

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #10

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2010

I. Call to order

Steve Engebrecht called to order the tenth meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:08 pm on May 17th, 2010 at 107 W. Lawrence.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Steve Engebrecht, President

Patrick Judge, Vice President

Lori Heit, Secretary, and Lucia Heit (new daughter!)

Michele Bazzanella, Treasurer

Chris Beskid, Board Member

Marta Fisher, Board Member – with amazing cookies for the group

Mike Jacobson, Board Member

Ann Seifert, Board Member

Sarah Slinger, Board Member

Scott Story, Board Member

Jeff Thomas, Board Member

Alan Wintersteen, Board Member

Todd Younkin, Board Member

III. Minutes

Michele Bazzanella moved that the minutes of the February 8th, 2010 meeting be approved. Alan Wintersteen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

Treasurer Bazzanella reported that the club has a balance of \$949.34 in its checking account, but that \$290 of that amount would soon be donated to the Historical Society (proceeds from the Vig Mile). That would leave a balance of \$659.34. Since the club obtained its 501c3 status and sent out its fundraising letter, there have been 19 contributors (largely Cedars!) who have collectively donated \$685 (average donation of \$36). All contributors receive a thank-you card that can be used as a receipt for the IRS. The donations have ranged from \$10-\$100. Both Michele and Pat urged board members who had not yet made a financial contribution to do so, as a gesture of leadership. The group brainstormed ideas to help move the fundraising along. Pat said he hoped the group could bring in \$2000 worth of donations per year (as budgeted for in the IRS 501c3 application). This comes out to just \$10 per person if everyone on the Vig listserve chipped in. Ideas included: additional reminders from board members & clear opportunities for people to donate, a "fill the water bottle" thermometer-type campaign (which Alan Wintersteen would help with), specific goals & timeframes (Phases I, II, III), a list of contributors on the website (some had reservations about this), and being clear about the needs of the club. At this time, the board wishes the club to continue to be dues-free. But part of the success of that approach depends on the willingness of people to help out voluntarily.

Pat reported that the Vigilante Mile was a success, with excellent participation (27 runners, who were started by MHS Director Sims) and media coverage. Tread Lightly co-sponsored, and donated the much

appreciated swag. Pat moved that Treasurer Bazzanella be authorized to send \$290 to the Montana Historical Society for use in their capital campaign for a new facility. Sarah Slanger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

V. Short Discussion Items

Steve reported that he submitted the HVR annual filing to the Secretary of State, including a list of our new board members, and he also submitted the paperwork to RRCA.

Pat collected some additional signatures for the 2010 Conflict of Interest policy.

NOTE: Pat regrettably misplaced his notes concerning the rest of the meeting. The following additional items were on the agenda:

- Forest Service Update (if any) -- Marta Fisher
- Update on Centennial Trails (if any) -- Patrick Judge
- Website Update -- Alan Wintersteen
- Fanning Lecture Series
- Race Directors Guide
- Youth Running -- Girls Thrive! and other programs -- guest speaker?
- Upcoming Races & Events (trail work days?)
 - Helena Institute, etc.
- Announcements
 - Congrats to Tread Lightly!
 - Congrats to Secretary Heit, on the birth of her daughter!

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

VII. Addendum

- On May 19, Marta Fisher contacted the Montana Wilderness Association volunteering HVR's continuing assistance in the effort to transfer some of the South Hills trails to the Forest Service (as a follow-up to the letter of support HVR had sent to the Forest Service).
- On May 21, Michele Bazzanella reported on two items:
 - the possibility of a HVR trail work day -- a group weed pull would be useful, but needs to happen early in the year
 - the most recent shoe drive
- On May 28, Patrick Judge shared an email conversation he had with Dave Stergar about conflicts between the Tuesday-at-Noon track group and the middle school students / gym teachers. Ultimately, Pat would like to see some kind of online scheduling for the facility -- especially considering that demand for the track will only continue to increase (with the advent of Carroll College track, etc.). In the meantime, Pat, Dave, and others will work to minimize negative encounters between the various users.
- Following-up on the Forest Service issue, on June 17, a majority of the board (Marta, Pat, Chris, Todd, Jeff, Mike Fanning, Brian, and Alan) approved Marta's request to sign on to a MWA letter on HVR's behalf.
- On July 1, Mike Fanning submitted an application (on behalf of HVR) for a small grant from the Lewis & Clark Community Foundation to assist with the purchase of a finish-line clock.
- On August 2, the board voted to change the next meeting date to: Monday, August 23, 2010.

These minutes were prepared primarily by Patrick Judge, due to Secretary Heit's need to focus on her newborn daughter! :)