

# HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

## MINUTES

October 9, 2007 • 783<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Bonde-Henriksen, K. Bures, L. Fair, J.-D. Gaeth, M. Klein, D. Roberts, E. Summersby, L. Wood; *Ex officio*: R. Stephenson

### NOMINATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP:

Molly Campbell of Cambridge (Proposed by Nils Bonde-Henriksen, seconded by Lou Sgarzi) - Elected

Charles O. Staples of Lincoln (Proposed by Esther Williams, seconded by Tony Decaneas) - Elected

Lisa Austin of Medford (Proposed by Ed Summersby, seconded by Ken Bures) - Elected

Caroline Spang of Manchester-by-the-Sea (Assuming husband Tom's membership) - Elected as a regular Member in her own right, but does not have to pay the initiation fee. Tom is a Life Member and will continue to be one, even though he is ill with Alzheimer's and will not be able to attend future meetings. Ken will ask Caroline to fill out a travel biography.

### RESIGNATIONS:

Robert O. Boardman (Member 1983; Honorary Member 2006; Resigned 9/24/2007) - The Council voted to offer Emeritus membership status to Bob. Ed will write him a letter.

Margaret Shepherd (Member 1999; Resigned 9/26/2007) - Accepted

William F. Pounds (Member 2003; Resigned 9/24/2007) - Accepted

Dr. Marvin Adner (Member 1985; Resigned 10/4/2007) - Accepted

### DEATHS:

Dr. Stephen J. Fricker (Member 1991; Died 5/21/2007)

Robert H. Bates (Member 1941; Fellow 1956; Honorary Member 1968; Medalist 1986; Died 9/14/2007)

### TREASURER'S REPORT: For the period 5/23/07 to 10/09/07

Working Funds on 5/23/07:	\$8,291.17
Income This Period:	\$10,980.00
Expenses This Period:	\$6,425.26
Available Working Funds:	\$12,845.91
Permanent Fund YTD:	\$3,205.00
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund This Period:	\$3,205.00
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund YTD:	\$3,205.00
Permanent Fund in Checking Account:	\$0.00
Bank Account Balance:	\$12,845.91
Fidelity Acc't Balance (4/30/07):	\$23,574.58
Fidelity - Unrestricted:	\$8,619.03
Fidelity - Year Book:	\$2,671.90
Fidelity - Restricted:	\$12,283.65

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of Action Items of June Meeting

There were four action items at June meeting. They were:

1. New Membership Application Procedure/Form: The subcommittee in charge of this (Nils, Lauren, and David) were to have revised the original draft Application Form, based on the comments of council members as recorded in the June meeting minutes. Nils said that there was no activity on this during the summer, but that a revision would be available at the November Council meeting.
2. Club Finances: In June we rescinded the \$5 dinner price increase that was scheduled for this October meeting, and we agreed to revisit the issue early in the new (present) season. At the present Council meeting, we decided that it was an issue that required a special meeting. We will have a lunchtime meeting in the Boston area during the week after Thanksgiving. Jo-Del will work out the details, and let keep us all informed.
3. Proposal to name the Permanent Fund for Brad Washburn: There has been no activity on this front. In June the Council voted that Ed, Ken, Lansing & Marty should set up a meeting with the Permanent Fund Trustees to discuss this issue. This has not been done, and subsequently Ken and Ed expressed misgivings about such a meeting because the Permanent Fund Trustees are on record as opposing any such move. A further consideration is that Bob Bates has now passed away, and so the emphasis just on Brad may need to be reconsidered. It was decided to put this back on the agenda, but not until the Club financial issue is taken care of first.
4. Proposal to Establish a Speakers' Fund: At the June meeting there was no firm conclusion about what should be done on this issue, so it was deferred until sometime later. At the present Council meeting it was agreed that it should go on the agenda, but not until the Club financial issue is taken care of first.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Bures

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Secretary-Treasurer

# HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

## MINUTES

November 13, 2007 • 784<sup>th</sup> Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Bruck Simon, K. Bures, L. Fair, M. Klein, D. Roberts, E. Summersby, L. Wood; *Ex officio*: L. Sgarzi, G. Wenckebach

### NOMINATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP:

None, although Robert Boardman, who had resigned last month, accepted our offer of Emeritus Membership. He is attending the meeting tonight.

