

UMRA Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)
Special Meeting Monday, June 5, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

In attendance (virtual): Board members: Will Craig, Kristy Frost-Griep, Eric Hockert, Laurie Koch, Russell Luepker, Ron Matross, Jan McCulloch, Jan Morlock, Jerry Rinehart, Julie Sweitzer, KaiMay Terry
Email voters: Bill Donohue, Frank Cerra, Cherie Hamilton, Barb Shiels, Diane Young
Visitor: Kris Mortensen

Ron Matross opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. He asked Jan Morlock to update the board on summer events. Jan encouraged members to register soon for the June 28 event, which had 48 registrants as of two days ago, a bit lower than desired. There are different systems for June 28 and the boat cruise on August 29 which is related to guest registrations. Contact Jan if you want to register a guest who is not in the system and pay by check. Jerry reported we have filled 28 of the 30 Silver Gopher Admissions volunteer spots. URVC plans to arrange a location for volunteers to gather during a break in the event.

Ron then asked for a vote on the venue. He had distributed the survey results by email. 67% of the respondents said that their experiences at Midland Hills were better than at the Campus Club. No one rated their experiences better at the CC than at Midland Hills. 66% said they preferred Midland Hills for next year, compared to 22% preferring the Campus Club. Laurie said the results of the survey were overwhelming. Will agreed but said he would vote for Campus Club to represent those interests. Julie said she would prefer a campus location, which does not have to be the Campus Club, but thought we had exhausted the search for other locations. She is interested in considering Campus Club for the annual meeting. Jan and Laurie agreed.

Ron then asked who favored Midland Hills, and who favored Campus Club. Will and Russ voted for Campus Club and everyone else voted for Midland Hills. Julie then reported the five people who sent their votes by email all chose Midland Hills. Several of them were interested in holding the May annual meeting (and/or another event) at Campus Club. After discussion Ron stated the conclusion was to arrange to meet at Midland Hills for the in-person monthly forum events through the 2023 - 2024 program year so that appropriate reservations may be made, with the understanding that the board in the coming program year will always have the authority to consider venue decisions required by changing circumstances.

Kris noted that Midland Hills was originally called the University of Minnesota Golf Course when founded in 1921, apparently by UMN faculty. It changed names when the membership became predominantly non-faculty. Kris noted we do get a discount in the form of a space fee waiver at Midland Hills because an UMRA member is a member at Midland Hills. Kristy said Campus Club gives us a discount too and thinks the Host Team has negotiated well. Ron asked Eric as program chair to contact the Host Committee to book the dates for next year. Ron **adjourned** the meeting at approximately 1:25 p.m.