

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #39

Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2017

I. Call to Order

Patrick Judge called to order the 39th meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:00 pm on February 20, 2017 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2nd floor conference room.

II. Roll call:

The following 13 board members were present, making a quorum:

Pat Judge, President

Jeff Thomas, Vice President

Aubrey Curtis, Secretary

Ann Seifert, Treasurer

Julie Ackerlund, Board Member

Sean Connolly, Board Member

Joel Harris, Board Member

Erik Makus, Board Member

Rebecca Shaw, Board Member

Christy Stergar, Board Member

Lila Thomas, Board Member

Sarah Urban, Board Member

Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Regrets:

Shiloh Hernandez, Board Member

Kathleen McElwain gave notice that she was resigning

Thank you for your service Kathleen!

III. Special Announcement

Pat presented the 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award to Jesse Zentz. Not only did Jesse have a tremendous season in terms of his personal running accomplishments (leading the Vigilantes in many events), but he distinguished himself with outstanding service to the club as a board member, social media coordinator, representative to numerous workgroups, and most impressively, the driving force behind the Junior Vigilante program. The vote in favor of Jesse receiving this award was unanimous (except Jesse, who was kept in the dark). Congratulations, and thank you Jesse!

IV. Approval of Minutes

Jeff Thomas moved approval of the minutes from the 11/28/2016 meeting. Julie Ackerlund seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Financial Report

Ann Seifert reported that HVR has \$10,280.69 in its checking account (with some of it restricted for specific purposes, like the HEAT Meet, Mount Helena, and the Sun Run). There is one outstanding check for \$30 to Helena School District for the track permit, which would decrease the reported balance slightly.

VI. End of Year Report

Pat reported that HVR had a very successful 2016, in terms of events, financials, membership, etc. HVR ended 2016 with a record Year End Balance of \$11,063.09 (before we paid for RRCA), and a record membership of 200 individuals registered on runsignup.com. Tuesday-at-Noon participation numbers dipped slightly to an average of 47.3 (49.3 in 2015), but Pat expects a boost once we develop outreach materials.

VII. 2017 Budget

Pat presented a draft budget that contemplates a "net profit" of \$451.79. The group suggested the following changes:

- request \$3000 from Blue Cross Blue Shield (instead of \$2000)
 - \$1500 HEAT Meet
 - \$500 Sun Run
 - \$500 Mount Helena Run
 - \$500 Montana Cup
 - additional \$2000 from BCBS for Jesse volunteer hours (instead of \$1000)
 - add an expense item of \$129.99 for "Team Snap" for Junior Vigilante program
 - add an expense item of \$106 for the RRCA BMI music licensing arrangement
- Rebecca Shaw moved adoption of the amended budget, Julie seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Governance Calendar

Pat reported good progress on our annual checklist. Things that still need doing include:

- 2017 fundraising letter -- Rebecca offered to take a stab at that
- 2017 promotional item -- suggestions included:
 - socks
 - arm warmers
 - buffs
 - license plate frames

IX. Elections

4 candidates were seeking one of 5 open positions, so all were re-elected by acclamation:
Ann Seifert, Sean Connolly, Lila Thomas, and Pat Judge

4 candidates were seeking 4 officer positions, so all were re-elected by acclamation:

Pat Judge (Pres), Jeff Thomas (VP), Aubrey Curtis (Sec), Ann Seifert (Treas)

The board has one vacancy at this time. According to the bylaws (and good practices), the board composition should reflect the greater membership. A youth member might be a good addition. Katie Campbell has also expressed interest in the board in the past.

The 2017 Conflict of Interest form was signed by all present.

