sunday afternoons, with strong preference for the 25th, so as not to conflict with the proposed Marriage of Figaro event. Upon motion M/S/P, up to \$250 was budgeted for the park reservation fee. Upon motion M/S/P, attendees will be charged \$10 for RMHUC members, \$15 for non-members, and children 10 and under free. Upon motion M/S/P, up to \$100 was approved to cover any excess food and beverage costs not paid for by ticket sales.

7. Main Street Business Soviet Emigres Entrepreneurs Panel. C. Miller reported on this September 26, 2024, event, in conjunction with the Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs and Harvard Business School club. He stated that all he needs from RMHUC is email/website support. Upon motion M/S/P, the RMHUC will provide email/website support.

8. Fiske Planetarium. R. Walsh stated that there was nothing new to report.

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A. Trustees. C. Horton reported that three new trustees - Alicia Alvero Koski, Paul Chessin, and Stacey Fiske - each began their three year terms commencing July 1, 2024. She thanked outgoing trustees Sunhee Juhon Hodges and John Griffin for their service. The Trustees' next meeting will be on July 15, 2024.

B. Finance. S. Fiske summarized her previously circulated financial reports. In particular, she noted that some \$1,300 so far had been contributed to the Scholarship Fund. Upon motion M/S/P, the RMHUC will contribute up to \$1,700 to the Scholarship Fund, so as to make a total contribution of \$3,000 to the Fund, as had been done in prior years.

IX. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Denver Press Club Partnership. C. Miller advised that he will get back to the Denver Press Club for them to provide more details on a possible relationship, which he will present at a future Steering Committee meeting.

X. NEXT MEETINGS. The next Steering Committee meetings are scheduled for August 14, September 11, and October 9, 2024, whether in person or virtual to be determined.

XI. ADJOURN. There being no other business, president C. Horton adjourned the meeting at 20:17 MDT.