

Helena Vigilante Runners

Board Meeting #47

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2019

-- action items bolded below --

I. Call to Order

Patrick Judge called to order the 47th meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:02 pm on February 18, 2019 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
Sarah Urban, Secretary
Ann Seifert, Treasurer
Jason Brown, Board Member
Sean Connolly, Board Member
Beau Downing, Board Member
Joel Harris, Board Member
Shiloh Hernandez, Board Member
Christy Stergar, Board Member
Em Thiessen, Board Member
Lila Thomas, Board Member
Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Regrets:

Julie Ackerlund, Board Member
Erik Makus, Board Member

Guests:

Robert "Raz" Rasmussen

III. Special Announcement:

- Patrick Judge announced Raz Rasmussen as the **HVR Volunteer of the Year 2019**
 - Raz started with the club right at the beginning (Phase 1, 2004)
 - he ranks 4th in the all-time attendance standings (372 workouts)
 - it would be easier to list the events he DOESN'T volunteer at!
 - congratulations Raz, well deserved!
 - Raz expressed his surprise and gratitude for being chosen for the award
 - (Raz's nomination had been approved by the board with no dissenting votes)

IV. Minutes

- Jeff Thomas moved adoption of the November 19, 2018 minutes. Pat noted that the electronic board & officer election results had been added to the Addendum. Beau Downing seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Financial Report (Ann & Pat)

- Checkbook Balance (\$12,497.78)
- 2019 Proposed Budget (including \$4500 "Big Ask" to MT BCBS)
 - note the rebranding line item (\$2500 for singlets)
 - note that a breakdown of the equipment line item had been sent out electronically
 - **Jeff may have a bar code scanner**
 - Jason made a motion to pass – Jesse 2nd – all were in favor
- 2019 "Big Ask"
 - Sean Connolly will submit the following request to BlueCross BlueShield:

1) HEAT Meet	\$1000
2) Augúst Trail Race	\$500
3) Mount Helena Run	\$500
4) Sun Run	\$500
5) Montana Cup	\$500
6) JOXC / Vig Fall Classic	\$1500
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	\$4500
 - these line items and total request are the same as 2018 (except item 6 was requested and granted separately last year)

VI. Governance Calendar -- Pat

- 2019 Conflict of Interest Form – Signed by everyone in attendance
- Lots of progress with end-of-year items (SOS, IRS, etc.)
- Track Permit – The schedule is on the website but the permit needs to be completed.
- **Post Races (rrca, 406running, etc.) & Update Websites**
- **2019 Outreach Letter & Promotional Item – Track jackets for \$100. 10 year anniversary. Jason volunteered to write it again.**

VII. Jesse Reports -- HVR Youth Indoor Track

- Boise – 6 kids
- Simplot – 10 kids
 - first time triple jumpers have competed for Vig
 - Kylie 5:25 in the mile 3rd 9th grader
 - Odessa 3rd 9th grader in the 800
 - Trey – 2nd 6⁹”
 - Jesse got 2nd in the coaches' mile (4:40)
- Bozeman Youth meet is on Sunday Feb 24th (expect 30 kids)
 - Will start back up again when middle school track is done.
 - HEAT meet

- State is in Butte 14th/15th of June
- Regionals is in Bozeman 21st and 22nd of June
- Big Sky State Games
- Nationals in Sacramento

VIII. Rebranding

- Jesse sent an email with the steps taken to come up with the name.
- Have inventory to check out to kids every year. Have the families pay a deposit every year and return it at the end of the year.
- Pat - Kids could exchange Vigilante jerseys for a new one if they purchase for the 2019 track and field season or we could get new jerseys for the track and field season.
- Beau - transitioning from Vigilante now makes the conscious decision to rebrand the kids' team with a positive connotation instead of one with a bullying connotation. We can rebrand now regardless of East Helena. Vigilantes works fine for the adult club.
- Pat - Indeed, and note that we named ourselves after the stadium, not after lawless thugs. Keep options open until we know we need to act?
- Shiloh - It is like pulling a band-aid off. Let's get the controversy over and move on!
- Jesse - An earlier decision would allow us to move forward with promotion.
- Jesse wants a name that is "cheerable" and representative of a youth sport. Many options were considered by the committee. Velocity was good, but very commonly used. Jesse would oppose other suggestions like Valkyries and Vizslas (despite Jeff's cool artwork). The V in NOVAS can be altered to not look like No Vas.
- Joel – He likes NOVAS – no strong opinions
- Beau – made a motion to rebrand the youth portion of the club to the "Helena NOVAS," with further board consideration of the specific logo to occur at a later date – Jason seconded – motion passed unanimously.

