

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #32

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2015

I. Call to order

Patrick Judge called to order the 32nd meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:02 pm on May 18th, 2015 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2nd Floor conference room.

II. Roll call:

The following 14 board members were present, making a quorum:

Pat Judge, President
Jeff Thomas, Vice President
Aubrey Curtis, Secretary
Ann Seifert, Treasurer
Chris Beskid, Board Member
Sean Connolly, Board Member
Shiloh Hernandez, Board Member
Erik Makus, Board Member
Kathleen McElwain, Board Member
Rebecca Shaw, Board Member
Lila Thomas, Board Member
Sarah Urban, Board Member
Todd Younkin, Board Member
Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Regrets:

Mike Fanning, Board Member

III. Approval of Minutes

Jeff Thomas moved approval of the 2/16/15 minutes. Todd Younkin seconded the motion and identified a typo that needed changing. The change was made, and the amended minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

Ann Seifert confirmed a bank balance of \$11,012.38. However, she recently wrote a \$60 check for HEAT Meet flyers (half of what was spent last year) that hasn't yet cleared. She also indicated the Todd Younkin needed to be reimbursed for the \$40 SECGC application fee, but he offered to make that a donation to the organization. These two transactions were subsequently logged into QuickBooks. Ann took

some time to discuss the report. Ann needs 2015 thank-you cards for member donations, which Pat will get to her.

V. Race and Events Report

- Rivals Run - Jesse Zentz participated. The event attracted a good number of runners, and the board discussed more communication and potential partnering with Rivals next year.
- CC Hopeful Soles Run - rented our clock for the event. Vig made \$25.
- Race for the Cure - Jeff Thomas announced. Rainy day with approximately half the number of runners from last year.

VI. Upcoming Events

- HEAT Meet - Sean Connolly said we have approximately 30 kids signed up already. Looking to get the IR to print an ad (hopefully low-cost or free). Also on the list for Helena events on the Helena Events website. Sean passed out flyers. Always looking for timers (back to hand timing this year) - show up at 11:30 to volunteer...the meet goes from 1:00 - approx 3:30 pm.
- August Road Race - Subdivision going in on Franklin Mine Road. This year is the 50th year, so get through this event and discuss future options after that.
- Mount Helena - Jeff Thomas got some donations for the event (\$500 from Terry Gauthier at McDonalds, \$300 from Spieker Sprinklers, and \$500 from Kiwanis). Kiwanis may be interested in supporting the MT Cup too. Erik Makus is working on getting advertising out. The website needs to be updated as well.
- Helena Sun Run - Shiloh Hernandez is working on finalizing the course and getting permits from the city. Also some discussion with possible sponsorships. He will update folks via the listserve.
- Montana Cup - Half dozen went out for a rainy course preview. Sieben Ranch is the primary location, with support from the landowners (no charge). Course looks challenging, but great. Biggest issue is that hunters do use the road along the course. Short term closures to the road while the race is underway is the solution as of now. Mountain View Meadows may still be a potential option for the MT Cup course.

VII. Action/Discussion Items

- Pat discussed the Conflict of Interest form.
- Pat mentioned that the first Vig Scrimmage is cancelled this year. The fall scrimmage is the only one on the calendar for 2015.
- Kathleen generously volunteered to author the Fundraising Appeal letter
- Aubrey volunteered to organize the promotional item for the fundraising campaign. Possible options for the promotional items are socks, winter hats, t-shirts, etc.
- We should put a "Vig Store" on the website, but not conduct the transactions there

- Gov's Cup - 1200 signed up already (400 ahead of this time last year). Marathon will be limited to 150, and half-marathon 500. The earlier start times should help reduce traffic conflicts. There is no shindig this year, but Adam Goucher speaking at Myrna Loy (free!).
- BCBS purchased a finish truss that they will lend to other events.
- BCBS wants us to approach them with a "single ask" for each calendar year.
- Lieberg & Racing Saints Booster Activities - host a Speaking of Running reception for Heather next January before Trials. Also, host some kind of BBQ or something for the Carroll runners, potentially around their home meet (but maybe not until 2016).

VIII. 2015 Governance Tasks

- Races need to get posted to RRCA and other sites SOON (this week!).
- HVR will start paying for the Vigapotty on May 25.

IX. Adjournment

- Next Meeting Date: August 17, 2015
- Adjourn at 8:22 pm
- Minutes Prepared by Aubrey Curtis.

X. Addendum

In June, after some thoughtful discussion, the HVR board (Jeff, Lila, Kathleen, Jesse, Rebecca, Sean, Ann, Todd, Erik, Sarah, Pat, no one objecting) decided to make the following proposal. It was agreed to by the school district, and a contract was signed. In addition to the contract, the sign itself came in at \$400.

From: Patrick Judge <pljudge@bresnan.net>

Date: Friday, June 19, 2015 9:58 AM

To: "Opitz, Jim" <jopitz@helenaschools.org>

Subject: Re: Hi Jim

Hi Jim,

The HVR Board voted to make the following offer:

We would like to partner with HSD#1 for a term of five years and displaying a sign at the track, but we can only afford \$500 per year.

As you know, we are 501c3 non-profit organization with a very modest resource base. I've attached a copy of our balance sheet showing total assets of \$10,000 at the end of last year, and also our Profit & Loss Statement for 2014. I'm hoping that as you consider this proposal, you will also note the other support we provide to youth athletics in the Helena area each year:

- The HEAT Meet track & field event, with free entry & t-shirt for

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders

- The August Road Race, with 100% of net proceeds going to HHS, CHS, and Broadwater Co. High Cross-Country programs
- Volunteers for High School Cross-Country meets (State and 7x7)
- Shoe drives for HMS students

We've also been proud partners of track clean-up events, the NE porta-john (mid-May through October), track striping, etc.

Our organization was named after this facility and we feel a close kinship to it. We would love to have a visible display of that connection.

I've also attached a copy of our banner. We were hoping for something similar for the signage at the track.

Many thanks for considering this offer, and for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Pat

Patrick Judge

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On 6/19/15 9:15 AM, "Opitz, Jim" <jopitz@helenaschools.org> wrote:

Patrick,

The funds go into the athletic account, like gate receipts, and are used to pay for everything we do in activities except salaries and travel..Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Judge [<mailto:pljudge@bresnan.net>]

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 1:03 PM

To: Opitz, Jim

Subject: Re: Hi Jim

Hi Jim,

I just wanted to let you know that our board has been discussing this, but we did have one question arise about the destination of the funds: HSD#1 athletics, general school fund, other?

Thanks Jim,
Pat

On July 28, the annual "Appeal to Members" letter was sent out. Kathleen McElwain was the principal author, but the letter also benefitted from some edits by other board members. A majority of the board endorsed sending the letter, and no one objected.

At Pat's request, the August board meeting was shifted to Wednesday August 12th. Rebecca Shaw was the only member indicating an inability to attend at that time.