

# *Helena Vigilante Runners*

## *Board Meeting #44*

### *Meeting Minutes*

*May 21, 2018*

*-- action items bolded below --*

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

Patrick Judge called to order the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:02 pm on May 21, 2018 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

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

The following 10 board members were present, making a quorum:

Pat Judge, President  
Jeff Thomas, Vice President  
Sarah Urban, Secretary  
Ann Seifert, Treasurer  
Jason Brown, Board Member  
Joel Harris, Board Member  
Erik Makus, Board Member  
Rebecca Shaw, Board Member  
Lila Thomas, Board Member  
Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Regrets:

Julie Ackerlund, Board Member  
Sean Connolly, Board Member  
Aubrey Curtis, Board Member  
Shiloh Hernandez, Board Member  
Christy Stergar, Board Member

Guests: (none)

#### **III. Minutes**

Jeff Thomas moved adoption of the February 19, 2018 minutes, with one spelling edit.

Erik Makus seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Still need to reach out to Ales for Charities, and brainstorm some other fundraisers.**

#### **IV. Financial Report (Ann & Pat)**

- Current Checkbook Balance: \$16,473.71 -- thank you Sean, Jesse, and BCBS!!  
(this could be a record amount?!)
- \$2000 from Jesse's BCBS employee volunteer service (100+ JV hours x \$20/session)
- \$3000 from BCBS grant that Sean applied for:
  - \$1000 HEAT Meet
  - \$500 August Trail Race

- \$500 Mount Helena Run
- \$500 Sun Run
- \$500 Montana Cup
- Other cash donations to HEAT Meet so far:
  - \$500 Helena Orthopedic Clinic
  - \$200 Sullivan Financial
  - \$200 Apex Electric (Blair Krumm)

## V. Governance Calendar

- Race posting (RRCA, 406running.com, etc.)
  - HEAT Meet is posted (+ other good publicity)
  - **all of our other events (including MT Cup) still need posting**
  - posting early is good, but sometimes you don't have all the info yet
  - Erik will post Mount Helena info soon
- **2018 Outreach Letter**
  - Jason Brown presented his first draft -- nicely done -- bravo!
  - **board members should get edits back to him**
    - (updating the event bullets, putting on letterhead, etc.)
  - pitch the promotional item primarily, but also mention socks, singlets, etc.
  - make reference to our new "DONATE" button on our website
- **2018 Promotional Item**
  - Pat prefers going with long-sleeve microfiber shirt this year
    - (jackets next year)
  - the group suggested some changes:
    - drop the sleeve logos, add a few more gulches, big central logo on front
  - determine the fundraising ask amount once we know the shirt cost
  - Jesse suggests Leslie Jordan -- good quality, easy to work with
    - try to get close-out deals
  - distinct mens & womens cuts
- Also, 59 more Vig singlets were ordered, and 180 more socks (we were out of M and L)
  - socks can be sold to JV runners & parents, handed out at August Trail Race, etc.
  - these additional socks should cost \$500-\$600

## VI. Jesse Reports

- Junior Vigilantes
  - started tonight, 30 kids showed up (attracting younger kids too)
  - roster is about 100, although it should be culled a bit
  - Scott Todorovich also has the USATF coaching certifications
  - In addition, Anna Doran, Anita Fasbender, and Andrew Mozer are helping out
  - all coaches are volunteer to keep fees low for athletes
    - only fees are USATF, entry fees, and option singlet
  - 7 meets this year!
    - 1) HEAT Meet (May 31)
    - 2) Tim Downey Classic (June 3) - Speed Goats, Bozeman, & Great Falls!
    - 3) Relay Meet () -- running events only
    - 4) USATF State Meet (June 15-16, Butte)

- 5) USATF Regional Meet (June 21-23; Provo, Utah)
- 6) USATF National Meet (June 26-July 1; Brockport, NY)
- 7) Big Sky State Games (July 20-22, Billings)

- Helena YMCA also doing youth track Mondays & Wednesdays (3 weeks)  
Michaela Patterson
- Jesse thinks its good having the Speed Goats  
we tend to draw more Eastside kids (including MT City, E Helena)  
we tend to draw more distance runners  
they have more expertise in throws, vault, etc.

- **Website -- needs attention!**

- Helena Area Trails Committee

- Scratchgravel proposal probably going to go through
- lots of trail work going on this summer
- Jason Brown volunteered to be Jesse's proxy when he can't attend

## VII. Julie Reports (Julie couldn't make it)

- Helena Regional Sports Authority -- Pat & Jeff report

- HVR showed up to the March 14 meeting, but it doesn't sound encouraging:  
track will probably be elevated, and NOT competition worthy  
(current sketches indicate roughly 100m straights, 30m ends, rectangular)
- **we may have better luck partnering with Helena Youth Soccer Association**  
perhaps develop a facility similar to that in Seattle  
work with Sean Lawlor and Phil McGovern

## VIII. Joel Reports

- Speaking of Running

- library reserved July 12 for Bill Schneider talk
- **film festival idea**

Myrna?

Vig runners get half off, others pay full price?

