

# *Helena Vigilante Runners*

## *Board Meeting #33*

### *Meeting Minutes*

*August 12, 2015*

#### **I. Call to Order**

Patrick Judge called to order the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:03 pm on August 12, 2015 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. The board had agreed to meet on this date instead of the usual date, which would have been 8/17/15.

#### **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  
Mike Fanning, Board Member  
Shiloh Hernandez, Board Member  
Erik Makus, Board Member  
Kathleen McElwain, Board Member  
Lila Thomas, Board Member  
Sarah Urban, Board Member  
Todd Younkin, Board Member  
Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Regrets:

Rebecca Shaw, Board Member

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Jeff Thomas moved to approve the minutes from the 5/18/2015 meeting. Todd Younkin seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Ann Seifert explained that the back account balance is higher than what was indicated on the agenda. Approximately \$242 from the online run sign up has been deposited bringing the balance to \$9709.09 (Pat noted that \$1163.69 of this is reserved for HEAT Meet, and \$600 is reserved for Sun Run). Some unpaid invoices include \$93.20 for the port-a-potty and \$400 for the Vigilante Running Club sign at the stadium. In addition, some fees to the city are due for future events such as the Mt. Helena Run and the Sun Run. As for outstanding payments that we can expect to be made to the club, both Brian Wieck and

BCBS have rented our time clock and fees for that should be coming in soon. The fundraising campaign item (Sauce Headwear) is expected to be shipped the week of August 17 (next week).

**V. Web and Social Media**

Jesse Zentz has been keeping the Facebook page up to date, with consistent posts of sponsored events in the coming weeks. We are at approximately 260 “likes” on the page. More importantly, we are not losing any “likes” and slowly increasing. He asked the board to continue sending him content, especially images and video clips.

Erik Makus has updated the Mt. Helena webpage.

**VI. Race and Events**

**HEAT Meet** – Sean Connolly explained that event went well, and the weather cooperated. The numbers were down from last year, which can be attributed to a small “debacle” last year (the timing delays) and the fact that we could not hand out flyers in the schools this year.

**Governor’s Cup** – Jesse Zentz said that the turnout was good. The half marathon was up considerably, while the full marathon increased slightly in registrants. Records did fall this year, including the women’s 10k record held previously by Nicole Hunt. Heather Lieberg smashed that record, even with a slight modification to her time due to a short course (the start line was moved closer than what it should have been). In addition, Colin Fehr from Missoula broke the half marathon record. Jesse went on to explain that they are going to stick to the Friday/Saturday schedule next year, even though some have expressed interest in moving to a Saturday/Sunday schedule. To compensate, they will be expanding the packet pickup times by four hours (start two hours earlier and end two hours later).

Mike Fanning noted that having hotels, restaurants, race activities, etc. all concentrated downtown is a big draw to out-of-state runners.

Jesse noted that having course preview videos (thanks to Aidan Reed’s GoPro) on the web this year is gathering positive reviews, along with the new overhead truss for the finish. Things that did not work out as hoped were the Adam Goucher talk the night before the race (limited attendance), along with the Jumbo Tron at the finish chute (limited viewing). Jesse spoke about softening the relationship with the Birdseye community by meeting with members in person, to include the Birdseye Fire Department. The FD was excited about helping with the race next year. As a sign of gratitude and support for the community, Jeff Thomas made a motion to donate to the Birdseye Fire Department up to \$250 for an electronic sign at the Fire Department (depending on the need). The max would match the donation put forth by the Great Divide Cycling Team. Helena Bicycle Club is putting in \$500. Todd Younkin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Jesse would like to see the speed limit reduced out there. Jeff warned that if a traffic study is conducted, they may prohibit cycling altogether.

**VII. Other Reports**

Pat Judge explained that the track sign would be coming soon.

There is no update from the Physical Activity Workgroup according to Jesse Zentz.