### RESIGNATIONS:

William B. Osgood (Member 1954; Resigned 10/11/2007) – Accepted. Mr. Osgood resigned last year, but the Secretary wrote him a letter explaining that, as a Member with 50 years Standing, he does not have to pay dues. Therefore, unless he stated otherwise, we would continue his membership on those terms. This year he wrote again to say he would, indeed, like to resign, so his resignation was accepted with regret.

### TREASURER'S REPORT: For the period 10/10/07 to 11/13/07

Working Funds on 10/10/07:	\$12,845.91
Income This Period:	\$6,170.00
Expenses This Period:	\$5,058.69
Available Working Funds:	\$13,907.22
Permanent Fund YTD:	\$4,457.50
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund This Period:	\$1,002.50
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund YTD:	\$4,367.50
Permanent Fund in Checking Account:	\$0.00
Bank Account Balance:	\$13,907.22
Fidelity Acc't Balance (4/30/07):	\$23,674.23
Fidelity – Unrestricted:	\$8,718.68
Fidelity - Year Book:	\$2,671.90
Fidelity – Restricted:	\$12,283.65

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. New membership application form:

Nils Bonde-Henriksen was absent because of a dental emergency, so this item was deferred to a future meeting.

2. Determination of time for special Dinner Price Meeting:


Jo-Del had made arrangements for a meeting during the week after Thanksgiving. The meeting was to be a noontime meeting in a condo at 151 Tremont St. It was our job to pick a day during that week. It soon became apparent that no date during that week was free for the voting members of the Council. Therefore, we decided to have

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Subject: Lunch Meeting re Club Finances

Date: November 10, 2007 1:32:05 PM EST

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Hello All:

At the November Council Meeting it was decided that further discussion of the state of the Club's financial situation would require a special meeting strictly devoted to that matter, preferably during the week after Thanksgiving. As agreed, Jo-Del has found a convenient location where we could hold such a meeting – in the apartment of a friend of hers located at 151 Tremont Street, Boston, which is directly opposite the Park Street Red Line station, and at the foot of Park Street. The suggested time would be 11:30 to 1:30 or 12 to 2 PM, and Jo-Del has offered to bring sandwiches for which we would reimburse her.

Now, we need to agree on a date. During the week of November 26<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, I could attend Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, but not Monday or Tuesday. I have spoken to Jo-Del, Ken and to Marty, and all could make it those days as well. Everyone should look at their calendars and let me know what dates are best and we can then confirm the meeting. Let's try and settle the date at the Council Meeting next Tuesday. The location is good, because parking under the Common is close, and the Red Line is right there. Thank you, Jo-Del, for settling this up.

Ed

P.S. Ken said yesterday that no Council members had yet confirmed their attendance Tuesday. Be sure to let him know.

# HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

## MINUTES

December 11, 2007 • 785<sup>th</sup> Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Bonde-Henriksen, L. Bruck Simon, K. Bures, L. Fair, M. Klein, E. Summersby, L. Wood; *Ex officio*: R. Stephenson, G. Wenckebach

TREASURER'S REPORT: For the period 11/14/07 to 12/11/07

Working Funds on 11/14/07:	\$13,907.22
Income This Period:	\$4,093.00
Expenses This Period:	\$5,143.31
Available Working Funds:	\$12,865.91
Permanent Fund YTD:	\$4,667.50
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund This Period:	\$0.00
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund YTD:	\$4,457.50
Permanent Fund in Checking Account:	\$210.00
Bank Account Balance:	\$13,066.91
Fidelity Acc't Balance (12/09/07):	\$23,766.91
Fidelity – Unrestricted:	\$8,811.36
Fidelity - Year Book:	\$2,671.90
Fidelity – Restricted:	\$12,283.65

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Brief review of status of Members Night plans (Jo-Del Gaeth)

Jo-Del reported that there will be five speakers for Members' Night. Don Butterfield will speak on his experiences as a doctor in Viet Nam in the 1960's, Charles Staples will speak either on climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro or about walking in western China and Uzbekistan, and Lisa Austin will speak, probably about kayaking in Alaska. Nils will be calling a number of the newer members, and is also considering Arthur and Susan Holcombe, who he will be nominating to membership, and who could talk about Nepal. Jo-Del also said she would like to invite and honor, in some way, Albert Creighton, who is our longest standing member, having joined in 1939. It was suggested that might be able to say a few words about the Club back then. Rob Stephenson offered to help with relevant historical information.

