

# **Helena Vigilante Runners**

## **Board Meeting #5**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**August 17, 2009**

*(Bolding indicates action items which need follow-up.)*

#### **I. Call to order**

Vice President Judge called to order the fifth meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:07 pm on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 107 W. Lawrence.

#### **II. Roll call**

The following board members were present: Marta Fisher (with treats!), Mike Jacobson, Patrick Judge, Lori Heit, Ann Seifert, Sarah Slinger, Sean Slinger, Scott Story, and Alan Wintersteen. The meeting had been announced on the “vig” listserv, but no other vigers attended.

#### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Marta moved that the minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting be approved. Mike seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Upon request, Sarah re-demonstrated the official vig greeting gesture reported on in the May 18 minutes.

#### **IV. Administrative Issues**

- a) **Financial Report:** Pat had spoken with President Engebrecht prior to the meeting, as Steve was unable to attend due to more race directing duties. Steve reported the finances are in good shape, especially due to the success of the Elkhorn race.
- b) **Website:** Alan reported the “vigilanterunning.org” site has successfully been transferred to Electric Embers, the same firm that hosts the club listservs. Pat was able to consolidate the “vig” and “h4” email lists under one account, saving considerable money, and also established new email lists for “hurl” and “hvr” (the latter for the board). **Alan plans to officially launch the new site after the Mt. Helena Classic adding that he will put a link on the old site redirecting traffic to the new site for some period of time.** Alan is also trying to resolve a graphics issue noting the blue color used on the new site isn’t quite perfect and is working with new software that should resolve the issue. Mike said one of his co-workers is very talented at web graphics, etc. Alan envisions a dynamic site that will automatically update as races are completed and new ones come on deck. The Phase workouts are posted under a “track” page. Additionally, HURL, Race Info, Training and “In the Books” have their own links. **Alan agreed to try to go live by the end of September after the Mt. Helena Classic.**
- c) **Checking Account:** Pat shared an email sent by Treasurer Bazzanella (who was also unable to attend) indicating that a club checking account is being opened at Valley Bank. She also noted that new checks would be deposited into the new account while leaving money in the former account to clear old checks.
- d) **501c3:** Sean thought 18 months post-incorporation would be the application deadline. Mike Fanning is working on submission while **Sean urged us to include club events that cater to kids.** Mike pointed out the August Road Race is a youth event as it benefits the high school cross country teams.

- e) **Equipment Inventory:** Issue still pending and will be addressed after most of the season's races wrap up. Lori still offered her garage as a storage option.
- f) **Big Honkin Tent Update:** Jeff was able to locate poles, however the steep price of \$450 was too pricey considering the tent itself cost \$150, with another \$100 already invested in poles. Jeff was able to locate a 14-foot ridge beam at an Army/Navy Surplus store in Billings that may work. Jeff thought he might need a 17-foot beam but wouldn't know until he rolls out the tent and attempts to erect the massive structure, which he is unable to do alone. Pat suggested The Phase II party at the Copenhavers' home as a potential site to tinker with the tent...
- g) **Financial Policy:** Sean reported that this will need to go in with the 501 c3 application. He sent a model to Pat earlier. **Pat agreed to dig that out, so progress could be made.**

## V. Discussion Issues

- a) **Listerve:** Pat divulged that about 2-4 people unsubscribe every time there is a flurry of activity on the "vig" email. Scott suggested individuals be better informed of their option to receive emails in "digest mode," which combines all the day's activity into one email from the vig listserve. The group discussed starting a Facebook site, but agreed to hold off for several reasons (including the proliferation of electronic sites, some still undeveloped -- [vigilanterunning.org](http://vigilanterunning.org), [helenarunningclub.com](http://helenarunningclub.com), the shutterfly photo site ([www.helenavigilanterunnygroup.shutterfly.com/](http://www.helenavigilanterunnygroup.shutterfly.com/)), etc.).
- b) **Scrimmage Theme:** The group brainstormed about the next Vig Scrimmage and decided the rivalry should be between math geeks v. poets.

## VI. Announcements

- a) **S2S Trophy:** The Queen City Vigilantes defended their co-ed title at the Spokane to Sandpoint relay, and again finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. The team trophy is on display at the Slangers' residence.
- b) **Augúst Road Race:** The Augúst Road Race will take place on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be at 6:45 at the corner of Head Lane and Country Club Road. The distance is 3.8 miles with the \$5 entry fee going to youth cross country runners. Sarah offered to help out.

## VII. Next Meeting

- a) The next meeting is scheduled to take place Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Location to be determined.

## VIII. Adjournment

- a) Sarah moved to adjourn, Marta seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Pat adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

These minutes were prepared by Secretary Lori Heit, and reviewed by Pat Judge.