

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #30

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2014

I. Call to order

Patrick Judge called to order the 30th meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:01 pm on November 17, 2014 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2nd Floor conference room.

II. Roll call:

The following 13 board members were present, making a quorum:

Pat Judge, President
Jeff Thomas, Vice President
Ann Seifert, Treasurer
Chris Beskid, Board Member
Samsara Chapman, 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
Todd Younkin, Board Member
Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Other:

Greg DeWitt, HVR Member
Christie Anderson, Snow Joke 1/2 Marathon Organizer

Regrets:

Carolyn Blasch, Secretary
Janet Robinson, Board Member

III. Special Guest -- Christie Anderson

Christie is a Helena native who now splits her time between here and Missoula. She is an employee of BSORE (Big Sky Orographic Racing & Events). Matt Gibson (of Missoula Independent fame) started the organization to promote events -- principally the Snow Joke 1/2 Marathon and the Montana Mucker races (Missoula & Great Divide Ski Area). This is their second year organizing the Snow Joke (acquired

from Cheetah Herders Athletic Club), and they are hoping for 1000 participants. They are offering discounts to members of running clubs: \$35 for the package of 2015 AND 2016 registration fees + a pair of Features socks! They hope to organize shuttles from Missoula and maybe Helena. The event is USATF sanctioned, and will be featured in Runners World:

<http://www.runnersworld.com/photos/7-cold-runs-and-polar-plunges>

The Helena-area Mucker race will be held June 27th. They're expecting 600 participants, and hope to grow the event to 2400. They had 127 workers last year, and presented a \$10,000 check to Intermountain Children's Home. The race is 5k, with 10-12 waves. But it hasn't been timed in the past -- should it be? They have sponsors such as Lewis & Clark brewery and Montana Media Company.

IV. Minutes

Jeff Thomas moved approval of the 8/18/14 minutes. Todd Younkin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Financial Report

Ann Seifert confirmed a checkbook balance of \$9134.45. Pat mentioned that it was another good year for HVR, as we continue to increase our year-end-balance, building to the \$10,000 mark. If we can sustain that balance, it might be worth looking into hiring a part-time staff person.

VI. Awards & Farewell Speeches

Pat presented plaques to the following Vigers, in recognition of their outstanding service to the club:

2013 Volunteer of the Year: Greg DeWitt

2014 Volunteer of the Year: Mike Fanning

2015 Volunteer of the Year: Samsara Chapman

Departing (or soon-to-be-departing) board members Scott Story and Samsara Chapman gave stirring farewell speeches. Pat also announced that Carolyn Blasch was departing the board in order to pursue a new career in nursing.

VII. Website & Social Media Report

Jesse Zentz has been doing an excellent job keeping the Vig Facebook site current, with multiple new posts per week. He said that anyone can send him items to post, and that visuals are always good. He will also be posting the workouts when they start up in March.

Scott Story reported that he had worked to eliminate the Wordpress "comment" issue again. Hopefully, we'll be able to avoid the spam we were getting from here on out.

VIII. Race & Event Reports

Event recaps, success stories, and lessons learned were reported by the following board members:

Augúst Road Race -- Pat

Speaking of Running with Nikki Kimball -- Mike

Mount Helena Run -- Jeff

brainstorming ideas about how to recruit new runners

not perceived as "extreme" enough?

JZ: "Get Out of the Rut!" slogan :)

Fanning -- Race series points (similar to Vig Credit)

Todd -- how do you get the new folks? the "gym rats", etc.?

MHSA State XC Meet -- Jeff

Montana Cup -- Pat

2014 race was very successful

Masters Men lost to Bozeman by just 3 points, but it was a great effort

Masters Women also got second place

Open Men ran very respectably (3rd place, and only 8 points behind 2nd)

Helena will be hosting the 2015 event!

Phase III Party -- Samsara

Tread Lightly -- Pat

New location, with lots going on (Rachel Toor, etc.)

IX. Upcoming Tasks

- The 2014 Financial Statement will be presented at the next board meeting
- The Draft 2015 Budget will also be presented
- HVR membership renewal process, listserv cleanup, RRCA insurance, etc.
- 2015 Race & Event Calendar: http://vigilanterunning.org/?page_id=598
- 2015 Workout Schedule: http://vigilanterunning.org/?page_id=243
- 2015 Facility Use Permit
- Annual Filing with MT Secretary of State
- Form 990-N (federal tax filing)
- SECGC Application
- Elections!
- 50th August Road Race!
- 40th Mount Helena Run!
- Hosting the 2015 Montana Cup!
 - Competitive Timing will donate services, in exchange for lodging & expenses will be converting to runsignup (preferred by Competitive Timing)
 - HVR already uses runsignup for its membership database
 - & Jesse is familiar with it as well (Gov's Cup) -- he can help out

X. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: February 16, 2015

Adjourn at 8:35 pm

Minutes Prepared by Pat Judge, in Carolyn's absence.

XI. Addendum (all motions made via email communication)

On November 23, 2014, Jesse Zentz moved that the board appoint Aubrey Curtis to a vacant position on the board and to the vacant officer position of Secretary. Todd

Younkin seconded the motion, which passed with additional support from Rebecca Shaw, Erik Makus, Samsara Chapman, Lila Thomas, Jeff Thomas, Janet Robinson, Ann Seifert, and Patrick Judge. No board members opposed the motion.

On January 7, 2015, Patrick Judge nominated Kathleen McElwain to the remaining vacant position on the board. Rebecca Shaw seconded the motion, which passed with additional support from Jesse Zentz, Todd Younkin, Lila Thomas, Jeff Thomas, Mike Fanning, Chris Beskid, and Ann Seifert. No board members opposed the motion.

On February 9th, Samsara Chapman moved that HVR support Tread Lightly's "Junior Vigilantes" with a monetary contribution of \$100 - \$200. Jesse Zentz seconded the motion. The motion passed with additional support from Mike Fanning, Todd Younkin, Kathleen McElwain, Rebecca Shaw, Chris Beskid, and Patrick Judge. No board members opposed the motion. \$150 was included in the Draft Budget submitted to the board on 2/15/15.