

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #45

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2018

-- action items bolded below --

I. Call to Order

Patrick Judge called to order the 45th meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:03 pm on August 14, 2018 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2nd floor conference room.

II. Roll call:

The following 10 board members were present, making a quorum:

Pat Judge, President
Jeff Thomas, Vice President
Sarah Urban, Secretary
Ann Seifert, Treasurer
Julie Ackerlund, Board Member
Jason Brown, Board Member
Sean Connolly, Board Member
Erik Makus, Board Member
Lila Thomas, Board Member
Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Regrets:

Joel Harris, Board Member
Shiloh Hernandez, Board Member
Rebecca Shaw, Board Member
Christy Stergar, Board Member

Guests:

Beau Downing

*Note: Aubrey Curtis recently clarified his resignation from the board, not just secretary

III. Trail Running Proposal

- Beau Downing suggested that HVR consider hosting weekly or bi-monthly after work trail runs. He said he would be willing to spearhead the organizing (and said he might also be interested in serving on the board, when the group asked him).
- The group expressed enthusiasm for the idea, and suggested Thursday evenings might be the best time (5:45?). The group also suggested the following:
 - start with runs, not races -- keep it simple
 - keep it relatively short (3-5 miles) -- those who want to go farther could do so (and those who want to grab a beer after could self-organize to do so)
 - make sure we don't step on toes (Wieck, HURL, etc.)
 - trails do get used a lot after work -- be aware of that (avoid Trail Rider bus, etc.)

- post a schedule with the locations, and use listserv as with Tuesday workouts
- select a variety of fun locations (Scratchgravel, Regulating Reservoir, etc.)
regular monthly rotation? with one week reserved for something new?
- Jesse said Tread Lightly ended their program with a moonlit trek up Mt. Helena

IV. Minutes

Jeff Thomas moved adoption of the May 21, 2018 minutes. Erik Makus seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Financial Report (Ann & Pat)

- Current Checkbook Balance: \$15,681.63
- Record Breaking Summer Fundraiser: \$6093.38 (so far)
 - average gift is bigger (as suggested in the appeal) -- but more value this year too
 - fewer contributors so far
 - just one Mens Medium long-sleeve remaining

VI. Governance Calendar

- the only unchecked "to do" item is Community Night fundraisers -- maybe in 2019
- **Sarah will contact Blackfoot Brewery - hold off on others until 2019.**

VII. Jesse Reports

- Junior Vigilantes
 - 33 kids at the state meet in Butte with horrible weather (but great organization)
 - 17 went to regionals in Provo (BYU facility was awesome!)
 - 3 regional record (Tess – JV/Shot Odessa – 400), and multiple champions
 - 5 went to nationals – 2 national champs (Trey – 3rd straight - Tyse T. Shot Put)
 - Thanks to Scott T. who did SafeSport training and helped coach this spring
 - X-Country will start 2nd week of October
 - State meet - Bill Roberts – loop system (2k, 3k, 4k, 5k races) - November 3rd
 - \$8 entry fee for kids -- net proceeds stay with the club
 - BCBS approved \$1500 for the event – covers the \$900 golf course rental
 - Timing would be \$800 for competitive timing but semi-incompatible with USATF – could hand time it (expect 150 kids)
 - Hoping to get a few more corporate sponsors
 - We can set our times but it has been about 11am – 2pm in the past (frost?)
 - adult 5k with the teens or as a separate event – can help raise more money
 - Universal Athletic hot press at the meet to sell T-shirts?
 - Concessions?
 - Committee is needed – Jesse is the lead – HVR members, parents (Sarah, Pat, Jeff volunteered)
 - Next steps
 - Confirm Bill Roberts
 - Negotiate Price
 - Snow? Frost?
 - Check with Phil McGovern as a fallback option at Soccer Complex (Sean Lawlor is HYSA Board President)

- BCBS donated the use of the sound equipment
- event has been in Bozeman for last 20+ years, could stay in Helena for awhile
- a motion was made, seconded, and passed (unanimously) approving the purchase of radios for use at this and other HVR events -- Jeff Thomas will proceed
- both Pat & Jesse worked some to update the vig website
let them know if you spot something that needs attention

VIII. Joel Reports

- Speaking of Running
 - Bill Schneider spoke at the library Thursday, July 19
 - excellent talk, but should have advertised it better -- just 14 people total
(it was also a beautiful summer Thursday evening, decreasing turnout?)
 - **Jesse may try to profile Bill in BlueCross publication**

IX. Race and Event Reports

- HEAT Meet (Thursday, 5/31/18) – Sean
 - Wet but successful
 - 114 kids - way up!
 - Facebook advertising was helpful
 - Run signup worked awesome
 - Thursday night worked well - probably stick with that
 - We made some money

