***Helena Vigilante Runners***

***Board Meeting #57***

***Meeting Minutes***

***November 15, 2021***

***-- action items bolded below --***

1. **Call to Order**

Patrick Judge called the 57th meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners to order at 7:02 pm on November 15, 2021 at Vigilante World Headquarters (107 W. Lawrence, 2nd floor conference room). Pat welcomed all attendees (listed below). No introductions were necessary.

1. **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

Sean Connolly, Board Member

Beau Downing, Board Member

Joel Harris, Board Member

Erik Makus, Board Member

Abigail McLane, Board Member

Christy Stergar, Board Member

Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Regrets:

Jason Brown, Board Member

Ben Quiñones, Board Member

Emily Thiessen, Board Member

1. **Minutes**

Jeff Thomas moved that the minutes from 8/16/21 be adopted as written. Erik Makus seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

1. **Volunteer of the Year**

• Pat moved that Em Thiessen be awarded "Volunteer of the Year" (in her absence, so as not to embarrass her), and reminded the board of her many contributions:

- "Spirit Leader", "Sustainability Coordinator", and "Chief Hilarity Officer"

- Sun Run Committee, and volunteer at most other HVR events

- Windbag Fundraiser, SECGC Video, KTVH Interview

- 2022 Membership Renewal Letter

- Montana Cup Captain & 2019 Phase 3 Party Host

- keeper and orchestrator of official Vig Thank You Cards

• All voted in favor (including proxy votes from Ben & Jason)

1. **Financial & Membership Report**

• Current Checkbook Balance (11/9): $40,807.61

(ahead of budget – expected year-end balance: $32,481.78)

• Current Membership (11/9): 162

• Membership Coordinator Ackerlund reported 29 renewals so far. The annual membership renewal drive will conclude on December 15. Sauce headwear hats will be the thank-you item.

1. **Governance Calendar**

• **Pay School District for Track Signs (by end of year).**

- There has not been a bill. Ann has contacted Michelle Schewyen.

• COI Policy Signing (CS, JZ)

**• Never too early to start posting events on race calendars (RRCA, 406running, etc.)**

**• Other End-of-Year (RRCA, vig list clean-up, engraving awards, etc.)**

**- Christy will get the Montana Cup engraved**

**• 2022 Elections (Julie, Beau, Joel, Erik, Christy)**

**- Sarah and Abigail will be marshaling the election**

**• 2022 Budget**

- Is there a better storage solution for HVR and NOVAS equipment?

- Trailer could be used for events, track, cross country, etc. It would be able to be accessed and pulled by multiple people.

- Cost could be around $4500, but shouldn't be much to register it.

**- Jeff will investigate how much it would cost to rent a fenced parking spot.**

- It may be a possibility to park at the track during the season.

- Look into insurance, authorized drivers, etc.

- Pat would like to see the HVR and NOVAS logos on the sides.

**- Committee to look into buying, building, and organizing a trailer:**

**Jesse, Jeff, Erik, Pat**

**- new singlets for next year?**

Jesse suggested Nike or Underarmour - could get decent ones for $30 each

sublimated (lasts forever, doesn't peel)

shouldn't have a problem with a minimum order size

Universal Athletic (Jason Tomscheck)

1. **Novas Report – Jesse**

• 85 Track and field kids

• 51 Cross Country kids

• 7 former NOVAS are competing in college. 2 boys at Montana Tech, 3 at Carroll and 1 at MSU. 6 more NOVAS should be running next year in college. Logan and Madi Todorovich were All-American in the heptathlon.

• We will be hosting the Junior Olympic USATF meet on June 17/18 at Vigilante.

Bozeman will be the site of Regionals

• Nike Cross Regionals – 39 kids (24 girls and 15 boys)

10th out of 42 teams in the girl’s division, even without some key runners

1. **Program and Event Reports**

• Track Workouts (Tuesday, 3/16/21) – 30 this year

• Trail Workouts (Thursday, 3/18/21) – 32 this year, including 6 mornings

- decent turnout compared to last year, and Vigilante Shuttles was a good idea

- Beau will need help running the workouts.

- Erik suggested a regular schedule for assigning the trail runs.

For example, Erik could organize the "third trail run every month."

He also thought announcing the run earlier in the week would be good.

- Christy, Beau, Jeff & Lila could also help.

- John Fitzgerald had a meeting with local trail groups. He's been coordinating with HURL and the Last Chance Nordic Ski Club. **Beau will try to meet with him and then meet with Erik.**

• HEAT Meet (Thursday, 5/27/21) – Sean

- It happened and it will happen again.

• Governor's Cup (Saturday, 6/12/21) – Jesse

- All 4 distances, the kids marathon, and the marathon relay are back on for 2022

- The 12 Days of Christmas Virtual 5K, and in-person option on December 18

• Augúst Trail Race (Thursday, 8/19/21) – Pat

- biggest ever, and perfect weather!

• Vig Scrimmage / Group Photo Day (Tuesday, 9/7/21) – Pat

• Mount Helena Run (Saturday, 9/18/21) – Beau

- Ben Burgess family award? The family is interested in sponsoring.

- **Howard Skjervem (MPC),** from 1980-96 we only have 5 years of results.

- 65 registered, 45 ran, 18-25 volunteers (quite a few from outside the club)

- Leah Cupino awards were awesome

- **still need to distribute some shirts**

• Sun Run (Saturday, 10/2/21) – Joel

- It was the 2nd biggest ever. Over 200 were registered.

- Perfect weather for this one as well.

- MREA expo was a success.

- Continuing to partner with the school district.

• MT Cup (Sunday, 10/31/21, Butte) – Pat

- New website, and updated rules.

- Women Master’s team won and there were great individual performances.

- **Committee meeting this summer** (move to a jersey loan system?)

• JOXC State & Regionals (Saturday, 11/6/21) – Jesse

- It went well and is a fun race to run.

primarily Bozeman & Helena

Mountain West in currently in disarray, but Flathead is getting organized

- Big expenses are $1000 to rent the golf course and $500 for timing.

(both covered by the annual $1500 donation from BCBS)

- Other costs are covered by entry fees. The event always clears a profit.

• Phase 3 Party (Saturday, 11/6/21) – Abigail

- 40 attendees and LOTS of fun! Success!

1. **Closing Items**

• Other Announcements & “Round Robin” Session

- no Crossroads Turkey Trot this year!?

**- Jeff will continue to research the AED**

**- Pat will get caught up on awards**

**- Sean will start work on the "Big Ask" and submit in January**

• Next Meeting Date – Monday, February 21, 2022

• Adjournment – 8:32 pm

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

**Addendum**