Rebecca offered to help out -- maybe try to get door prizes like Banff FF?

check to see if there is a traveling running FF that we can tap into

Jesse can maybe get us the Bob Hayes documentary

co-host with HURL?

start small & then see if we can grow it

- Montana Cup Website

- **operational, but needs to be improved**

## IX. Race and Event Reports

- **HEAT Meet (Thursday, 5/31/18) – Sean**

- 72 signed up already! 9, 10, 11 year old only (competing based on age this year)
- Filling in timers (Ann & Rebecca volunteered, Erik will get back to us soon)
- Elaine will be a results runner.
- How many high-school students do we need? National Honor Society, track, etc.
- Pat bringing water, ribbons, measuring tapes, watches, new videocamera, etc.

- Nobody has a pistol to use - There may be one in the Gov Cup closet, Brian W or Dave S may have one. Jeff can call Jim Opitz.
- We also need a red and white signaling flag, and radio for Jeff to use.
- Jeff needs access to the booth. Michelle Krings needs to check to see if the form we turned in said to have the booth unlocked and the door open.
- Governor's Cup (Saturday, 6/9/18) – Jesse
  - Do need volunteers – Relay exchange volunteers – need 4? more volunteers. Cars need to use the interstate or will be disqualified. Pat and Jeff will paint the 5/10k courses. There are changes this year that will be easier to follow. Marathon/half will be marked next Sunday. 300 people ahead of the number registered last year. The race now supports the foundation 100%. 23 relay teams are signed up. Half marathon is up and marathon is a bit down. The ½ marathon men's race should be the best field ever. The women's race should be great too! Heather is likely doing the 5k or 10k.
  - Jeff suggested signs on the interstate alerting people that traffic may be slow on the interstate. Jesse – the MDT is aware of the race. Jesse will follow up.
- August Trail Race (Thursday, 8/16/18) -- Pat & Jesse
  - Nothing really to report yet.
- Mount Helena (Saturday, 9/22/18) – Erik
  - People usually start signing up in June or July
  - Fee has been \$25 for a long time, with little margin now. He is considering raising the fee to \$29.99 (\$30 and over has an extra \$2.50 processing fee).
  - Steve E. could put flyers in the Elkhorn bags for the run for a cost of \$30-40
  - Jesse will put it on the GovCup facebook
- MT Cup (Saturday, 10/27/18, Great Falls) -- Pat
  - planning meeting: Sunday, June 17, Helena
  - Meeting of the governing committee to take a look at the rules of the event and get an update on this year's event. Pat, Jesse, Jeff, and Joel will be there.

## **X. Closing Items and Adjournment**

- Christy texted that she is experiencing some potentially serious health issues. The board all expressed their sympathy & desire to **do something in show of support for Christy**.
- Pat requested authorization for a new club videocamera. Jeff Thomas moved that we amend the budget to allow up to \$250 for this purpose. Jason Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Jeff Thomas explained that there are now FOUR music-licensing companies, and that it is completely unrealistic for us to pay all of those fees. Hence, for the foreseeable future, we will not be including music at our events.
- Phase II party tentatively at Jason Brown's house (Gov's Cup Day, High Noon, Outside)
- Next meeting is currently scheduled for August 20, 2018, but may be moved up a week.
- Pat adjourned the meeting 8:32 pm.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Urban and Pat Judge.

## **XI. Addendum**

On July 26, a quorum of the board approved the following budget departure:

**From:** Patrick Judge <[pljudge@bresnan.net](mailto:pljudge@bresnan.net)>  
**Date:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 11:39 AM  
**To:** HVR <[hvr@npogroups.org](mailto:hvr@npogroups.org)>  
**Subject:** budget departure requested - please vote :)

So it looks like our awesome Hind Defiance II singlets really are being retired. The good news is that FirstToTheFinish is selling their remaining stock at a steep discount. They have good quantities of mens (M, L, 2XL) and womens (M, L, XL) for \$7.50 each (rather than the \$25 we usually pay). I propose we stock up a bit on these (maybe 10, 10, 5, for each gender = \$375). Unfortunately nothing in Youth but the Smalls, which are super tiny. Budget looks to be pretty well on track. We're at 93% of our fundraising goal. Please let me know your thoughts.

[http://www.firsttothefinish.com/ItemMatrixTeam.asp?Cc=fw\\_team\\_tops&GroupCode=16058&MatrixType=1&ic=4PF-HND-NW-M&color=NW](http://www.firsttothefinish.com/ItemMatrixTeam.asp?Cc=fw_team_tops&GroupCode=16058&MatrixType=1&ic=4PF-HND-NW-M&color=NW)

[http://www.firsttothefinish.com/ItemMatrixTeam.asp?Cc=fw\\_team\\_tops&GroupCode=16068&MatrixType=1&ic=5N8-HND-NW-M&color=NW](http://www.firsttothefinish.com/ItemMatrixTeam.asp?Cc=fw_team_tops&GroupCode=16068&MatrixType=1&ic=5N8-HND-NW-M&color=NW)

On August 8, 2018, Pat notified the board that Aubrey Curtis had resigned his board position as well as his Secretary position. Many thanks to Aubrey for his excellent contributions as a board member and officer!