***Helena Vigilante Runners***

***Board Meeting #43***

***Meeting Minutes***

***February 19, 2018***

***-- action items bolded below --***

1. **Call to Order**

Patrick Judge called to order the 43rd meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:00 pm on February 19, 2018 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2nd floor conference room.

1. **Roll call:**

The following 15 board members were present, making a complete quorum:

Pat Judge, President

Jeff Thomas, Vice President

Aubrey Curtis, Secretary

Ann Seifert, Treasurer

Julie Ackerlund, Board Member

Jason Brown, Board Member

Sean Connolly, 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

Guests: (none)

1. **Minutes and Special Announcement**

Jeff Thomas moved adoption of the November 20, 2017 minutes. Julie Ackerlund seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Pat Judge presented Ann Seifert with the 2018 "Volunteer of the Year" Award (temporary paper version pasted on back of a Michael Phelps Lifetime Achievement Wheaties box). He thanked her for her many years of service to the running community and steadfast dedication to the club. In addition to serving as a founding board member of HVR and Treasurer for the last four years, she has amassed 361 Vig Credits, participated in 15 Montana Cups since 1995 (many time team captain for open and masters teams), and volunteered at the HEAT Meet, Augúst Road Race, Mount Helena Run, Vig Scrimmage, Spring Meadow Lake Triathlon, etc. MANY times. She has also been the long-time Treasurer and time trial coordinator for Great Divide Cycling Team. Congratulations Ann!

1. **Financial Report (Ann & Pat)**

• Current Quickbooks Balance: $10,241.42

• 2017 Year in Review

- record year-end balance: $11,230.52, with a small net profit of $167.43.

- record year-end members: 203, compared with 200 last year

- slowly declining Vig attendance (45 avg), but did hit 20,000 person-workouts

- two excellent Speaking of Running events (Heather Lieberg & Suzy Hamilton)

- Phase I party at the Governor's Mansion!

- record attendance at the Sun Run -- $4600 raised for Carroll solar project

- Burgess family reunion at Mount Helena Run

- 45+ kids participating in youth program, with numerous titles at all levels

- Team Helena captured 3 MT Cup titles in Billings + Jesse's masters title

- successful summer fundraising drive, with record income ($5532) & donors (85)

• Pat presented a draft budget for 2018, contemplating a net profit of $1587. **Sean agreed to make the "Big Ask" to BlueCross BlueShield again: $1000 Heat Meet + $500 each for Augúst Trail Race, Mount Helena, Sun Run, MT Cup. Jeff, Erik, and the other race directors will decide later if the budget needs to be amended to include music licensing.** Jeff also asked if the Helena School District (HSD) partnership contract would continue with the change of leadership at MHSA. Pat thought the 5-year contract would continue to be valid. **Jeff urged that the club start to build a relationship with the next director, when hired.**  Erik Makus moved adoption of the proposed budget, Rebecca Shaw seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

1. **Elections & Governance Calendar**

• With 5 individuals running for 5 open positions, the following board members will all re-elected by acclamation:

Shiloh Hernandez

Rebecca Shaw

Jeff Thomas

Sarah Urban

Jesse Zentz

• Similarly, with 4 individuals seeking 4 officer positions, the following board members were elected as officers:

Pat Judge, President

Jeff Thomas, Vice President

Ann Seifert, Treasurer

Sarah Urban, Secretary

• Pat reported that good progress has been made on the 2018 list of governance tasks. We need to post our events on the RRCA and 406running.com calendars, and reserve the bus for the MT Cup. **Sarah agreed to apply for various Ales for Charity opportunities.** All board members signed the 2018 Conflict of Interest form.

1. **Jesse Reports**

• 9 Junior Vigers participated in the MSU Open Indoor meet on February 11th.

(90 from Mountain West -- it pays to have an indoor track facility!)

• 100 kids have signed up so far for the spring track program!

• The Vigilantes and the Speed Goats will be organizing a couple of meets this spring.

• Jesse mentioned the possibility of hosting the 2019 USATF State Track Meet in Helena.

Jeff suggested he check in with HSD to make sure the track isn't being resurfaced.

• Jesse also mentioned an opportunity to become certified as a USATF meet official free of charge. The process is straight forward, with just a written test and a background check.

1. **Julie Reports**

• Membership Report

- our numbers are tracking closely with last year

• Helena Regional Sports Authority

- public meeting on March 14 at the library (7:00-8:00 pm)

- initial architectural design will be presented (Tintinger)

- track will probably be elevated, and NOT competition worthy

- capital campaign is being launched -- goal is $35 million to $45 million

- 20% discount with federal tax incentive due to location

- seeking 1000 donors at the $250 level (23 swim families have already signed on)

1. **Joel Reports**

• Speaking of Running

- very successful event on January 22nd with Jason Mohr

- Montana Wild was a good venue, and turnout was good with 49 people

- planning another talk with Bill Schneider in March or April - library reserved

- **thinks we should add a tab to our website**

- Jesse suggested maybe having a screening at the Myrna Loy

(Boston, Fire on the Track, or some such -- 30 seats in screening room?)

• Montana Cup Website

- materials received from Ray (and also post race info for 2017 from Billings)

- need to transition to WordPress or some other platform

- **Joel, Pat, and Jesse will work to figure this out soon**

1. **Race and Event Reports**

• HEAT Meet (Sean)

- Sean is looking for ways to simplify the meet, and needs more help now.

- Sarah, Jesse, and Pat volunteered for the committee, but others are need as well.

- the meet will take place Sunday, June 3, 2018

• Governor's Cup (Jesse)

- this year's event is Saturday, June 9 -- registration is going well

- the new courses are official -- see course maps online for changes to all events

- the schedule is returning to the following:

6:00 Marathon & Relay Start (just the first relay runner rides a bus)

7:00 Half-Marathon Start

8:00 10k Start

10:00 5k Start

• Sun Run (Shiloh)

- this year's event may be held at Carroll College (to again benefit them)

- date may be moved to early October -- no longer need to coordinate with

the MREA clean energy fair, which has now moved to Bozeman

• Mount Helena (Erik)

- this year's event will be Saturday, September 22 (same weekend)

- the group discussed the option of applying for RRCA XC Championship status,

but it was felt that the MT Cup would be a better fit for that distinction

• Montana Cup (Pat)

- Brad Coutant sent over the profit/loss statement for the 2017 event,

and also the event recap story -- just need to figure out how to post!

- this year's event will be Saturday, October 27 in Great Falls

- Kristina Smith will be race director again, and has started meeting with her

race committee (looking at locations, developing flyers, etc.)

1. **Closing Items and Adjournment**

• Rebecca Shaw described the upcoming "mini triathlon" at Capital City Health Club, and also mentioned that the Spring Meadow Triathlon will take place July 1, 2018. She will again serve as Race Director.

• Pat Judge adjourned the meeting 8:26 pm.

• Next meeting is currently scheduled for May 21, 2018.

Minutes prepared by Pat Judge.

1. **Addendum**