X. Jesse Reports

- Junior Vigilantes
 - 10 participated in the Bozeman indoor track meet on 2/4/17 (2 from Clancy) and did very well, despite difficult training conditions
 - will reconvene the week before Memorial Day
 - outdoor season includes the state meet on 6/10/17, followed by regionals in Boise and nationals in Kansas (possibly)
 - Jesse will also help train interested athletes for the Big Sky State Games
 - there is also now a "Youth Cross Country and Track" page on the website
- Sports Complex
 - Julie and Jesse reported that some exciting progress is being made
 - there is potential to apply for \$9 million in federal funds, depending on location
 - Carroll College could be a partner, and it could be located adjacent (Cretex)
 - fears about a 12-lane track were unfounded -- that won't be the plan
- Scratchgravel proposal
 - Jesse reported that he and Dave Morris represented runners
 - the plan contemplates some good contour trails (runners and cross-bike) (15 mile loop at 4200' contour!)
 - downhill riders would be separate
 - lots of signage showing cyclists yield to pedestrians yield to horses

XI. Membership Report

Julie reported that we currently have 227 emails on the vig listserv, and 212 signed up on runsignup -- most of the discrepancy is due to runners with multiple email addresses on vig (personal and work, for example)

XII. Speaking of Running Report

Joel Harris graciously agreed to be the new Speaking of Running coordinator. Potential speakers for this Spring include Heather Lieberg, Mike Wolfe, and Deb Gibson. Debbie Gibson's TED talk is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQLTfujWcGY>

XIII. Outreach Report

The postcard will be dusted off and ready to go soon!

XIV. Ales for Charity Report

Sarah Urban delivered a check to Treasurer Seifert for \$295 for our 12/6/16 event. Yay! She also reported that we're "on the list" for the Blackfoot Brewery, and that there is also now an opportunity for a community night at the Windbag. The group encouraged her to apply for HVR, on whatever night is available. Thank you Sarah!

XV. RRCA BMI License

Jeff Thomas discussed the importance of having a music license for the announcing at all HVR events, and the opportunity to get a season-long license through RRCA for \$106.

The group thought this was a wise expenditure, and added it to the budget (as mentioned earlier).

XVI. Race and Event Reports

- Masters Mile (Saturday, 2/4/17) -- Jesse reported that just three men participated
Jesse and Peter Dan Sullivan from Helena, and Neil Andrews from Bozeman
the future of the event is uncertain
- Vig Scrimmage (Tuesday, 5/30/17) -- Pat
- HEAT Meet (Sunday, 6/4/17) -- Sean
- Gov's Cup (Saturday, 6/10/17) -- Jesse reported that race planning is going well,
with another strong Kids Marathon expected, and with the return of the relay
(currently 6 womens teams and 1 mens team -- limit of 20 teams total)
there is a 2:27 marathoner coming in from Kansas & Jimmy Grant from Missoula
Heather Lieberg may take another crack at the 5k record
The "Run for Kids" program will take place again this year.
- Sun Run (Saturday, 9/16/17) -- Shiloh
- Mount Helena (Saturday, 9/23/17) -- Erik
some relatives of the original winner (Ben Burgess) may make it this year!
Christy is helping Erik with fundraising
- MT Cup (Sunday, 10/29/17) -- Pat
Ray Hunt will be giving up the MT Cup website after this year
hopefully someone else will step forward to keep it going
(Butte P&M, Run Wild Missoula, or HVR are the obvious choices)
- Sarah noted that Helena Lions swim team is looking for volunteer opportunities
- Ann noted that there will be no SML triathlon this year, and Rebecca noted that
Queen City Triathlon is under new management, but should proceed

XVII. Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for more information about the Windbag fundraiser.

XVIII. Adjournment

Pat Judge adjourned the meeting 8:30 pm. Next meeting is currently scheduled for May 15, 2017.

Minutes prepared by Pat Judge and Aubrey Curtis.

XIX. Addendum

On April 25, 2017, Pat Judge proposed that HVR purchase two sets of starting blocks for the Junior Vigilantes. The cost is \$223.14 including shipping. HVR will receive a donation of a similar amount from Sullivan Financial, but the blocks will be the property of HVR and stored with Jesse or Pat.

Pat went ahead with the purchase after receiving messages of support from a quorum of the board (Rebecca, Joel, Julie, Christy, Sarah, Ann, Shiloh, and Jesse).