

**Minutes**  
**Yale Club of Utah Annual Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 20th, 8pm**  
**via Zoom**

**Attendees: Stan Soper, Richard Bird, Mathilde Williams, Ken Kilgore, Melanie Macheschi, Victoria Su, Anne Lin, Logan Packer, Anastasia Boyko, Robert White, Harry Rosenthal, Stafford Palmieri, Eli Kukharuk**

1. Review and ratify March meeting minutes (Stan) - **Ratified**
2. Treasurer's Report (Anne and Eli)
  - The checkbook balance is \$7,134.04, but the bank balance is \$7,944.04. The Whiffenpoofs have not cashed their check, which accounts for the difference. We will check with the Whiffenpoofs when they come to the next event.
3. Vote on Appointment of New Board Member: **Anastasia Boyko**
  - Anastasia was appointed as an interim board member. She will be up for formal election for a two-year term in March.
4. Reminder of Expectations:
  - Expectations were discussed.
5. Discuss Prior Events:
  - Yale Day of Service (Melanie)
    - The service event was creating mats out of garbage bags. It was a great event. There were a lot of attendees, and there were many mats made for unhoused people.
    - Having the event indoors allowed attendees to be close to each other and connect more easily.
6. Discuss Upcoming Events:
  - a. Hike and Lunch – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Sundance (Stan)
    - August 5<sup>th</sup> is the date that works for most people. This will be a short hike up to a waterfall. The group will meet for lunch at Sundance afterward.
  - b. New Student Welcome Party – August date? (Harry?)
    - This is not as large of an event as the event in the spring. The focus is on the spring party because that is our opportunity to influence yield. Usually, this event is added to another event. All Yale students who are in town attend, not just new students.
    - Mathilde suggested hiking in Park City and having attendees visit her house afterward. Mathilde will discuss plans with Stan, and Anne will help Mathilde get supplies for the event. This hike will replace the hike discussed above.
  - c. RedPath Lecture (Oct.-February) – (Richard)

- Richard mentioned that this event is typically done in January or February. The event should not be held on Friday evening so as not to compete with club members' Friday night plans. Anastasia mentioned that professors and club members may be more willing to attend if the event is held during winter break.
    - Potential options
      1. Daniel Markovits
      2. Anthony Kronman
      3. A small concert by Yale music school graduates
    - Richard and Anastasia will come back with thoughts after checking the options.
  - d. Yale/Whiffenpoof Visit and Concert(s) (Oct 17-22<sup>nd</sup>) – Any Volunteer(s) to Coordinate (Support Concerts and Housing)?
    - Whiffenpoofs need help coordinating places to do concerts and finding accommodations.
    - Stan will speak with Roger about the Whiffenpoofs.
  - e. Yale/Harvard Game November 18, 2023 – (Amy)
    - Amy will give an update at the next meeting.
  - f. Christmas/Holiday Event – Date? Ideas? Any Volunteer to coordinate?
    - Options were discussed. This event could be combined with the RedPath lecture. Members suggested that a watching event may lead to greater attendance.
    - The board decided to revisit this in November during the November planning meeting.
- 2. Committees/Special Projects/Follow-ups:
  - a. Monthly Networking Lunch – In Development (Any Updates -- Jason Winkler and Mathilde Williams)
    - Jason has been busy. Mathilde doesn't have an update and will connect after this call.
    - Wharton Club (organized by Eric Farr) does a quarterly lunch alternating between Salt Lake City and Lehi. Stafford offered to introduce Mathilde.
  - b. Possible Coordination with Harvard Club – Any Updates Melanie?
    - Melanie knows the president of the Harvard Club and thinks she would be interested. The board discussed potential coordination with other Ivy League clubs (e.g., Harvard, Wharton, and Princeton).
  - c. Scholarship Concept -- (Stan)
    - Stan reported that he spoke with his connection at Yale. Stan's connection hadn't heard of chapters offering a scholarship, and he thought us giving students money might reduce students' financial aid packages. Harry will connect with someone at Yale to ask about the framework in which we have to operate.
  - d. Membership Committee – In Development (Melanie, Jason, Victoria, Mathilde)

- The idea is to think of ways of engaging with the members, inviting people to events, and helping members interact more.
    - Melanie, Jason, Victoria, and Mathilde confirmed they will be on the committee. Anastasia volunteered to be on the committee.
  - e. Donation and Financial Committee – In Development (Amy, Stafford, Anne, Stan)
    - The idea is to improve our financial health over time and increase donations.
    - Amy, Stafford, Anne, and Stan confirmed they will be on the committee.
- 3. Next Board Meeting Date:
  - a. The next board meeting is in November and may be held in person. Stan will send out an invite to get reactions and decide the date.
- 4. Other
  - a. Richard brought up the idea of book awards that some other clubs do. Harry mentioned that he had experience with book awards and would be able to share some of the pros and cons. We will push this discussion to a later date.
- 5. Reminder of New Officer and Board Elections March 2024
- 6. Adjourn

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