

# ***Helena Vigilante Runners***

## ***Board Meeting #28***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

***May 19, 2014***

#### **I. Call to order**

Patrick Judge called to order the 28<sup>h</sup> meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:04 pm on May 19, 2014 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor conference room.

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

The following persons were present:

Pat Judge, President  
Jeff Thomas, Vice President  
Carolyn Blasch, Secretary  
Ann Seifert, Treasurer  
Chris Beskid, Board Member  
Sean Connolly, Board Member  
Mike Fanning, Board Member  
Erik Makus, Board Member  
Rebecca Shaw, Board Member  
Scott Story, Board Member  
Lila Thomas, Board Member  
Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Regrets:

Samsara Chapman, Board Member  
Janet Robinson, Board Member  
Todd Younkin, Board Member

#### **III. Minutes**

Approval of the 3/3/14 minutes was postponed.

#### **IV. Financial Report**

Ann reported that as of 4/30/14, HVR has a checkbook balance of \$7,084.13.  
Mike Fanning graciously agreed to write this year's fundraising letter.

#### **V. Website & Social Media Report**

Scott gave an extensive report, including the following points:

- the site is more visible now on google searches
- the posts page is now our home page, which also helps with searches

- the theme was updated
- still some work to do:
  - get a new board photo posted (scrimmage day)
  - more prominent calendar functions
  - convert page links to meaningful "permalinks" titles instead of numbers
  - member profiles would be cool
  - administrators should update their passwords
- Scott will get some additional assistance from Tom Marino

## **VI. Governance Report**

Pat reported on recent progress:

- annual filing with Secretary of State was made (3/6/14)
- annual filing with IRS was made (form 990N -- this was made late, but accepted)
- memberships were changed so everyone expires at same time (11/30/14)
- Todd Younkin submitted our 2014 SECGC application
- events still need to be posted on runmt.com and 406running
- Pat still needs to prepare the HVR equipment inventory

## **VII. Race & Event Reports**

HEAT Meet (Sean) --

- shirts are ordered
- 22 kids have signed up -- expecting about 150 again
- 2 Independent Record ads planned, helenaevents.net, IR community page, etc.
- broadcast license for announcer
- needs from HVR: jugs, safety vests, clipboards, backup video? etc.
- Sara Murgel coordinates the START line, Kyle Strode will coordinate the FINISH
- Hell's Belles will help, as will Capital High honors students and Carroll athletics  
Scout troop fell through
- Tim Orthmeyer is going to donate his \$300+ fee for running the FinishLynx  
but much easier if students are in the system ahead of time  
(name, gender, grade)
- Scott Story can help with data entry
- Rebecca Shaw can help at finish line
- Gates open at 11:00, volunteers arrive at 11:30, meet starts at 1:00

Governor's Cup (Jesse) --

- registrations are well ahead of last year, with many elite runners committed too
- the half-marathon is particularly popular, but capped at 450
- the marathon is capped at 150 (87 so far)
- they are trying to build on last year and improve all aspects of the race
- Gold pans (and \$500 Visa cards) will be awarded the Marathon winners  
Helena 150 year celebration this year
- they will be asking HVR to perform similar tasks as last year
- they will have marathon pacers this year: 3:15, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00
- the course closes at noon (marathon begins at 6:00, half begins at 7:00)
- Hammer is a sponsor this year

- they will also try to get people at the finish line to cheer -- free bagels & coffee :)

Dates of upcoming events:

- Vig Scrimmage XIII -- May 27
- HEAT Meet -- June 8
- Governor's Cup -- June 14

We need to begin planning for the 2015 Montana Cup -- start looking at courses

### **VIII. RRCA Convention Report**

Jeff and Lila Thomas reported on the 2014 RRCA Convention, held in Spokane early this month. The convention was fun, informational, and overall quite successful (350-400 attendees). They will put together detailed notes and send them to the board. Here are a few preliminary observations:

- Insurance
  - ambulances need to be named as additional insured, or have their own
  - no alcohol at races
  - lead bikers aren't covered
  - strollers, earphones, and dogs are discouraged
- Workouts
  - never do one-on-one coaching -- always have 2 HVR personnel present
- Finances
  - we were the ONLY group that relies on donations instead of member fees
- Upcoming conferences
  - Des Moines, Dalls, Detroit
- Conclusion
  - they felt it was worthwhile for us to send a representative

### **IX. Other Discussion Items**

Track Issues (Pat & Jeff):

- the track will be closed for a couple months this summer for resurfacing
  - HVR is hoping to have some input into the striping and other issues
  - HVR was informed that HMS students AND Carroll has priority over us at the track -- the HVR Board may seek to appeal this (latter) decision
- HVR typically has just six spring workouts at the track:  
Perring, Centipedes, Pyramid, Tour de Track, Pre, Scrimmage

Speaking of Running

- maybe a Yoga for Runners session

### **X. Adjournment**

Next Meeting Date: Sometime around August 18th -- Location to be determined

Adjourn at 8:23 pm

Minutes Prepared by Pat Judge, with Carolyn's blessing.

## **XI. Addendum**

On June 16, Samsara Chapman reported that HVR received \$245 from the Lewis & Clark brewing Ales for Charity Fundraiser held May 27th. Not bad!

On August 6th, the HVR Board of Directors approved an expenditure of \$250 (50% of the expected cost of \$500, to be split with Carroll College) for extra striping for the track re-surface project. It is expected that the track will now have 1 mile, 1500 meter, and 5000/3000 meter waterfall start lines. The motion passed with support from Jeff Thomas, Pat Judge, Jesse Zentz, Sean Connolly, Chris Beskid, Carolyn Blasch, Todd Younkin, Ann Seifert, and Erik Makus. There were no opposing votes.