

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #41

Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2017

I. Call to Order

Patrick Judge called to order the 41st meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:03 pm on August 31, 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

Joel Harris, Board Member

Shiloh Hernandez, 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:

Sean Connolly, Board Member

Guests: (none)

III. Approval of Minutes

Julie Ackerlund moved approval of the minutes from the 5/15/17 meeting. Lila Thomas seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Introductory Item 1 -- Socks have arrived!

- \$30 for 2 pair, \$50 for 4 pair
- size chart is on the tag

V. Introductory Item 2 -- Thank you note

The group signed a card thanking Steve Bullock for hosting the Phase 1 party.

VI. Financial Report

- Pat reported a QuickBooks balance of \$13,580.33 (with some of it restricted for specific purposes, like the HEAT Meet and Sun Run). There are no outstanding bills or checks.
- Pat also reported on the fundraising campaign -- we've currently raised about \$3500, or 70% of our \$5000 goal. So far, we have 47 contributors, compared to 67 last year. Ann reported that many of the remaining contributors from last year should be good for it again this year. Ann also reported that she's been sending out the acknowledgment postcards.
- Budget is a bit tight this year -- Christy offered to help sell some of our surplus "schwag" on Facebook

VII. Julie Reports

- Nothing new on membership
- Julie gave an update on the Helena Regional Sports Authority ("Hersa") effort. The preferred location is still the YMCA building, but additional abatement will be required for the former landfill. Fundraising and additional design work should be forthcoming soon. Deb Grebenc and Peggy Stringer are the contacts. Pat thought additional outreach should be made to Carroll, as Coach Clark wasn't previously aware of the project.

VIII. Joel Reports

Olympian Suzy Favor Hamilton spoke at the Free Ceramic Studio on May 18th. This was the second 2017 Speaking of Running event, but was mostly organized by Emily Free Wilson and Girls Thrive. Attendees (Joel, Pat, Rebecca) gave their impressions of the event. Overall, they found it quite positive with a large crowd and great presentations by Ms. Hamilton and Jason Deshaw. The focus was more on mental health issues than running, however.

Ann had a letter from the Forest Service, indicating that Alternative 4 of the Tenmile South Helena Proposal was moving forward (pending objections). Joel had written a letter on HVR's behalf in support of the proposed trail provisions of Alternative 4.

IX. Outreach Report

About 200 postcards were delivered to Tread Lightly. Sarah Johnson had offered to include them with shoe sales. The "Runner Friendly Community" plaque was also delivered to Tread Lightly for display.

X. Jesse Reports

- Jesse summarized the 2017 Junior Vigilante Outdoor Track season
 - 60 participants who attended practices, and ordered singlets
 - accepted a few "younger-than-middle-school" athletes (siblings, etc.)
 - excellent showing at state, regionals, and nationals
 - several of the athletes will likely be honored at the USATF Montana Association meeting in Butte on September 24th -- Jesse will do some press afterwards
 - Jesse is able to juggle his HHS & JV coaching for XC -- minimal overlap
 - track is more challenging, but he had some good help this year
- On the social media front, Jesse updated the Facebook picture, the JV web page, etc. Someone should post a Facebook picture of the new socks! :)

XI. Race and Event Reports

- Sun Run (Saturday, 9/16/17) -- Shiloh
 - partnering with the MREA Clean Energy Fair again this year
 - partnering with Carroll College this year
 - trying to get a PV system on the Cube (the student union building)
 - "mandatory" attendance for 400+ freshmen?!
 - permits in place, 40 sponsors, \$9000 raised, JET announcing, Ella singing
 - Competitive Timing on board again
 - courses tweaked to avoid confusion from last year (Pat will mark)
 - Jesse will do a Facebook boost (cost will be absorbed by the race)
 - Jesse offered free Gov's Cup entry to Men's and Women's winners
 - can we do something about the locked chain above the tunnel?
- Mount Helena (Saturday, 9/23/17) -- Erik
 - Passed around some posters
 - Jesse already did a Facebook boost, and it seems to be working -- good visibility
 - registration numbers are decent
 - Burgess family reunion -- nice angle for Curt Synness, include on t-shirts?
 - 2 hour cutoff -- walkers discouraged
 - Competitive Timing remote option (\$50 + \$3/runner)
 - we will continue to do video backup, just in case
 - September 6th T-shirt cut-off -- 20 will be added, and others can have last years
 - Precision Embroidery, long sleeve technical, gender specific
 - Jesse offered free Gov's Cup entry to Men's and Women's winners
- MT Cup (Sunday, 10/29/17) -- Pat
 - Jeff & Pat are attending a course preview on September 24th
 - others can contact Brad Coutant if they would like to take a look
 - Probably can't warrant the expense of a bus this year -- vanpool instead
 - we can reimburse drivers
 - HVR is adopting the MT Cup website -- Joel & Pat are lead on this

XII. Other Items and Adjournment

Jesse noted that there is interest in starting a new fundraiser race for the high school kids
he would like to run it on the new trails at Spring Meadow next Fall
Jeff suggested it be called "The 1st Annual August Trail Race"
HVR could play a role

The group agreed that November 11th would be a good date for a Phase 3 party if
someone wanted to host it.

Pat Judge adjourned the meeting 8:16 pm. Next meeting is currently scheduled for
November 20, 2017.

Minutes prepared by Pat Judge, and certified by Aubrey Curtis.

XIII. Addendum

On September 30, a quorum of board members voted to appoint Jason Brown to the board position vacated by Kathleen McElwain (Urban, Shaw, Harris, Makus, Stergar, Ackerlund, Jeff & Lila, Ann, Pat). There were no dissenting votes.