

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #17

Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2011

I. Call to order

Patrick Judge called to order the seventeenth meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:03 pm on December 19, 2011 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2nd Floor conference room.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Patrick Judge, President
Jeff Thomas, Vice President
Chris Colberg, Treasurer
Chris Beskid, Board Member
Carolyn Blasch, Board Member
Ann Seifert, Board Member
Sarah Slanger, Board Member
Alan Wintersteen, Board Member
Todd Younkin, Board Member

Regrets:

Mike Fanning, Board Member
Mike Jacobson, Secretary
Scott Story, Board Member
Demaris Taylor, Board Member
Brian Wieck, Board Member

Others Present:

Steve Engebrecht
Bryan Johnson

III. Minutes

Jeff Thomas moved for approval of the minutes of the November 21, 2011 meeting. Sarah Slanger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

Treasurer Colberg presented updated financial statements estimating a \$2050 year-end cash balance. The exact final number will depend on the RRCA payment, which in turn depends on the exact number of members HVR reports. Pat sent an email to the listservs to start assembling the 2012 membership list. The count is currently around 70, but is expected to reach 100 or more.

V. Website Report

Jeff Thomas pointed out a problem with the board photo on the website.

VI. Other Reports

Pat Judge reported that progress has been made on the 2012 race calendar, although the scheduling of the Vigilante Mile & 5k is still a bit up in the air. He also reported that Mike Fanning has arranged for the Staggering Ox (back room) to once again be the venue for the Speaking of Running series. Back by popular demand, Dr. Jeff Steele has agreed to deliver another presentation. The board also discussed the "Speaking of Our Running Club" idea, as a possible opportunity for the board to hear feedback from the members. Judge reported that he had not yet had time to work on the Survey Monkey poll.

VII.

Budget

Todd Younkin moved the draft 2012 budget for approval, with an amendment to change the August Road Race beneficiaries to unspecified "high school cross country programs" and another amendment to remove the Elkhorn line item. Ann Seifert seconded the motion. A thorough discussion took place which focused mostly on identifying an appropriate level of funding for the Montana Cup. It was agreed that the Montana Cup budget item would be listed just as a net expense, as a way to limit the organization's exposure if income from ridership does not meet expected levels. Jeff Thomas moved an amendment specifying a funding level of \$750. Chris Colberg seconded the motion, but it failed on a 3-5 vote (Thomas, Colberg, and Seifert supporting -- Judge abstaining -- the remainder opposing). Todd Younkin moved a funding level of \$500. Sarah Slanger seconded the motion, and it passed on a 7-2 vote (Wintersteen and Seifert opposing -- the remainder supporting).

Pat Judge restated the motion to approve the amended budget as follows, starting with the version circulated at the November 21 meeting:

- "high school cross country program" language change
- Elkhorn race deleted from the budget (it will no longer be an HVR event)
- Mount Helena remaining in the budget at \$0 (no net profit or loss)
 - there was also an understanding that Mt. Helena would remain an HVR event but that there will be a need for a new race director
- remove the Montana Cup income line, and change the expense line to \$500
 - there was also an understanding that the Montana Cup budget could be augmented through specially designated donations

Pat Judge called for a vote on the amended motion (as originally moved by Younkin and seconded by Seifert). The motion passed unanimously, and the board celebrated passage of the first-ever HVR budget. See the attached copy of the final budget.

VIII.

Upcoming Elections

The list of potential candidates for the five board positions coming open next February includes the following (status update is current as of 12/22/11):

Jeff Thomas -- interested

Sarah Slanger -- interested

Julie Ackerlund -- interested

Samsara Chapman -- interested

Devin Cowan -- interested

Debbie Gibson -- interested

Tammy Lavigne -- interested

Janet Robinson -- interested

Nick Smith -- interested

Laura Holien -- ??

Erik Makus -- ??

Mike Jacobson -- declines the nomination

Bryan Johnson -- declines the nomination

Bill Ramsay -- declines the nomination

Kyle Strode -- declines the nomination

IX. Other Discussion Items

Steve Engebrecht delivered some pointers on how to host a successful Mount Helena race. The board thanked Steve for serving as Mount Helena race director for the last 12+ years, and for consistently putting on quality events.

Pat Judge, Chris Colberg, and Jeff Thomas reported that the local high schools would be interested in working with HVR and Carroll College to host a cross-country meet at Bill Roberts in September (possibly starting in 2013). Fees for the venue (\$3000 in September vs. \$600 in October) would likely be cost prohibitive for any one entity, but by working together it might be doable. Alan Wintersteen suggested reaching out to the middle schools as well.

Judge reported that the city's new fee structure has not yet been formally adopted, and that there would be opportunity for public input.

X. Committees

Judge appointed the following members to two newly-formed committees:

Race Committee

Jeff Thomas

Chris Beskid

Chris Colberg

Pat Judge

Education & Outreach Committee

Carolyn Blasch

Mike Fanning (appointed in absentia)

Todd Younkin

The committees may expand to include additional board members, any new board members who are appointed in February, and also HVR members at large.

XI. Adjournment

At 8:22 pm, President Judge adjourned the meeting.

Draft minutes prepared by Pat Judge, in Mike Jacobson's absence.

Next Meeting Date – The regularly scheduled meeting date is February 20, 2012. But because of the holiday, the exact date will be determined by "doodle" poll.

XII. Addendum

Erik Makus and Alan Wintersteen indicated their interest in running for the board, bringing the list of confirmed candidates up to 11.