

**The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club
Minutes of a Meeting of the Steering Committee**

June 10, 2020

A meeting of the Steering Committee (the “**Committee**”) of The Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club (“**RMHUC**”) was held via videoconference on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. MT.

Members Participating:

JK Costello
Christie DiNapoli
Stacey Lyne
Bill Horton
Janette Heung
Charlotte Horton
Fred Ris
Sunhee Hodges
Paul Chessin
John Griffin
Sunhee Hodges

Members Absent

Philip Koch

Guests:

Chris Miller (AB ’88)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. MT by JK Costello. Mr. Costello announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

I. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on May 13, 2020, copies of which were circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee approved the minutes.

II. Financial Reports: Fred Ris provided a financial report for April 2020, copies of which were circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting. A preliminary financial report for May 2020 was also distributed. Fred Ris discussed the amount of scholarship donations made to Harvard through RMHUC during the fiscal year.

Questions were asked and a discussion ensued. Paul Chessin made a motion to supplement the member donations to bring the total RMHUC donation to \$3000. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee approved.

III. Board Development: The Committee discussed the potential for holding future meetings in person. JK reported the response of the last newsletter. John Griffin, Stacey Lyne, and Paul Chessin agreed to send an electronic newsletter in June.

IV. Past Events:

- A. Fiske Planetarium Event (J. Costello) – May 18:** Mr. Costello reported that over 80 people attended the event. The response from attendees was positive. The cost of the event is not yet known. This was the first online (Zoom) event that RMHUC has hosted.
- B. Coronavirus Webinar With Alumni Experts (J. Griffin) – May 29:** John Griffin reported that Jasmine Burton received a number of emails from attendees who appreciated the quality of the presentation and the material that was distributed. The Committee discussed advertising events more widely.
- C. Harvard Across America (J. Costello) – June 9:** Mr. Costello advertised the event organized by the San Francisco club on the RMHUC Facebook page.

V. Upcoming Events:

- D. Manitou Springs Incline Hike (C. Horton, P. Koch) - June 27-28:** Charlotte Horton reported that the hike might be postponed.
- E. Beethoven Symphony at Red Rocks (C. Miller) – July 26:** Chris Miller reported that Red Rocks has not yet postponed or canceled the event. The Committee discussed Colorado Symphony Orchestra event cancelations and decided to stop advertising the event.
- F. Coronavirus Webinar With Alumni Experts (J. Heung) – June 30:** Janette Heung reported that the two speakers were confirmed. The individuals are Harvard faculty members with connections to Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School. The event will be an online interactive discussion.

VI. Events in Gestation:

- A. Energy Company Divestiture and HAA Elections (P. Koch):** Bill Horton described recent updates regarding Harvard's response on divestiture. The expected moderator, Aaron Harber, is a candidate for CU regent.

B. Faculty Events: Mr. Costello suggested inviting the faculty speakers to present at an online event. Mr. Miller and Sunhee Hodges agreed to reach out to faculty speakers.

C. Annual Meeting – Mr. Ris suggested hosting the annual meeting online due to coronavirus concerns. Tuesday, July 14th was selected as the date for the meeting. Two trustee positions will need to be filled at the annual meeting.

VII. Committee Updates:

A. Schools & Scholarship Committee (F. Ris, S. Hodges, S. Lyne & C. Horton): Mr. Ris distributed an update of the Schools Committee prior to the meeting.

VIII. Old Business: There was no old business

IX. New Business:

A. Succession: Mr. Costello encouraged Committee members with interest in leadership roles to let him know.

B. Trustee meetings: Mr. Costello will reach out to trustees about a future meeting.

C. Honorarium: Ms. Hodges suggested giving speakers at virtual events an honorarium. Ms. Hodges agreed to send the gift.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. MT. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8 via videoconference. The following meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12.