IX. Race and Event Reports

- Track Workouts (Tuesday, 3/12/19) – Pat
- Trail Workouts (Thursday, 3/14/19) – Beau
 - Disclaimer for traction
 - 3-5 mile preview of DFMI course
 - Maps and flagging will be ready
- HEAT Meet (Thursday, 5/30/19) – Sean
 - Time to start organizing!
- Governor's Cup (Saturday, 6/8/19) – Jesse
 - Courses will be the same
 - Bibrave is a review company that will be giving feedback about the race. Blog and Instagram
 - Kids program should be up to 1500 kids, with two new schools involved
- The August (Thursday, 8/15/19) -- Pat
 - **Course change** to use the bigger loop and take out the Spring Meadow loop.

- **BBQ afterwards?**

- Mount Helena (Saturday, 9/21/19) – Erik
- Sun Run (Saturday, 10/5/19) – Shiloh
 - School District to raise money for the three new elementary schools.
 - Design course around Central – 2 laps
 - Sarah said to contact her for Green Club and NHS volunteers from CHS
 - Contact the three architects and construction companies
- MT Cup (Saturday, 11/2/19, Kalispell) – Pat
 - Bus is reserved
- JOXC/Fall Classic (Saturday, 11/9/19, Helena) – Jesse
 - Should be cheaper timing this year, with Liza Dennehy (USATF)

X. Closing Items

- Other Announcements & “Round Robin” Session
 - Jesse: Shannon Flynn – Carroll College Cross Country Coach – Interested in organizing a **XC camp** and has interest in our club helping with or hosting the camp.
 - Sarah: trying to arrange a **Windbag Cares night**
 - Condolences to Christy on the loss of her father
 - Congrats to Jason on the birth of his son Henry
- Next Meeting Date -- May 20, 2019
- Adjournment -- 8:37

Minutes prepared by Sarah Urban and Pat Judge.

Addendum

- On March 22nd, Jesse Zentz electronically moved approval of the primary and secondary logos for the Helena Novas. The motion passed with additional support from Downing, Judge, Seifert, Stergar, Urban, Makus, Ackerlund, Hernandez, Brown, Harris, J. Thomas, L. Thomas, and Thiessen. There were no dissenting votes.
- On April 22nd, Patrick Judge electronically proposed approval of a revised budget with the following modifications:
 - 1) increased anticipated Novas income: \$50 registration fee x 100 athletes (maybe 50 in track & 50 in XC) + \$2000 BCBS match for Jesse coaching + \$3000 GoFundMe = \$10,000
 - 2) increased anticipated income from Windbag fundraiser on June 24 (thanks to Sarah Urban for organizing – please try to attend!) = \$500
 - 3) NOVAS track sign next to the VIGILANTE sign – this would probably cost \$500 to make + \$500 per year (like our other sign), putting the advertising budget at \$1500 for the year (including the \$500 we pay for the VIGILANTE sign, and foregoing the once-contemplated newspaper ads).
 - 4) increased rebranding costs to reflect the actual quotes for the new singlets (150 x \$30) AND some identifiable swag for the volunteer coaches (5 coaches x \$100) = \$5000"Jesse plans to ask the parents for \$50 refundable deposits on the singlets. Presumably, most will get returned. For those that aren't returned, the club will actually make money

(~\$20 per singlet) on the replacement order. Also, the club makes a little money on all of the items that get sold through the UA store."

The motion passed with additional support from Urban, Seifert, Ackerlund, Brown, Connolly, Downing, Harris, Makus, Stergar, L. Thomas, Thiessen, and Zentz. There were no dissenting votes.

- On March 24th, Jesse Zentz electronically moved approval of the Novas singlet design. The motion passed with additional support from Judge, Urban, Seifert, Ackerlund, Brown, Connolly, Downing, Harris, Makus, Stergar, L. Thomas, and Thiessen. There were no dissenting votes.