

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #53

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020

-- action items bolded below --

I. Call to Order

Patrick Judge called the 53rd meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners to order at 7:02 pm on November 16, 2020 using the Zoom video conference platform.

II. Roll call:

The following 13 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
Beau Downing, Board Member
Joel Harris, Board Member
Shiloh Hernandez, Board Member
Erik Makus, Board Member
Abigail McLane, Board Member
Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Regrets:

Christy Stergar, Board Member
Emily Thiessen, Board Member

Friendly Zoombombers:

Eileen McLane
Ryan McLane
Frankie Mittens
King Bear Thomas

III. Minutes

• Jeff moved adoption of the May 18, 2020 minutes as written. Julie seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. There was no August meeting this year, so there were no minutes to approve.

IV. Opening Items

• Pat presented Sean Connolly the 2020 "Volunteer of the Year Award"
- lifetime achievement!

- dedicated Vig member -- 227 Tuesday-at-Noon workouts since 2008
- dedicated Board member, since 2013
- creator/organizer of the HEAT Meet -- 7 editions and counting!
(Jeff rightly pointed out that Kristin Connolly also deserves recognition!)
- spearheads the annual "Big Ask" BCBS grant application, since ~2016
- scoring member of Helena's first victorious masters mens MT Cup team in 2011
- Pat also thanked the other board members for their tireless work and many contributions
 - Em's work on the "Vig Video" (SECGC outreach) this year
 - Julie's work on membership renewals
 - too many others to mention!
- Proposed amendments to the Bylaws:
 - clarify that Novas runners can participate in HVR workouts w/o additional cost
 - require HVR membership to run for as well as to serve on the Board
 - language to improve the candidate statements (aka "Board-approved form")
 - tie-breaking procedure (Board decides how to resolve critical ties)
 - recommended timeline for election process
 - other non-substantive edits and clarifications
 - Erik moved approval – Sarah seconded – all in favor
 - there was no objection to using the draft Candidate Questionnaire below

V. Financial Report

- Checkbook Balance: \$29,638.42 (Ann & Pat are in agreement.)
- Membership/Fundraising Drive: Julie reported 89 members so far (goal is 100)
 - breakdown is 60 individuals, 21 medalists, 8 champions -- doing well!
 - emails are going out about once-per-week, plus automated RunSignUp messages
 - we should exceed last year's income & come close to the member count (134)
 - informal subcommittee to figure out how to get everyone on same schedule
Erik suggests pro-rated membership dues - based on Phase perhaps?
 - schedule:
 - launched: Tuesday, November 3
 - concludes: Tuesday, December 15 (followed by "vig purge")
 - RCCA Submission: Monday, December 21 (approx)**
- Jeff moved that HVR donate \$100 to Run Wild Missoula as a Tony Banovich memorial. Jesse 2nds. All are in favor as Tony's contributions to the running community in Montana are legendary, and his friendship will be deeply missed.
Ann will mail the check.
- Awaiting bills from School District (\$1000 for track signs) and Littl' John's
Jeff will check on the latter.
- Otherwise current on "Governance Calendar" tasks

VI. Novas Report -- Jesse

- Novas Cross Country 2020
 - abbreviated season was held -- last week of September through October
 - Mike Kaiser and Mike Kauffman coached - great ambassadors for the club
 - 36 kids signed up -- free for them, other than USATF membership/insurance fee and no expenses incurred for the club

- Jesse's volunteer hour match from BCBS should be around \$1600 in 2021
- Novas Track & Field 2021
 - there will be no Simplot/Bozeman indoor
 - registration for Novas track and field will begin in March
 - could avoid field events, which involve implement touching, pits, etc.
 - masks will be the registration "gift" this year - logos increase mask use
 - placing orders for buffs (\$500 for 100 buffs) - they won't be used for masks
 - the Novas UA store will be open soon, in time for XMass shopping
 - probably limit registration to 100 or 150 and will break the group up in observance of county health orders

VII. Program and Event Reports -- most were canceled

- Track Workouts -- 21 were held in 2020 (Phases 2 & 3)
- Trail Workouts -- 21 were held in 2020 (Phases 2 & 3)
 - how can we **increase attendance to make sure we always get at least 5-10?**
 - award "Vigilante Trail Crew T-shirt" at some number of attendances?
(Tread Lightly did something similar years ago, at 10 trail runs)
 - trucker caps instead of T-shirts? Richardson Company \$7 hat
 - find other ways to advertise?
 - Beau thanked everyone for helping out this year (including Ben Eckstein)
 - Beau will put together a schedule for the 2021 season - likes the new Beattie TH
- Sun Run - Shiloh
 - Central project is complete - yay!
 - "It's good to see solar proliferate in the gulch, with the Library, Holter, Central."
 - Jim Darcy should be complete next summer
 - additional structural work and funding needed for Bryant
 - HVR will be transferring some additional funds this year, to **clear the budget**
- MT Cup
 - Viggie Cup held instead (19 participants, perfect weather)
 - **Website rebuild is proceeding**
- Speaking of Running
 - Joel described the possibility of a **Zoom-based event this winter**
 - might now be easier to get a big name; **Jesse will reach out to Nick Symmonds**

VIII. Upcoming Items

- 2021 BCBS "Big Ask" -- \$4,500, same as in the past – **Sean will put it together.**
The earlier the request, the better (January if possible).
 - \$1,500 JOXC
 - \$1,000 HEAT Meet
 - \$500 ATR
 - \$500 Mount Helena
 - \$500 Sun Run
 - \$500 MT Cup
- Upcoming **board election**, for the following 5 positions (and all officers)
 - Shiloh Hernandez
 - Emily Thiessen

- Jeff Thomas
- Sarah Urban
- Jesse Zentz
- anyone not interested in seeking re-election should notify the election team soon
- Secretary Urban is herself up for re-election, so Pat appointed the following two board members (not up for election) to administer the election:
 - Erik Makus
 - Abigail McLane
 - Sarah has good templates for the various emails

In keeping with the Bylaws, the following schedule is proposed:

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| - Nominations Open | Friday, January 1 |
| - Candidate Statements Due | Friday, January 15 |
| - Election Commences | Wednesday, January 20 |
| - Election Concludes | Sunday, January 31 |

IX. Closing Items

- Other Announcements & “Round Robin” Session
 - The 2020 virtual Governor’s Cup is up to 496 of 500 spots!
Lila Thomas and Matthew Urban won scarves already!
 - BCBS may continue to host a December fun run in the future (in-person)
it helps raise funds for the Caring Foundation (immunizations)
 - Governor’s Cup 2021 registration is live, with a virtual option
(Shiloh said he will run on a **relay** with Pat and Jesse – it is on record!)
 - Montana USATF Cross Country Meet (JOXC) -- Helena will host in 2021
 - Jesse will be attending USATF meeting in two weeks
- Next Meeting Date -- Monday, February 15, 2021
- Adjournment -- 8:15

Minutes prepared by Sarah Urban and Patrick Judge.

**Helena Vigilante Runners (HVR)
Board of Directors
Candidate Questionnaire
(please limit your responses to fit on this page)**

Name: _____

1) How long have you been a member of HVR? (Membership is required for candidates.)

2) Are you currently a member of the HVR Board? If so, how long have you served?

3) Please describe any HVR activities, workouts, and events you've participated in, volunteered for, or organized.

4) Why would you like to serve on the HVR Board of Directors? What skills would you bring to your Board service? What makes you a great candidate for the Board?

5) Is there anything else you would like HVR members to know about you?