2. Discussion of financial issues of the Club in relation to dues, what we charge for dinners, and expenses charged by the Harvard Club.

Lansing Fair presented a Proposal to use as the basis of discussion (a copy is attached to these Minutes). His proposal addresses the following issues: (1) How much money should be held in reserve for dinner costs, (2) What the annual dues should be, (3) What the cost of dinners should be, (4) How much money should be held in reserve for other non-dinner costs, and (5) How much we should charge Members and guests for dinners. Lansing proposes formulas for these numbers rather than specific numbers. There was general agreement with his formulas, but it was decided to act on the proposal in a series of steps.

First, it was voted that we propose a constitutional change to the Membership that would in the future allow the Council to change annual dues without having to go through the constitutional amendment process. This would give the Council some flexibility in that it would not have to wait an entire year to act on raising dues. Ed and Ken will write a draft amendment to Article V, Section 2(b) something along the lines that "Annual dues shall be determined by the Council".

Second, since the Council cannot change the dues now, but since we anticipate that the amendment will pass, the Council agreed to determine what the dues shall be at the June 2008 meeting. The discussion leading up to this suggested that the dues might increase by \$50-\$100.

Jo-Del has already talked to the manager at the Harvard Club, who would like to negotiate a new contract in February (our present contract sets all charges through to the end of this season, i.e. through May 2008). We decided to try to move that to January, if possible. Our negotiating team will consist of Jo-Del, Loren, and Ed. Assuming that the negotiations do occur in January, we would be in a position to discuss a possible dinner price increase at the February meeting. This would be the opportunity to also determine the specifics of Lansing's formulas with the benefit of some data on real cost increases.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Bures

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*Secretary-Treasurer*

# HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

## MINUTES

January 8, 2008 • 786<sup>th</sup> Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Bonde-Henriksen, L. Bruck Simon, K. Bures, L. Fair, M. Klein, E. Summersby, D. Roberts, J.-D. Gaeth, L. Wood; *Ex officio*: L. Sgarzi, J. Field

NOMINATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP: Gail O. Bates, widow of our late Member Robert Bates, was elected to membership by virtue of our policy of extending membership to the spouses of deceased Members. To satisfy the Constitution, Gail was officially nominated and seconded by the Secretary-Treasurer and President, respectively.

TREASURER'S REPORT: For the period 12/12/07 to 1/08/08

Working Funds on 12/12/07:	\$12,856.91
Income This Period:	\$4,519.00
Expenses This Period:	\$6,378.51
Available Working Funds:	\$10,997.40
Permanent Fund YTD:	\$4,667.50
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund This Period:	\$0.00
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund YTD:	\$4,867.50
Permanent Fund in Checking Account:	\$0.00
Bank Account Balance:	\$10,997.40
Fidelity Acc't Balance (1/03/08):	\$23,862.11
Fidelity – Unrestricted:	\$8,906.56
Fidelity - Year Book:	\$2,671.90
Fidelity – Restricted:	\$12,283.65

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Brief review of status of Members Night plans (Nils Bonde-Henriksen/Jo-Del Gaeth)

Four speakers have been identified: (1) Madelon Bures on the Christmas markets along the Rhine, (2) Don Butterfield on his experiences as a doctor in Viet Nam, (3) Lisa Austin on a canoeing trip in Alaska, (4) and Charles Staples on Western China and Uzbekistan. Nils is attempting to find another speaker. Jo-Del will get the official titles to Ken as soon as she gets them.

