

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #20

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2012

I. Call to order

Patrick Judge called to order the 20th meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:03 pm on August 20, 2012 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2nd Floor conference room.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Patrick Judge, President

Jeff Thomas, Vice President

Carolyn Blasch, Secretary

Chris Beskid, Board Member

Mike Fanning, Board Member

Erik Makus, Board Member

Ann Seifert, Board Member

Scott Story, Board Member

Brian Wieck, Board Member

Todd Younkin, Board Member

Regrets:

Samsara Chapman, Board Member

Chris Colberg, Treasurer

Tammy LaVigne, Board Member

Demaris Taylor, Board Member

III. Minutes

Jeff Thomas moved for approval of the minutes of the May 21, 2012 meeting. Ann Seifert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

In Treasurer Colberg's absence, Pat Judge reported that we came in \$500 below on Vigilante mile, but ahead on funding campaign, did well on August road race, biggest cost potentially is Mount Helena Race

The fundraising goal was \$2500 for the fundraising campaign. It was exceeded by \$675, to total \$3175. There were 56 donors average donation was \$57, median \$45, common \$25, min. \$10, max \$200.

V. Website Report

Scott Story reported that the website is up and running. Updates will be made on the Mount Helena run, and as needed.

VI. Report by the Education and Outreach Committee

Mike Fanning reported that there were no meetings of the committee. He thought that there would be three speakers this year. He will look again at the use of the Staggering Ox but also the Lewis and Clark taproom (maybe change to Sundays, or early afternoons?).

VII. Report by the Race Committee

Pat Judge reported that the August Road Race was surprisingly successful. High school teams came out in force, as well as a lot of adults that were new faces to us. There were 34 more than the previous record, checks will be written to the high schools. The results were printed in the Saturday IR. He and Jeff thought that t-shirts should be printed up for the 50th running in 2015.

Mount Helena Classic: Jeff Thomas will get updated entry blank onto the website, price is up to \$20. The event is out on two calendars-- 406 running, as well as runmt.com. NW Energy is a cash sponsor, (\$300), as well as Speaker Sprinklers (\$300) and McDonalds (\$500) who also will donate bags and free give-aways. Jeff has other swag. Competitive Timing out of Whitefish will do the timing and people can get registered at getmeregistered.com. Permits have come back, and we have them. The goal for registrants is 120-150 racers. Awards are ordered and shirts are in. Will get donations of the bagels and potentially discounted fruit. Will need volunteers for the race itself (debris sweeping, course marking with clothespin flags, traffic control, etc.). Search and Rescue will be present.

Montana Cup Planning: \$500 budgeted for help with transportation, October 27, in Kalispell region (Plains actually). Invited organizers to audit the course – Jeff attended. Dual lap course. Clubhouse available.

Terrain will be grass, gravel, dirt, native grass. Pat will organize a reservation system for a seat on the bus. There is no longer a Cyppee Cup. Youth will be encouraged to participate, but they won't be competing for a separate team trophy.

VIII. "Open Streets" Event on Sunday, September 23

Request for HVR to participate in the Open Streets event on September 23. There will be a footrace for kids. Ann Seifert, Mike Fanning, Todd Younkin, and Scott Story offered to help.

IX. Brainstorming Session

A discussion ensued on paid membership. Should we charge? Who are we here for and what do they expect of us? We will survey via Survey Monkey our members potentially in October. We could possibly do a newsletter as a membership tool. Todd thinks more buy-in might lead to more volunteers too. Brian thinks the club should charge a \$25 membership fee. Brian thinks there are too many “off track” workouts. The group thought that the membership fee would be required for the listserve, but that we wouldn't exclude anyone from the workouts. The group also discussed the Team Great Divide model, where you get discounts for race entries. BUT you have to race in the uniform, volunteer at an event, and come to a meeting for reimbursement. TGD has multiple business sponsors, which have their logos on the uniforms. Other ideas for HVR might include: All Comer Track Meet, Quarterly Newsletter, etc. One of the things that has worked well since the club was started is the calendar of events. We seem to have better communication, and fewer scheduling conflicts.

X. Brochures

Please get to Samsara Chapman any changes on the brochure.

XI. Announcements

- Blackfoot Community Monday is October 15, 2012.
- Lewis and Clark Ales for Charity, Samsara Chapman will check on it when she returns.
- Other MHSA & Carroll - three races for the high schoolers that HVR may assist with -- Carroll Early Bird meet, Friday Sept. 7; 7 of 7 meet, Thursday, October 4; State meet, Saturday, October 20. May ask for assistance. Also, on November 2, Carroll is hosting the Frontier Conference Championship.
- For the good of the order: We will leave resigned board vacant positions open at this time (Sarah Slanger and Brian Wieck).

XII. Adjournment

The regularly scheduled date for the next board meeting is November 19, 2012.

At 8:25 pm, Pat adjourned the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Blasch, with Pat Judge assisting.

XIII. Addendum

On August 23, Jeff Thomas circulated his draft letter to the Helena School District requesting that our annual Viga-potty expenditures waive our \$25 permit fee. There were no objections by the board.

On September 7, Vigilante runners (including a complete women's team) participated in the Carroll Early Bird XC Meet.

On September 15, HVR hosted the 37th Mount Helena Classic, with solid participation despite smoky conditions. New Race Director Jeff Thomas performed admirably!

On September 23, HVR participated in the City of Helena's "Open Streets" event. The event was well attended, and HVR's presence was appreciated. Mike Fanning learned that race instructions should not include the phrase "I will then say 'runners, set, go!'" – especially with children, who happen to be racing toward ice cream!

On October 15, HVR participated in the Blackfoot River Community Monday fundraiser (aka "Speaking of Drinking"). We raised \$403 at the event (\$1 for each pint sold that evening), thanks primarily to the organizing efforts of Scott Story. We ought to send a thank-you note, and a request for 2013!

On October 26, Patrick Judge circulated a Montana Cup Financial Update. He expected \$24 bus riders x \$25 per person = \$600. HVR had previously committed \$500. In addition, the club received \$300 in earmarked funds supporting that race. The \$1400 in revenue would cover the bus cost of \$1304.66, plus tip for the driver. There were no objections by the board. The actual financials tracked these projections.

On November 18, Demaris Taylor confirmed her resignation from the board. She indicated that her move to the Wolf Creek area makes it more difficult to attend in-town meetings and events.