

# *Helena Vigilante Runners*

## *Board Meeting #56*

### *Meeting Minutes*

*August 16, 2021*

*-- action items bolded below --*

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

Patrick Judge called the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners to order at 7:01 pm on August 16, 2021 at Vigilante World Headquarters (107 W. Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room). Pat welcomed all attendees (listed below). No introductions were necessary, and 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  
Joel Harris, Board Member  
Erik Makus, Board Member  
Abigail McLane, Board Member  
Ben Quiñones, Board Member  
Christy Stergar, Board Member  
Emily Thiessen, Board Member

Regrets:

Julie Ackerlund, Board Member (sick)  
Jason Brown, Board Member (sick)  
Sean Connolly, Board Member (taking daughter to college)  
Beau Downing, Board Member (unable to attend)  
Jesse Zentz, Board Member (HHS XC parents' meeting)

#### **III. Minutes**

Jeff Thomas moved that the minutes from 5/17/21 be adopted as written. Ann Seifert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Old Business**

- Flynn family sympathy card and donation  
Sarah reported that the Flynn family ranch suffered significant fire damage. The board unanimously agreed to up the donation to \$500.  
\$250 to Racing Saints, \$250 to BCHS XC  
(leave the "To" line blank, in case Shannon has a different preference)
- **Em also promised to get the BCBS thank-you card sent**

- AED Update – Jeff Thomas reported the following:
  - checked with Legislative Services
  - HeartStart may offer a discount to non-profits too
  - batteries last 4 years, pads last 2 years
  - unit needs to be registered with DPHHS and inspected once-per-month, using a log book
  - also need to register with an M.D., and get proper training
  - must call 911 whenever it is activated
  - we might also need to adjust our waiver language
  - Montana has a Good Samaritan Law, but not sure how it applies
  - for a variety of reasons, the group was a bit wary of proceeding
  - Jeff will conduct further research:
    - cost?
    - do all of these requirements pertain to non-profits?
- Awards (Volunteer of the Year, Distinguished Viger) – **Pat needs to order these**

#### V. Financial & Membership Report

- Current Checkbook Balance: \$37,722.61
- Current Membership: 150 (exactly the same as this time last year)

#### VI. Governance Calendar

- Annual Conflict of Interest Policy Signing (**still need Christy & Jesse**).
- Events are all posted on Competitive Timing, **but not RRCA**.
- **Pay School District for Track Signs (by end of year)**.

#### VII. Program and Event Reports

- Track Workouts (started Tuesday, 3/16/21) – Pat
  - track may be complete by August 30
  - we will hold the Scrimmage at Vig (group photo day)
  - Jeff reports that Fiske Field is NOT in good shape right now
- Trail Workouts (started Thursday, 3/18/21) – Beau
  - attendance started out strong but diminished over the summer
  - could be the heat, the smoke, or other factors
  - Erik: think of a t-shirt incentive for next year
  - Erik: the Shuttle was popular, we could fund that periodically next year  
(Kurt says it would be about \$50 – pretty affordable)
- HEAT Meet (Thursday, 5/27/21) – Sean
  - very successful, except the 90-meter dash!
- Governor's Cup (Saturday, 6/12/21)
  - also very successful
- Mount Helena Run (Saturday, 9/18/21) – Beau
  - runsignup registration page is live!
  - Helenduro is the same day – coordinate? Duathlon?
  - Beau sent the following email:

*Some physical donations for the race have started to roll in, and the winners awards are going to be top notch. Local artist Leah Cupino and I are working on prints of the*

*attached photo of one of her Mt. Helena paintings. Graphic artist, vig member, and Thursday Trail Run enthusiast Jess LaGreca has updated the race logo, while staying true to the original. That will be revealed once printed on short sleeve shirts. Waiting on the collapsible cup logo mock up from Ultraspire, but that should be a nice Vigilante Runners branded giveaway that has an unlimited shelf life since it won't carry a calendar year designation. I need to sit down with Erik one more time, and make sure my checklist and timing is correct, but I believe I'm on track to ensure a seamless transition and top notch event.*

- Also, **Pat needs to check on the Additional Insured status.**

- Sun Run (Saturday, 10/2/21) – Joel, Em, Pat
  - runsignup registration page is live!
  - committee has been meeting
  - 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
  - meeting with the City this Wednesday at 3:00 to talk about logistics (especially Rodney Street crossings, given the construction)
  - Sarah said the High School teams don't race that day, and could volunteer 8:30-11:00 (races are at 9:00 and 10:00)  
Carlin Onstad and Emma Compton are captains, and will help  
Thank you Sarah! :)
- MT Cup (**SUNDAY, 10/31/21**, Butte) – Pat
  - new website is launched! some additional changes need to be made still
  - bus is reserved, with the new date
  - course will likely be on the trails near Montana Tech, or possibly in Dillon
  - Michele Bazzanella and Jeff Braun have been the primary contacts so far
  - but Don Foley may serve as 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?
- August Trail Race (Thursday, 8/19/21) – Pat
  - runsignup registration page is live!
  - everything is good to go with SMR, PPLT, FWP (gates, etc.)
  - 13 have registered so far
  - should be good with 15 volunteers – stay tuned for final assignments  
registration volunteers should arrive by 5:30
  - NOT doing giveaways this year  
(HHS & CHS wouldn't want "Vigilante" stuff now anyway)
- Community Night(s)? – Sarah
  - skip this year

### **VIII. Closing Items**

- Other Announcements & “Round Robin” Session
  - **Phase 2 Party – Jeff will check to confirm details for Friday, 8/20/21**
  - **Phase 3 Party – Abigail McLane offered to host – the final date TBD (but not on 10/31)**
- Next Meeting Date – Monday, November 15, 2021

- Adjournment – 7:58 pm

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

**Addendum**

• On Sunday, October 17, PJ proposed (via email) ordering the Sauce Headwear "Swift Toque" hat for the 2022 membership promotional item (perhaps with a pattern, such as "Rugged Blues"). In 2015, the club had ordered 100 (half of them blue, half white) for \$15 each. In 2021, the price is just \$13 per hat for 300+ (= \$3900 + shipping & handling?). Probably stick with a single color this time, and give out just one per membership (use the rest for August Trail Race, etc.). Shayla Swanson noted that they now have a sublimated logo, rather than heat transfer. The proposal was approved with additional support from: JA, SC, EM, AM, BQ, AS, ET, and SU. Several expressed a preference for a pattern of some kind, to differentiate it from the previous hat.