On the topic of other speakers, Ken mentioned that a Mr. Ivan Massar was a guest at tonight's meeting. Mr. Massar is 82, and was a photojournalist. He has many good pictures (Ken "googled" him), and Judy Vose said he was an excellent speaker. Additionally, Ken mentioned that Tom Mailhot has a movie out of his rowing trip across the Atlantic. The movie is entitled *Row Hard, No Excuses*. Finally, David said he would call Charlie Houston to keep in touch for the March meeting. NOTE: the next day David reported that Charlie is having some medical problems, and will decide in a month if he should come down from Burlington. If/when he comes down, a book dealer in Burlington, Greg Glade, will drive him and we will put both of them up at the Harvard Club.

Proposed constitutional change to allow the Council to determine annual dues and initiation fees.

At the last meeting it was decided that Ken and Ed would present a proposed Constitutional change to remove the specific dollar amounts for dues from the Constitution, and give the Council the ability to set the dues without a Constitutional change. The rationale was that we have to present a dues change to the membership at the April meeting, but we hadn't, in the past, negotiated the next season's dinner costs with the Harvard Club until after the May meeting. Hence, we could not respond to higher costs by raising dues until one year later. This rationale for seeking the change has somewhat disappeared because Jo-Del reported at this meeting that, in fact, the Harvard Club had responded to her request, and given us a fee structure for next year. That structure is in a letter attached to these minutes. Nevertheless, Ken distributed the proposed constitutional changes and we discussed their pros and cons. John Field suggested that we should remove specific dollar amounts from the Constitution, but still give the membership the right to change dues at the Annual Meeting. Others thought it was worthwhile to give the Council full control of the purse strings. Others were ambivalent. Since there were varied opinions, and because a number of Members had to leave the meeting to solve an audio-visual crisis, we did not vote. Instead, Ken will present John's proposal and Lansing's variation of the proposal that was presented, at the next meeting.

2. Appointment of a Nominating Committee for next year's officers and Council members.

Lou Sgarzi will chair the Nominating Committee. Ken will give him the history of the current Council members' service. The Council agreed that Ken would identify and appoint two additional members.

3. Discussion and/or appointment of an Awards Committee

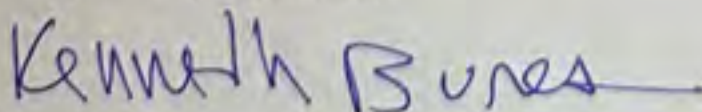
Ken proposed that, given the full plate of issues being considered by the Council, especially the cost/dues issue, we forgo any awards for this year. He also pointed out that he should have set up this Committee, of which he is the automatic Chair, earlier in the year. Lou suggested that we should go forward with awards, because that is part of what the Club is about. John pointed out that Awards have gone in bursts, and that we gave out a big one last year. In the end it was decided that we should discuss this at the June meeting. That, in effect, means no awards this year. Someone suggested that in order to identify potential awardees, we should look through the Year Book and try to check the reality behind some of the more impressive resumes.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Contract with Harvard Club for Dinner Costs

Jo-Del reported that the Harvard Club responded to her request for a cost meeting with a letter giving their costs for next year. The letter quotes a room charge of \$395, currently \$334, and a meal cost of \$43 instead of \$40. There is, of course, the 20 per cent service charge and the state sales tax of five per cent. This brings the cost of a meal to \$51.18 and the cost of the room to \$497.70. If we have, on average, 85 attendees, then the room cost amortizes to \$5.86 per person. Hence the average meal cost will be almost exactly \$60. The Council asked Jo-Del to see if she could get this rate for two years, rather than for the one year quoted in the letter.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Bures

Secretary-Treasurer



# HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

## MINUTES

February 12, 2008 • 787<sup>th</sup> Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Bonde-Henriksen, L. Bruck Simon, K. Bures, L. Fair, M. Klein, E. Summersby, D. Roberts, J.-D. Gaeth, L. Wood; *Ex officio*: R. Stephenson, J. Field

NOMINATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP: The following people were elected to Membership:

- Zeren Earls (proposed by Peter Ames, seconded by Sally Cheffy)
- Phyllis Sonnenschein (Proposed by Lansing Fair, seconded by Andrew Oldman)
- Robert Henrici (Proposed by Tom Mailhot, seconded by Loren Wood)
- Arthur Holcombe (Proposed by Ed Summersby, seconded by Marty Klein)
- William Crocker (Proposed by J. Dirk Lorenz, seconded by Ed Summersby)

