

# ***Helena Vigilante Runners***

## ***Board Meeting #25***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

***August 25, 2013***

#### **I. Call to order**

Patrick Judge called to order the 25th meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 1:36 pm on August 25, 2013 at Patrol Lookout at the East edge of the Scapegoat Wilderness Area. Samsara Chapman hosted the meeting at her summer worksite and home, somewhere above 8000 feet of elevation.

#### **II. Roll call:**

The following persons were present:

Patrick Judge, President  
Jeff Thomas, Vice President  
Samsara Chapman, Board Member  
Erik Makus, Board Member  
Ann Seifert, Board Member  
Scott Story, Board Member  
Lila Thomas, Newly-appointed Board Member\*  
Todd Younkin, Board Member

Regrets:

Carolyn Blasch, Secretary  
Chris Colberg, Treasurer  
Chris Beskid, Board Member  
Sean Connolly, Board Member  
Mike Fanning, Board Member  
Tammy LaVigne, Board Member  
Janet Robinson, Board Member

\*Before departing from Helena, the board received a motion from Mike Fanning (via telephone) that Lila Thomas should be appointed to fill the vacant position on the Board. He pointed out her many fine qualities and excellent qualifications for this role. Upon arrival at Patrol Lookout, Samsara Chapman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Welcome Lila!

#### **III. Minutes**

Todd Younkin moved for approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting. Scott Story seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Financial Report**

Patrick reported that the club's finances are in good order, with approximately \$7490 in the checking account. The summer fundraising campaign was very successful, easily surpassing the \$3000 goal. \$240 was earmarked for a Vigilante flag (clean logo, no website) and \$150 was earmarked for the August Road Race. The caps were definitely a hit.

#### **V. Website & Social Media Report**

Patrick reported that the Wordpress site was a big improvement, but that there are still some bugs to work out. He also noted that the Facebook site has been idle since the Governor's Cup. Scott offered to help resolve these issues in time for the next board meeting (he has a friend with special expertise in these matters). Also, Samsara's return to Helena should help considerably!

#### **VI. Other Updates Since Last Meeting**

##### - HEAT Meet

Connolly has some extra funds from this year's event  
he will either spend down that balance on supplies for next year  
or transfer the funds to HVR for future HEAT Meets

##### - Governor's Cup

40th anniversary edition was definitely a success  
green paint was difficult to see when setting up mile markers for the Half  
(it took Samsara & Colberg 3+ hours in the night to set up markers)  
countdown markers would make things easier for the mile marker crew  
the use of vinyl road stickers might also be expanded

##### - Brochures

500 were printed, thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield  
about half were included in the Spring Meadow Tri packets  
they should also be included in the Mount Helena packets

##### - Singlet Order

the new singlets are in, and seem to be popular  
Evan Eck raced the August Road Race in his

##### - Flag Order

should hear back soon

##### - Scholarship Transfer

served as a go-between on a \$1000 scholarship to a MSU student  
all funds transferred successfully

##### - Vig Scrimmage XII

the race went well, as did Phase II generally (even without a party)

##### - Tread Lightly's Vigilante Stadium Work Day

not a ton of participants, but much progress was made:  
trimmed the Russian Olives

washed bleachers / scraped gum  
cut up the chain link / barbed wire pole vault pit covers  
weeds growing in the track may have been treated  
special thanks to Sarah Slanger, Bryan Johnson, Mike Fanning, Todd Younkin,  
Treanna Olsen, Jeff Thomas, and Lila Thomas  
the Board felt that the event should be repeated, with more advance notice  
and a shorter advertised work shift (8-11 instead of 8-4)

- August Road Race

good turnout by HHS, CHS, and Broadwater Co. High students and coaches  
94 finishers (second highest ever, but not a lot of adults)  
the event grossed \$700  
after a short discussion, Jeff Thomas moved that the proceeds be divided as  
follows:

\$250 to HHS XC  
\$250 to CHS XC  
\$250 to BCHS XC

Todd Younkin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.  
Note that HVR is contributing the \$54 porta-john cost + \$50 to the event.

**(see the Addendum for a revision to this motion)**

Patrick noted that he has no ARR photos -- we should call out to the group

- 6 Hours in Helena

HVR donated use of its clock for this race, which supports the Friendship  
Center.

## **VII. Action and Discussion Items**

Jeff gave a progress report on the upcoming Mount Helena Run:

McDonald's is supporting the event with:

- \$500 donation
- packets
- post-race orange drink

Spieker Sprinklers is supporting the event with a \$300 donation

NorthWestern Energy is supporting the event with a \$500 donation

The Bagel Company and Van's are supporting the event with donated food

Classic Creations will be handling the shirt order with the same logo

Jeff reported that he had investigated equipment costs. The organization had  
already approved an expenditure of up to \$600 for these items:

20 Large (or Medium) traffic vests at \$18 each = \$360  
10 Handheld Stop Signs at \$30 each = \$300  
Total = \$660

No one objected to the revised figure.

Patrick also requested that HVR acquire a Digiroller II measuring wheel for:

\$169.95 + \$5 shipping = \$174.95

Todd offered this motion, which was seconded by Ann Seifert and approved  
unanimously.

Todd reported on the upcoming Open Streets Event (September 8).

HVR will be helping out with the same basic format as before.

Open Streets is responsible for securing gift certificates or prizes.  
HVR recommends that every participant be awarded a prize of some sort.  
Samsara would like to organize a Race Directors Training, with Carolyn's help  
Mike McKillips would be a great volunteer for this activity  
HVR could get overworked if it takes on too many race consulting duties.  
One or two of these trainings each year might help.  
HVR should also post a guide to Race Directing on its website.  
The Rimrunners and Montana Cup websites have detailed information.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Next meeting date: November 18, 2013

At 2:45 pm, Patrick adjourned the meeting.

**Minutes prepared by Patrick Judge, in Carolyn Blasch's absence.**

#### **X. Addendum (all actions taken via email votes)**

On August 29, 2013, Jeff Thomas moved that HVR sell 4 of its 20 water jugs to Great Divide Cycling Team at a price of \$15 each (\$60 total). The motion passed with additional support from Todd Younkin, Tammy LaVigne, Mike Fanning, Chris Colberg, Ann Seifert, Patrick Judge, and Carolyn Blasch. Mike asked if HVR could request them back for use at the rare event that would require 20, and Carolyn assured him that that shouldn't be a problem.

On September 1, 2013, Patrick Judge sent an email to the board requesting a reconsideration of the decision on the distribution of August Road Race proceeds. The new division (based on new intelligence that Jefferson County High did indeed have a runner present) would be as follows:

- \$250 to HHS XC
- \$250 to CHS XC
- \$200 to BCHS XC
- \$50 to JCHS XC

The motion passed with additional support from Jeff Thomas, Lila Thomas, Todd Younkin, Erik Makus, Sean Connolly, Carolyn Blasch, and Chris Beskid.  
Lila encouraged us to make a special effort to recruit runners from outlying schools.