2018 Income:	\$1900
2018 Expenses:	-\$685
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2018 Net:	\$1215
 - **In 2019, purchase some equipment**
 - .32 caliber starters pistol and cartridges**
 - stopwatches**
 - 2 x 200 foot metal tapes**
- Governor's Cup (Saturday, 6/9/18) – Jesse
 - New website (emphasizing link to Caring Foundation) is almost ready
 - Numbers were moderately better than last year, but still hoping for more
 - Kids marathon is going great
 - 1700 in the training program (800-900 kids run the 1 mile event)
 - 13 schools participate (expand to E. Helena, and maybe Butte and G.F.)
 - Good feedback on the new courses (hard but beautiful - actually lots of PRs)
 - Just a couple of incidents with drivers -- map for emergency routes next year
- Phase I Party (Saturday, 6/9/18) – Jason
 - Smaller turnout at our parties recently – Maybe only have 1 or 2 per year
- Augúst Trail Race (Thursday, 8/16/18) -- Pat
 - Thursday night 6:15 registration – 7:00 start
 - pretty much ready -- still need some course guards (board members volunteered)
 - Vig sticker is the finish prize
 - 3.11 miles
 - Parking at pavilion or spring meadow resources

- \$10 entry fee
- 154 participants in 2016 – expecting 100 this year
 - (wanting to keep it manageable while launching the new venue)
- HHS boys/girls – Bruin Boys/ Girls??? Townsend Boys/Girls, Boulder B/G
- **refreshments in the future??? kids or parents host a BBQ???**
- **next year, need to do a better job with the press release**
- Jesse will be "lead vehicle" -- can't have mountain bikes at Spring Meadow Lake
- 3 porta-johns at start/finish + vault toilets available in the area
- Mount Helena (Saturday, 9/22/18) – Erik
 - **Jesse will help arrange another facebook boost (\$25?)**
 - Registration is live
 - Timing? Possibly remote timing again -- need to confirm with Smeltzer
 - Entry fee is \$30 this year
 - Permit and porta-potties are arranged (could porta-potties be moved closer?)
 - Shirts will be ordered in a few weeks
 - Board members encouraged to participate or volunteer
- Sun Run (Saturday, 10/6/18) – Pat gave report for Shiloh
 - Will be held on Carroll Campus and Centennial Park - permits in place
 - Sleeping Giant Citizens Council has been recruiting business sponsors
 - Funds go to Carroll to make their solar system bigger (50 kW instead of 35 kW)
 - New logo, courtesy of Steve Rumley
 - Clean energy event that week at Carroll, organized by Alex Street
 - Planning on using remote timing
 - next year, the event will benefit another entity
- MT Cup (Saturday, 10/27/18, Great Falls) -- Pat
 - MT Cup Committee meeting took place Sunday, June 17, Helena
 - Pat, Jeff, and Joel attended, updated rules, etc.
 - registration is live!
 - **new website is operational, but needs more work -- maybe 2019**
 - probably 8k course at Anaconda Hills (on "the better 9" - challenging!)
 - **working to recruit regional captains -- will be in Kalispell next year**

X. Closing Items and Adjournment

- On August 2nd, Pat, Jesse & Jeff met with the new Activities Director Tim McMahon
 - The meeting was very productive, and McMahon expressed support for the club's mission and an ongoing positive relationship.
- Next meeting is currently scheduled for November 19, 2018.
- Pat adjourned the meeting 8:38 pm.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Urban and Pat Judge.

XI. Addendum

- On Wednesday, August 15, Beau Downing was nominated to serve on the HVR board. He was appointed by a quorum of the board: Judge, Jeff Thomas, Lila Thomas, Urban, Seifert, Brown, Connolly, Makus, Shaw, Zentz, Harris, and Stergar. There were no opposing votes.

- On Thursday, September 6, Patrick Judge proposed purchasing a Start/Finish Arch for the club. The final bid was for \$893, and the arch would be delivered in time for this year's Sun Run. The motion passed with additional support from: Zentz, Brown, Harris, Jeff Thomas, Makus, Seifert, Connolly, Hernandez, and Downing. Julie Ackerlund opposed the motion, commenting that it was a large purchase to be moving on so quickly. On Friday, September 14, Patrick Judge proposed that HVR sell its unused power point projector (in its original unopened packaging) to MREA for the purchase price of \$369.99. The sale was approved with additional support from: Downing, Urban, Connolly, Seifert, Zentz, Makus, Ackerlund, Brown, Lila Thomas, Jeff Thomas, and Shaw. Christy Stergar asked for clarification of whether the projector could be used for more than just power point (it can be). She also suggested that Helena College might be a good location for a Speaking of Running event. Joel Harris opposed the motion, pointing out that the projector could be used for "Vigilante Film Festival" nights.
- On Tuesday, November 13, Rebecca Shaw announced that she would be stepping down from the board, effective 12/31/18. The board thanked her for her many years of exemplary service to the Vigilante community.
- On Wednesday, November 14, Patrick Judge nominated Em Thiessen to serve the remainder of Rebecca Shaw's term, effective January 1, 2019. The motion passed with additional support from Downing, Zentz, L. Thomas, J. Thomas, Makus, Hernandez, Stergar, Ackerlund, and Brown. There were no dissenting votes.