TREASURER'S REPORT: For the period 1/09/08 to 2/12/08

Working Funds on 1/09/08:	\$10,997.40
Income This Period:	\$4,750.00
Expenses This Period:	\$7,135.34
Available Working Funds:	\$8,612.06
Permanent Fund YTD:	\$5,042.50
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund This Period:	\$175.00
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund YTD:	\$5,042.50
Permanent Fund in Checking Account:	\$0.00
Bank Account Balance:	\$8,612.06
Fidelity Acc't Balance (2/10/08):	\$23,954.15
Fidelity – Unrestricted:	\$8,998.60
Fidelity - Year Book:	\$2,671.90
Fidelity – Restricted:	\$12,283.65

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of annual dues and initiation fees based on Lansing's revised proposal and Ken's revised proposed constitutional amendments, as well as the cost structure for the next two years provided by the Harvard Club at the last meeting.

This discussion was wide-ranging, as in past meetings, but there were no specific proposals or actions to solve our financial problems in either the short-term or long-term. Therefore, it was agreed that Ken and Lansing would develop some specific quantitative proposals, including dues increases to \$150 and \$200, and then calculate what the dinner prices would have to be with and without various subsidies, and with various differentials between members and guests. These proposals would be sent to the Council well before the next meeting, and the Council will attempt to "debate" them via email or other means before the meeting. Then at the March meeting we will be able to act with a minimum of discussion.

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Modified proposal to give the Council authority to set dues and initiation fee.

## Requirements to Pass a Constitutional Amendment:

4/5 vote of the Council

2/3 Vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting

## Proposed Change:

Article V-2(a) & (b) currently read:

(a) Initiation fee shall be \$100, payable within sixty dates of notification.

(b) Annual dues shall be \$100 for Resident Members and \$50 for Non-Resident Members and Associates, payable in advance.

Change these to:

(a) An initiation fee, as determined annually by the Council, shall be payable within sixty dates of notification.

(b) Annual dues, as determined annually by the Council, shall be payable on or before the first meeting of the Club year.

In addition, add the following two new Standing Rules:

7. Non-Resident and Associate annual dues shall be one half of Resident annual dues.

8. The initiation fee shall be equal to one year's annual Resident dues, except for Associates, for whom there shall be no initiation fee.

# HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB MINUTES

March 11, 2008 • 788<sup>th</sup> Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Bonde-Henriksen, L. Bruck Simon, K. Bures, L. Fair, M. Klein, E. Summersby, D. Roberts, J.-D. Gaeth, L. Wood; *Ex officio*: R. Stephenson, J. Field

NOMINATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP: The following people were elected to Membership:  
John D. Freeman, Jr. (proposed by Sheldon Wool, seconded by Andrew Hall)  
John Henn (proposed by Blue Magruder, seconded by Lansing Fair)

TREASURER'S REPORT: For the period 2/13/08 to 3/11/08

Working Funds on 2/13/08:	\$8,612.06
Income This Period:	\$4,990.00
Expenses This Period:	\$5,807.53
Available Working Funds:	\$7,794.53
Permanent Fund YTD:	\$5,312.50
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund This Period:	\$270.00
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund YTD:	\$5,312.50
Permanent Fund in Checking Account:	\$0.00
Bank Account Balance:	\$7,794.53
Fidelity Account Balance (3/06/08):	\$24,025.76
Fidelity - Unrestricted:	\$9,070.21
Fidelity - Year Book:	\$2,671.90
Fidelity - Restricted:	\$12,283.65

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of annual dues, dinner prices, and initiation fees based on Lansing's & Ken's memo and proposals.

Four proposals were discussed to select a tradeoff between dues and dinner prices for next year and beyond. The four plans are included on an attachment to these minutes. The result that was approved is a 3-year plan with dinner prices set at \$55 for both members and guests. This value includes no dinner subsidy from dues, whereas the other three plans involved some level of subsidy. The Council also voted to recommend a constitutional amendment to the membership to change the annual dues to \$120. The vote was nine in favor and one abstention, which satisfies the 4/5-requirement on the Constitution.

