

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #27

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2014

I. Call to order

Patrick Judge called to order the 27^h meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:04 pm on March 3, 2014 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2nd Floor conference room.
Thanks to Jeff and Lila for providing Shamrock cookie treats!

II. Roll call:

The following persons were present:

Pat Judge, President
Jeff Thomas, Vice President
Carolyn Blasch, Secretary
Ann Seifert, Board Member
Todd Younkin, Board Member
Erik Makus, Board Member
Chris Beskid, Board Member
Scott Story, Board Member
Samsara Chapman, Board Member
Lila Thomas, Board Member
Sean Connolly, Board Member

Regrets:

Chris Colberg, Treasurer
Mike Fanning, Board Member
Janet Robinson, Board Member

Other:

Rebecca Shaw, Candidate for the Board
Jesse Zentz, Candidate for the Board

III. Minutes

Scott Story moved for approval of the minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting.
Samsara Chapman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

End of year balance was \$7812.91. All checks have cleared.

V. Support letters generated:

Erik Makus wrote a support letter for a grant that will provide restrooms at the Mount Helena park/trailhead.

VI. Website & Social Media Report

Scott disable some of the "comments" functionality, to cut down on spam. He also looked into how to get registered on Google, to improve our search results. Jesse offered to help.

Will get entry form up for the Mt. Helena Classic

VII. Race & Event Reports

HEAT Meet (Sean) -- scheduled for June 8th, the Sunday before school lets out and the week before the Governor's Cup. There were 60 volunteers last year. They will use YMCA's registration system again.

Jeff uses getmeregistered.com for Mount Helena because that's why competitive timing uses.

VIII. Upcoming Events

- Ales for Charity: As of yet, Samsara Chapman hadn't heard back for a date. Expect that we may have to wait until next year.
- Scott Story will check with the Blackfoot Brewery.
- Speaking of Running: Mike Fanning set up an event on 03/13. Dr. Rausch was at the Staggering Ox.

Dates of upcoming events:

- Vig Scrimmage XIII -- May 27
- HEAT Meet -- June 8
- Governor's Cup -- June 14

IX. 2014 preparations

Pat Judge gave an update on the 2014 preparations, such as: The calendar has been prepared, track schedule has been set, track permit obtained, listserv updated, RRCA membership and insurance paid for, dropped people who didn't sign a waiver. We have rights to the facility at the workout time, but the school did want our porta john in place. It was made clear that middle school teachers and students have priority.

Pat also got our events posted on the RRCA site today.

Other items: Pat will contact the office and PE teachers about our schedule. (did not happen -- oops)

HEAT Meet permit obtained?

Annual filing with the secretary of state's office will be completed.

X. 2014 Budget Amendments

The budget needs to incorporate HEAT Meet projections:

- Estimated expenses \$1992.50 +\$300 (see below) = **\$2292.50**
- Estimated income: **\$1900**
- (Finish Lynx System, \$300 per use of the system) put on as a line item to add this automated timing system for up to \$300, although this was later donated by the Orthmeyers.
- **\$25** in singlet sales
- Amending RRCA membership to **\$847.40**

Budget amendments: Ann Seifert moves to accept the budget, Todd Younkin seconds. Motion passes unanimously

Additional ideas (Todd):

- Cost for sponsorship is \$250 Trollies to Trails (listed on their website);
- Five-\$50 grants for smaller items? Larger projects? In-cycle and out-of-cycle grant ideas. Get the word out on our website, list serve and FB page. Put together a request form. \$250 line item. Todd Younkin will convene a sub-committee to put together some guidelines. Erik Makus and Sean Connolly also volunteered. Get information from Audubon about whether there are legal restrictions for 501c3 organizations making grants.

XI. Elections

There are 6 board positions and 6 candidates: Connolly, Judge, Seifert, Shaw, Lila Thomas, Zentz.

Motion to accept the board member slate, Todd Younkin, Samsara Chapman second. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer slate (based on survey monkey feedback): current officers + Seifert for Treasurer.

Motion to accept the officers: Todd Younkin moves to adopt the slate, 2nd by Carolyn Blasch
Motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca will volunteer to be voted on next year (again) as she is replacing a member whose term would have expired.

Thanks to Chris Colberg as long term Treasurer and board member.

XII. Other Discussion Items

*2014- RRCA conference (Spokane in May) both Lila and Jeff were interested in attending. Passed around list of classes. \$375 registration per person.

Discussion: expensive fee. Argument for: we won't know what the benefit is, until we send someone. Help us decide where we are heading. Take it under advisement. Look on the web. Don't recall seeing a deadline for registration.
www.rrca.org/convention/

*Please note that it was later approved that we pay for one member (Jeff Thomas) to attend the RRCA conference.

XIII. Adjournment

Announcements: workouts 2 weeks from tomorrow. March 18.

May 19, next meeting. (Todd Younkin excused for the 19th)

Adjourn at 8:02pm

Minutes Prepared by Carolyn Blasch, with assistance from Pat Judge.

XIV. Addendum

On March 7, Todd Younkin moved that HVR pay the registration fee for one attendee at the RRCA Conference in Spokane. Jesse Zentz seconded the motion, and the motion passed with additional support from Shaw, Fanning, Story, Makus, Chapman, Beskid, Seifert, Connolly, and Judge.

On March 10, Erik Makus reported the following:
Hey all,

I have done a bit of research on setting up a race/running project grant program like Todd had mentioned at the last meeting. I'm coming at this from almost no knowledge of 501c(3) rules and regulations, and I know Sam(?) was going to ask the grant program at her work about it, so this may be useless.

I couldn't find any big red flags. From what I read online, as long as we are abiding by our charter and the state of Montana rules for 501c(3)s, then we will be okay. I couldn't find much about our specific situation, but here were a few notable items:

We'd need to have a publicly available, clear and objective criteria for the grant.

The grant has to be open to the greater public (our criteria can't restrict a significant portion of the population).

We can't give money to anyone or any group on a published 'terrorism' list

We'd have to do some research into how/if the grant would be tax-free for the recipient, it sounds like the IRS tracks these pretty close.

Erik