

# *Helena Vigilante Runners*

## *Board Meeting #55*

### *Meeting Minutes*

*May 17, 2021*

*-- action items bolded below --*

#### **I. Call to Order**

Patrick Judge called the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners to order at 7:02 pm on May 17, 2021 at Vigilante World Headquarters (107 W. Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room). Pat welcomed all attendees (listed below). There were no changes to the draft agenda.

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

The following board members were present (8 needed for 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  
Erik Makus, Board Member  
Abigail McLane, Board Member  
Ben Quinones, Board Member  
Emily Thiessen, Board Member

Regrets:

Christy Stergar, Board Member  
Jesse Zentz, Board Member

#### **III. Minutes**

Jeff Thomas moved that the minutes from 2/15/21 be adopted as written. Julie Ackerlund seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Correspondence**

All present signed the sympathy card to Shannon Flynn, as well as the thank-you card to Blue Cross / Blue Shield. The board approved two donations in honor of Kelly Flynn: \$100 to Broadwater County High School XC/TF, and \$100 to Carroll College XC/TF. **(Ann will need to get Em the checks.)**

## V. Financial & Membership Report

- Current Checkbook Balance: \$38,347.31
- Current Membership: 149 (compared to 141 this time last year)
- Other Potential Budget Items – postponed until next meeting:
  - more Sauce hats?
  - emergency kit / AED – suggestion to buy locally. **Jeff will investigate.**
  - Vig & Novas batons?

## VI. Governance Calendar

- Annual Conflict of Interest Policy Signing (still need Christy & Jesse).  
Note that the policy is available on the board-only page.
- **Events still need to be posted on RRCA and 406running.**
- Otherwise, pretty up-to-date!

## VII. Novas Report

- sign-ups through sportsengine have been brisk
- Sarah reported that Novas Track & Field practices have begun (3 days per week) for those students not otherwise involved in the scholastic track programs. Once the high school season wraps up, we expect to see an even bigger group.

## VIII. Program and Event Reports

- Track Workouts (started Tuesday, 3/16/21) – Pat
  - attendance has been good
  - track re-surface project appears to be moving forward  
Kalli Kind is the Facilities Director for Helena Public Schools is coordinating the project, with input from Tim McMahon (A.D.)
  - hence, Phase 2 workouts will be mostly (or completely) off-track
- Trail Workouts (started Thursday, 3/18/21) – Beau
  - attendance has been good, in the double-digits most weeks  
10 to 12 is about ideal, as parking can be an issue if too big
  - club could pay for a shuttle for the 8/12 workout (Mount Helena Ridge)  
Vigilante shuttles, Trail Rider, or Trolley
- HEAT Meet (Thursday, 5/27/21) – Sean
  - 10 days away
  - 65 kids are signed up – there are usually a lot last minute sign-ups
  - volunteers show up at 5:15 (set-up crew), 5:30 (start and finish-line crew)
  - Erik will be the finish line boss again; Abby can help out
- Governor's Cup (Saturday, 6/12/21)
  - this year's in-person events include the 5k, Half Marathon, and Full Marathon
  - about 1,000 people have registered so far
  - volunteers still needed
  - Jeff and Pat will mark the 5k course
- August Trail Race (Thursday, 8/19/21) – Pat
  - runsignup registration page is live!
  - Pat left messages with Spring Meadow Resources and PPLT to reserve the date  
**need to follow-up to confirm**

- **Em will talk to Laura George about opening the gate at George's**
- Mount Helena Run (Saturday, 9/18/21) – Beau
  - runsignup registration page is live!
  - Helenduro is the same day – Beau contacted them and we won't overlap
  - Beau will follow up with the City regarding permitting
  - not sure about hitting-up businesses on the heels of the pandemic
  - **Jeff & Erik reminded the group that Tim Cail will need a coupon code.**  
(As the only person to have run EVERY Mount Helena Run, Tim was granted a lifetime race-entry waiver.)
  - Precision embroidery should have the logo vector files
- Sun Run (Saturday, 10/2/21) – Joel
  - runsignup registration page is live!
  - committee met once already, and will meet again Wednesday
  - event will be very similar to the 2019 race (same course, same partnerships, etc.)
  - Central School solar panels are done, Jim Darcy will be completed this year
  - not sure about hitting-up businesses on the heels of the pandemic
- MT Cup (Saturday, 10/30/21, Butte) – Pat
  - **feedback needs to be sent to the consultant, to launch the new website**
  - bus is reserved
  - course will likely be on the trails near Montana Tech, or possibly in Dillon
  - Don Foley (Butte Piss & Moan Runners) will likely be the Race Director
- JOXC State (Saturday, 11/6/21)
  - it's anticipated that the event will be similar to 2019, at Bill Roberts
  - not sure if there will be an adult division again?
- Community Night(s)? – Sarah
  - hold off for now, wait and see how things develop over the next few months
  - same goes for phase parties (maybe resume starting with Phase 2?)

## IX. Green Initiative – Em

- Em proposed that the group adopt some policies/practices in support of environmental quality & public health (aka "Blue goes Green!"). Examples might include:
  - paperless race registrations (we do a good job of this already)
  - extra 'credit' for running/walking/biking/carpooling to workouts
  - bring your own cups to workouts; reusable washable cups for splashing
  - sourcing swag from sustainable companies
  - recycling or donating shoes to a group or organization (as has been done before)
  - Adopt-a-Highway or organized cleanup day of some area (around Earth Day?)
  - PPLT trail work day
  - cleanup of Vigilante Stadium or Smith School or somewhere in the district?  
potentially involve the students?
  - sustainability page on the website
- Assuming we can get good participation and interest from our members, the group had no reservations about this suggestion, and applauded/endorsed the idea.
- Em was officially appointed "Director of Sustainability" for the Vigilante running club.

**X. Distinguished Viger Award**

- Pat proposed a new annual award to recognize some of our most dedicated participants, especially some of the "senior" members of the group.
- Em nominated Vern Roberts as the first recipient of the award. Jeff Thomas seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Closing Items**

- Other Announcements & “Round Robin” Session
- Next Meeting Date – Monday, August 16, 2021
- Adjournment – 8:13 pm (Jesse wasn’t here to talk....we were done early.)

**Minutes prepared by Sarah Urban and Patrick Judge.**

**Addendum**

On June 13, Patrick Judge requested authorization to replace Vig caps lost in an unfortunate accident involving a mouse (Frankie Mittens was later found wholly innocent of all charges of negligence or wrongdoing). Erik Makus moved that the board authorize up to \$600 for replacement caps. The motion passed with the following board members in support:

Ackerlund, Julie  
Connolly, Sean  
Downing, Beau  
Harris, Joel  
Judge, Pat  
Makus, Erik  
McLane, Abby  
Quinones, Ben  
Seifert, Ann  
Stergar, Christy  
Thomas, Jeff  
Urban, Sarah  
Zentz, Jesse

No board members indicated opposition.

The order was placed, and caps should arrive by August 24.