The detailed wording of the amendment is as follows:

March 5, 2008

Dear Members of the HTC Council,

Lansing Fair and Ken Bures have developed a formula for evaluating dues and meal price tradeoffs, as we were instructed to do at the last Council meeting. The formula works in the following way: you pick values of members' and guests' dinner prices, and it calculates the dues that must be charged to insure that the Club remains financially healthy. We have investigated many different scenarios with this formula. This letter presents three of those many scenarios, and makes a particular recommendation for one of them.

Since all of these scenarios are based on the same assumptions, and on the same documented data and information, all give equally valid results as far as their financial viability are concerned. However, it is our belief that one particular scenario is the optimal compromise between dues and dinner prices.

A formula is only as good as its "derivation". We think that the analysis backing up this formula has been more encompassing than any previous analysis. We think we have covered all the angles, made reasonable and conservative assumptions, and accounted in great detail for all of the facts and figures involved. In addition to our simply presenting the results in this letter, we want to provide you with a detailed explanation of exactly what went into our analysis, and what lies behind our recommendations. To that end we have prepared a memorandum giving a very detailed description of the derivation of the formula, and its use in evaluating various scenarios. That report is being sent to you via a separate email attachment, and we urge you to read it carefully.

We also ask that you carefully study our recommendations. They are listed below. We would, in fact, like you to give us and all the other Council members your comments by email before the Tuesday meeting. You can do that by using the "Reply All" option of your email program. In that way we can be well along in resolving this long and complex discussion before we actually meet on Tuesday. We MUST make a decision on dues and dinner prices at that meeting, because that meeting is the last opportunity to vote on a Constitutional amendment to change the dues. In that regard, we will need to have all nine voting members of the Council present at that meeting, because a Constitutional change needs to be approved 4/5 of the Council.

The memorandum tabulates many different scenarios, but we have condensed them down to three that are most promising. One plan would freeze the dues and dinner prices for a two-year period; two of the plans would apply for three years (we investigated 1-, 2-, and 3-year periods). All three scenarios assume that the average number of attendees at meetings will be 100 (the average for the current year is 99). The three scenarios of interest are given in the table on the next page.

In considering these scenarios, you should know that the full costs of a dinner, as charged to us by the Harvard Club will be \$54.18 for the first two years, and \$55.45 for the third year. There is little error in simply rounding these to an even \$55.

Scenario	Member Dinner Price	Guest Dinner Price	Annual Dues	Years in Effect
1	\$40	\$50	\$160	2
2	\$40	\$50	\$170	3
3	\$45	\$55	\$140	3

We believe it would be better to go with the cheaper and more certain 2-year plan of Scenario 1. Therefore, we recommend Scenario 1 as the preferred option for the Council to accept.

Lansing Fair

Ken Bures

**Article V-2(a) & (b) currently read:**

- (a) Initiation fee shall be \$100, payable within sixty days of notification.
- (b) Annual dues shall be \$100 for Resident Members and \$50 for Non-Resident Members and Associates, payable in advance.

**Change these to:**

- (a) An initiation fee shall be equal to one year of Resident Member dues, and shall be paid within sixty days of notification. Associate members shall be exempt from this fee.
- (b) Annual dues shall be \$120 for Resident Members and one-half of that amount for Non-Resident and Associate members, and shall be paid by the first meeting of the Club year.

**Add a new clause V-2(d):**

- (d) Annual dues not paid in full by the January meeting shall be subject to a twenty-five percent surcharge.

The proposed amendment will be printed and distributed to the membership along with the April meeting notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Bures  
Secretary-Treasurer

# HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

## MINUTES

April 8, 2008 • 789<sup>th</sup> Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Bonde-Henriksen, L. Bruck Simon, K. Bures, L. Fair, M. Klein, E. Summersby, J.-D. Gaeth, L. Wood; *Ex officio*: R. Stephenson, J. Field; and representing the Permanent Fund: George Bates

NOMINATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP: The following people were elected to Membership:  
Beverly Simpson of Boston (proposed by John Newhall, seconded by Kate Flather. Beverly was a member from 1986 to 9/2001, so we will not charge an initiation fee.

