

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #22

Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2012

I. Call to order

Patrick Judge called to order the 22nd meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:05 pm on December 17, 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 Colberg, Treasurer
Chris Beskid, Board Member
Samsara Chapman, Board Member
Erik Makus, Board Member
Ann Seifert, Board Member
Scott Story, Board Member
Todd Younkin, Board Member

Regrets:

Mike Fanning, Board Member
Tammy LaVigne, Board Member

III. Minutes

Todd Younkin moved for approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2012 meeting. Chris Colberg seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

Treasurer Colberg and President Judge collaborated on the 2012 HVR Financial Statement. The year ended strong, thanks to excellent support from individual contributors. Chris and Pat estimated a final year-end balance of \$5000 (the actual final balance was \$5093.95, as recorded in the checking account register).

V. Budget

Scott Story moved the draft 2013 budget for approval. The budget envisions steady-state financials that maintain the organization's year-end balance of \$5000. Todd Younkin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Member Discussion items

RRCA Insurance- the Club Membership Waiver of Participation- need to get it signed by anyone who participates in our activities. Suggestions include having another clipboard in addition to the sign in sheet. Pat stated that the State of Montana doesn't recognize these types of waivers. The sample waiver was passed around. A lot of discussion ensued about how to get people to sign the waiver, and who would be liable.

It was suggested to have Mike Fanning look at the wording.

Pat offered to look into RRCA's suggestion to use "runclubsignup.com"

VII. Remaining 2012 to do items

Scott Story drafted an excellent thank-you letter to Blackfoot River Brewing.

Vig membership and listserve renewal

2013 event and workout calendar—apply for Vigilante Stadium permit

VIII. Discussion of Survey Results

Survey results: There was 1/3 or more participation rate. Most of the feedback was positive. One surprising result was the preference for the voluntary fundraising system. Other suggestions include less emphasis on elite males, greater explanation in the theory of the program and an open house welcoming session. Website links to the benefits of interval training might be helpful. Kyla Wiens will take over as Cedar Leader. A discussion ensued on whether to create an extra Dogwood or Doug Fir group, but initial feedback from the board was to instead try to strengthen the existing Cedar group.

IX. Upcoming 2013 items

Speaking of Running -- Jane O'Driscoll has been approached to discuss running gate analysis. Other ideas included "big name" speakers like Don Kardong, Nikki Kimball, Scott Jurek, or the Governor Elect!

Lewis and Clark Ales for Charity Night will be attempted sometime in early March. Samsara will see if it's possible.

There is a clearly a need to cultivate additional race directors. Existing volunteers are getting a bit overworked. Mike McKillips and Perri May both seem to have a good experience in this area.

X. Upcoming Elections

The list of potential candidates for the five board positions coming open next February includes the following:

Chris Beskid-interested

Carolyn Blasch-interested

Mike Fanning-interested

Scott Story-interested
Todd Younkin-interested

The list of potential officers for 2013 includes:
Patrick Judge-interested in President
Jeff Thomas-interested in Vice President
Carolyn Blasch-interested in Secretary
Chris Colberg-willing to continue as Treasurer

Nominations will also be invited from the vig listserve.

XI. Other Discussion Items

A Facebook page was developed by Scott Story. He invited feedback and "likes".

XII. Adjournment

At 8:51 pm, President Judge adjourned the meeting.
Next meeting date February 18, 2013

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Blasch, with Patrick Judge assisting.

XIII. Addendum

On January 26, Patrick Judge informed the board that the HVR membership drive was more successful than anticipated, but that the drawback was a greater-than-expected invoice from RRCA (\$846.60 instead of the budgeted \$685.60). No board members expressed concerns, and Treasurer Colberg paid the bill. Judge indicated that we might make at least some of the difference back from the larger pool of members that would be encouraged to contribute to the summer fundraising campaign. But he also noted that at some point, the club may have to convert to a mandatory membership fee system. The club incurs a cost of \$5 annually for each member household for insurance and RRCA membership, but receives no income from many of those members.