#### **VIII. Upcoming Events**

**August Road Race** – Pat Judge updated the group on the latest with the ARR, including the registration fee commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the race. In addition, the first 100 registrants will receive a special item, courtesy of the Vigilante Running Club and the Sullivan Financial Group. The local area high schools (Helena High, Capital High, Broadwater County High) will be supporting the event this year with racers, as will the Carroll College XC team. The Tread Lightly Junior Vigilantes will be there, and hopefully a good showing from the adult Vigers. Pat put another call out to the Board for volunteers and/or racers, and went around the room to get a feel for who would be available.

**Mt. Helena Run** – Erik Makus informed the Board that online registration is up, and flyers are made (he brought some for folks to take and put up around the town) -- Allegra printed 50 for \$3.50. He will also be making a push to get the word out about the race to the different running list serves around the state. There are relatively few conflicts this year (Bozeman Marathon is the next day, but that's about it.) There have been no paper form registrations received to date. The timing this year will be manual once again (pull tab). Jeff Thomas will be race announcer again, and both Todd Younkin and Ann Seifert volunteered to be course marshals. Bryan Johnson is making the awards again this year for the overall and masters winners (male and female).

**Sun Run** – Shiloh Hernandez gave an update on the progress of the race. There has been lots of sponsorship interest, and \$1000 already in the bank. He is currently waiting on permits from the parks/city. There has been another cosponsor of the race from Missoula. Jesse Zentz said that he would post an ad on Facebook to promote the race. Jesse also said he would check to see if they have any old awards from the Governor's Cup to donate to the Sun Run.

**Vig Scrimmage** – Pat Judge commented that the scrimmage is coming up on October 13, 2015. The theme will be apples or oranges, from the suggestion given by Jesse Zentz.

**MT Cup** – Pat Judge updated the Board on the course preview that was held a few weeks prior, with guests from out of town. The weather was cooperative, and the course will undergo a small “tweak” which will shorten the course. The approximate distance is 8k, consisting of roughly 2/3 double track and 1/3 dirt road. Mike Fanning will get the key from Kathy Baucus for the gate, and Jeff Thomas agreed to use his tractor for cutting the grass and preparing the course. The Vigilante Running Club will reimburse Jeff for the gas. Pat will start convening every-other-week meetings of the race committee in September.

#### **IX. Action/Discussion Items**

**Ray Hunt** – a card was passed around due to the sudden passing of Ray Hunt's mother in an automobile accident. All Board members present signed the card.

**Kiwanis** – still a potential sponsor for the Vigilante Running Club's events, including the HEAT Meet and the Mt. Helena Run. A representative may attend the November Board meeting.

**Phase II Party** – Mike Fanning has graciously volunteered to host the Phase II party.

**SECGC Fair** – Pat Judge suggested that we skip attending this year due to the number of activities we currently have on the plate. There were no objections.

**X. Closing Items**

Jesse Zentz made a plea for those from the Club interested in sponsorship from BCBS to combine requests into one. He also said to not be hesitant in asking...BCBS is eager to support local outdoor/athletic events. They are putting \$500 toward the Sun Run, the first "Gigawatt" level sponsor. Perhaps they will be interested in the Montana Cup too -- Go Blue! :)

Kathleen McElwain volunteered to be a course sweeper for the August Road Race, due to requests from participants in previous years.

**XI. Adjournment**

Next meeting will be November 16, 2015.

Pat Judge adjourned the meeting 8:41 pm.

Minutes prepared by Aubrey Curtis, with input from Pat Judge.

**XII. Addendum**

On 9/23/15, Shiloh Hernandez moved that the board approve hiring JET Announcing for the upcoming Sun Run. Jeff and Lila Thomas are the owners/operators of JET Announcing and also both serve on the board. HVR's Conflict of Interest Policy requires approval in the form of a vote, with only the uninterested members participating (i.e. Jeff & Lila not participating in this instance). As noted by Shiloh, the policy requires "an assessment of whether the same services can be obtained elsewhere at a comparable price." Shiloh stated "We have determined that the services cannot be obtained elsewhere at a comparable price. We think Jeff is excellent at what he does and that the price (\$100 plus \$0.30 per runner, plus \$79 for music licensing fee) is reasonable." The board approved the motion electronically, with support from Ann, Todd, Erik, Chris, Sarah, Jesse, Kathleen, Shiloh, and Pat. There was no opposition to the motion.