RESIGNATIONS:

DEATHS:

TREASURER'S REPORT: For the period 3/12/08 to 4/08/08

Working Funds on 3/12/08:	\$7,794.53
Income This Period:	\$5,770.00
Expenses This Period:	\$8,455.83
Available Working Funds:	\$5,108.70
Permanent Fund YTD:	\$5,332.50
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund This Period:	\$0.00
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund YTD:	\$5,312.50
Permanent Fund in Checking Account:	\$20.00
Bank Account Balance:	\$5,128.70
Fidelity Account Balance (4/03/08):	\$24,092.93
Fidelity – Unrestricted:	\$9,137.38
Fidelity - Year Book:	\$2,671.90
Fidelity – Restricted:	\$12,283.65

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Permanent Fund grant proposal – George Bates presented the following proposal, which was approved by the Council.

The Trustees of the Harvard Travellers Club Permanent Fund recommend a grant to Marcy Hessling in the amount of \$3,000.00. Marcy is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Anthropology at Michigan State University. She proposes to travel to the country of Benin in West Africa this coming summer to study chain migration in families who have at least one person attending university. This research has implications for education policy and the understanding of the emergence of class and citizenship in post-colonial countries.

2. Selection of June meeting date and place: Ed Summersby kindly volunteered the Summersby home in Cambridge again this year. We agreed to convene at 5:00 p.m (sharp) on Monday, June 2. Driving instructions will be sent out as the meeting approaches, but because of a tight parking situation, please try to carpool. John Field suggested, and a number of people strongly concurred, that an agenda item should be to discuss alternative dinner/meeting formats.
3. Ken Bures was asked to talk to Carla Ryan, the Harvard Club Catering Manager, about two issues:
  - (1) To check into the possibility of having Harvard Hall for the November 12, 2008 meeting, which will feature Sebastian Junger as speaker.
  - (2) To see if we could sometimes have lighter desserts rather than cake, such as sorbet. Subsequent note: the dessert at the evening's dinner was fresh strawberries in whipped cream, which perhaps fits the bill as something lighter.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Bures  
Secretary-Treasurer  
April 9, 2008

# HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

## MINUTES

May 20, 2008 • 790<sup>th</sup> Meeting

NOMINATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP:

RESIGNATIONS:

DEATHS:

Mary L. Schein – Died April 16, 2008 (Member since 2003)

TREASURER'S REPORT: For the period 4/9/08 to 5/20/08

Working Funds on 4/9/08:	\$5,128.75
Income This Period:	\$3,960.00
Expenses This Period:	\$6,081.69
Available Working Funds:	\$2,987.06
Permanent Fund YTD:	\$5,342.50
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund This Period:	\$30.00
Cash Transferred to Permanent Fund YTD:	\$5,342.50
Permanent Fund in Checking Account:	\$0.00
Bank Account Balance:	\$2,987.06
Fidelity Account Balance (5/15/08):	\$24,148.06
Fidelity – Unrestricted:	\$9,192.51
Fidelity – Year Book:	\$2,671.90
Fidelity – Restricted:	\$12,283.65

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF AGENDA ITEMS, THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS CANCELED AND ANY POTENTIAL ITEMS DEFERRED UNTIL THE JUNE 2 MEETING.

After dinner and immediately before the featured presentation President Ed Summersby called the Annual Meeting to order. The President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Nominating Committee, and the Permanent Fund Chair presented their reports. These reports are also published in the document entitled Annual Reports, sent to the membership with the May meeting notice. The membership approved the slate of officers and Council members proposed by the Nominating Committee, and also approved the constitutional changes proposed by the Council, and sent to the membership with the April meeting notice.



2. Removing Members who have not pay dues for two years: The Council voted to remove Peter Alderman from membership due to his not paying dues for two years. Ken will send him a letter to inform him.
3. Year Book: Rob Stephenson brought the new Year Books to the meeting to be distributed to the Members who are attending. The others will receive theirs by mail. The Year Book has been expertly crafted by Rob, and includes a handsome new type of binding, similar to a paperback book, as well as an expanded Club history, a new section on the Permanent Fund, and totally updated travel biographies of Members. Congratulations to Rob for a big job, very well done.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Specific proposals for Membership Application Form (Membership Committee): This was deferred until the June meeting because Nils Bonde-Henriksen, a member of the membership Committee, was unable to be in attendance at this Council Meeting.

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