

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #59

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2022

-- action items bolded below --

I. Call to Order

Patrick Judge called the 59th meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners to order at 7:01 pm on May 16, 2022 at “Vigilante World Headquarters” (107 W. Lawrence, 2nd floor conference room).

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
Sean Connolly, Board Member
Joel Harris, Board Member
Mike Kaiser, Board Member
Erik Makus, Board Member
Abigail McLane, Board Member
Ben Quiñones, Board Member
Christy Stergar, Board Member
Emily Thiessen, Board Member
Mitch Young, Board Member

Regrets:

Jason Brown, Board Member
Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Guests:

None

III. Minutes

Jeff Thomas moved that the minutes from 2/21/22 be adopted as written. Christy Stergar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Conflict of Interest Policy

Board members signed the annual form.

V. Financial & Membership Report – Ann, Ben, Pat

• Current QuickBooks Balance: \$50,650.47 (new record!)

One outstanding check from last year. **Pat will contact Brooke Dolan.**

- Current Membership: 158 (149 this time last year)
- New Membership Coordinator: **Pat will get Ben set up with RunSignUp credentials.**

VI. Outreach Report

- KTVH Story (3/18/22) – nice job Abby!
- <https://www.montanaspports.com/more-sports/helena-vigilante-runners-kick-off-19th-season>
- DEQ Lunch & Learn Talk at the Metcalf Building (Capitol Complex, 5/26/22, noon)
 - can be a “Speaking of Running” event
 - Joel, Em, Mitch, and Mike

VII. Governance Calendar

We are up-to-date, except posting our events on RRCA. **Pat will do so soon.**
HVR’s events will be included in the 2022 Independent Record summer activities guide.

VIII. Novas Report

Mike Kaiser reported that the Novas held their first practice last week, with 30-35 kids attending. Many more have registered (middle school & high school kids) and will be joining the workouts in the coming weeks. Practices are Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm. Word has it that the “Speedgoats” team no longer exists, so Novas may inherit some of those kids as well.

IX. Program and Event Reports

- Track Workouts (Tuesday, 3/15/22)
 - Numbers have been strong, aided by some nice weather!
- Trail Workouts (Thursday, 3/17/22)
 - Trail turnout has also been strong!
 - The new “leadership rotation system” has been working well.
 - Erik and Abigail have web credentials, and can update the calendar as needed.
- HEAT Meet (Thursday, 6/2/22)
 - About 30 have signed up so far, which is lagging a bit compared to last year.
 - Race is open to 9, 10, and 11 year olds (race-day age)
 - No big changes planned. Volunteer list is coming together nicely:
 - Announcer: Jeff Thomas
 - Timers: Erik, Em, Joel, Mike, Pat, others?
 - 15 NHS students (thank you Sarah!)
 - Starter: Dave Stergar
 - Others: Krumms, Rhonda Payne, etc.
 - Sean will put out a call for volunteers tomorrow.**
 - Schedule:
 - Facility opens at 5:00, timing volunteers arrive at 5:30, meet starts at 6:00
- Governor's Cup (Saturday, 6/12/22)
 - Jeff & Pat will mark the 5k/10k courses
 - New 10k course will route around Historical Society
 - Postpone HVR packet-stuffers (brochures) & sponsorship to 2023
- Junior Olympics State Track & Field Meet (6/24-6/25)
 - Butte will be timing, and Bozeman will be helping with equipment & volunteers

Other volunteers will be needed

- Augúst Trail Race (Thursday, 8/18/22) – Pat
 - no major changes are planned – last year’s event went well!
 - PPLT has a new permitting process – **Pat will contact Nate Kopp**
 - Vig Scrimmage / Group Photo Day (Tuesday, 8/30/22) – Pat
 - day before school starts
 - Mount Helena Run (Saturday, 9/17/22)
 - Erik submitted the permit application to the City – no conflicts that day
 - reminder: Erik will be out of town the two weeks prior to the race!
 - Competitive Timing remote timing is reserved
 - unfortunate that the Narrate Church event has a similar name and distance.
The 2022 event took place April 16 (116 participants).
<https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/Helena/MountHelenaEggScramble>
- Approach them about this?**
- Sun Run (Saturday, 10/1/22)
 - Same basic model as prior years, but larger emphasis on fundraising
 - Continue to benefit the school district, raise funds for Bryant solar
 - Montana Renewable Energy Association may or may not be involved
 - Competitive Timing in-person service has been reserved
 - MT Cup (Sunday, 10/29/22, Missoula) – Pat
 - Tucker not available (and no drinking). **Pat will investigate alternatives.**
 - We will be hosting MT Cup in 2023. Prickly Pear Tenmile Park? Great Divide?
 - JOXC State (Saturday, 11/5/22) – Mike
 - Jesse is working on changes to increase turnout from other cities
 - will remain at Bill Roberts this year
 - Speaking of Running – Joel
 - DEQ Lunch & Learn
 - **Aidan Reed? Erika Ackerlund?**
 - **John Fitzgerald?**
 - Christy can reserve Helena College 75-person Zoom space for free
 - Community Night Fundraisers – **Sarah will reach out to Windbag and breweries.**

X. Closing Items

- Other Announcements & “Round Robin” Session
 - Adopt a Highway – Em filled out the paperwork but needs to follow up.
 - Em Thank You Notes? **BCBS for the 2022 “Big Ask”**
 - AED – Ben attended a training. \$800-2000. We could start by having it at our events. **Jeff will look into comparative cost of ambulance services.**
 - Jeff – looked into trailer parking – \$40/month to park a trailer outside (N Last Chance Gulch, one site was available)
Pat invited the committee or any individuals passionate about the idea to develop a specific proposal for the board to consider.
 - Vigilante Shuttles no longer in business, Trail Rider program discontinued
- Next Meeting Date – Monday, August 15, 2022
- Adjournment – 8:10 pm

Minutes prepared by Sarah Urban and Patrick Judge.

Addendum – Post-Meeting Items

- In May, the board decided NOT to have a Montana Cup bus. The alternatives to Tucker Transportation were prohibitively expensive.
- In May, Ann and Pat set up a new HVR bank account, due to fraudulent attacks on the original one.
- In June, the HEAT Meet, the Governor’s Cup, the JOTF Meet, and the Phase 1 Party at Em’s house were all wildly successful!
- In July, HVR sent a sympathy card to Ashley Coggins, in recognition of her father’s passing. Eric Feaver was quite a runner in his own right, in addition to all of his other accomplishments (most recently, City Commissioner).
- In July, the board (electronically) discussed the idea of putting together a brochure for Vig/Novas. Jesse and Christy volunteered to take the first stab at it. The old brochure (2013!) can be viewed here:
<http://vigilanterunning.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/HVR-2013.pdf>
- In August, the club suffered a website crash. But the quick-response team of Abigail McLane, Nate Condron (contractor), and Electric Embers (website host) were able to get things back on track.
- In August, the “Distinguished Vigilante” and “Volunteer of the Year” awards were completed and distributed (finally!). Initial investigations also began into bringing back the “Ben Burgess” plaque for the Mount Helena Run.