

Helena Vigilante Runners, Inc.

Board Meeting #68

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2024

-- action items bolded below --

I. Call to Order

Patrick Judge called the 68th meeting of the HVR Board of Directors to order at 7:03 pm on May 20, 2024 at “Vig World HQ” (107 W Lawrence, 2nd floor conference room).

II. Roll call:

The following board members were present (8 needed for a quorum):

Pat Judge, President
Jeff Thomas, Vice President
Abigail McLane, Secretary
Ann Seifert, Treasurer
Joel Harris, Board Member
Erik Makus, Board Member
Sarah Perry, Board Member
Ben Quiñones, Board Member
Christy Stergar, Board Member
Emily Thiessen, Board Member
Cara Uribe, Board Member

Regrets:

Michael French, Board Member
Mike Kaiser, Board Member
Mitch Young, Board Member
Jesse Zentz, Board Member

Guests:

David Curd, HVR Member
David Merrien, HVR Member

III. Opening Items

- signing of the 2024 Conflict of Interest statement
- Cara Announcement:
 - Cara is leaving to move back to San Francisco, bummer for us, we will miss her!
 - Cara can serve out most of this year – replacement appointment not needed
(can probably wait until the next cycle of Board elections in January)

IV. Minutes

- Em Thiessen moved that the minutes from the 2/19/24 meeting be adopted as written.
Ben Quiñones seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. **Financial & Membership Report – Ann, Ben, Pat**

- Current Assets* (5/13/24): **\$70,199.17** vs \$62,791.98 last year at this time
 **as of 5/30/24, this balance will include \$40,000 invested in CDs (up by \$10k)*
- Current Membership (5/13/24): **170** vs 175 last year at this time
- Proposed Budget Amendments:
 - 1) reduce swag item from \$3,000 to \$1,500 (in light of the Vig store)
 - 2) allocate some of these savings for brochure printing – \$1,500Jeff Thomas moved this proposal, Ann Seifert seconded, passed unanimously
- Vig Venmo
 - Ann has researched the idea further, and it looks promising
 - a Venmo account would be very helpful for smaller Novas meets
 (where it's not worth it to set up a Sportsengine event)
 - transaction costs would be minimal, and \$0 for reimbursements
 - **Ann will proceed**
- Ann had also obtained the AED bag for the Novas (hopefully not too small!)
 - delivered to Jesse

VI. **Governance Calendar / Old Business**

- Online Store – DONE (yay!)
- Magnets – DONE (yay!)
- Online Store – DONE (launched!)
 - **advertise the store better (listserv, website, etc.)**
 - **not able to monitor activity on it** (new Novas items have been spotted)
 - not set-up as a fundraiser (**change this in the future, even if \$1 per item?**)
 - do we want some additional swag item this year?
 - some board members like everyone getting the same item in a given year:
 - 2012 – sticker
 - 2013 – caps
 - 2014 – steel water bottles
 - 2015 – beanies (solid colors)
 - 2016 – short-sleeve shirts
 - 2017 – socks
 - 2018 – long-sleeve shirts
 - 2019 – jackets
 - 2020 – gloves
 - 2021 – caps again
 - 2022 – beanies (pattern)
 - 2023 – magnets
 - 2024 – magnets
- IR Summer Events publication – N/A 2024
- Brochures – 2,500 ordered for Gov's Cup – should be ready Friday
- Form 990EZ – progress!
 - draft circulated to the board – would like to **submit final by June 1**
 - **Ann and Jeff volunteered to help review**
 - Ben has already reviewed, and had two questions:
 - 1) lobbying activity? Schedule C needed because of 501(h) status

that status could be revoked, but might want to lobby someday
2) \$5,000 MT Women's Tri donation – Vig sponsorship, similar to ATR
consistent with our non-profit purpose / mission
probably a one-time occurrence

- Awards
 - **Pat is working on this next** (overdue recognition for JH, DC, SU)

VII. New Business

- David Merrien proposal for an “Intro to Running / Level 1 / No Expectations” group
 - suggestion to offer a group to support “newer” or less experienced runners.
increase accessibility in a supportive / non-intimidating environment
 - focus on time effort (vs. distance) – low key, starting with 10-20 minutes
 - a community/support for folks new to running to help them learn about it
 - potentially a shorter season (3 months, of once/wk?) in preparation for a 5k race
 - Sun Run might be good, as it also offers a 1-mile option
 - could roll it out as a pilot, by linking it to Thursday Trails (but easier option)
(take advantage of the organizational structure already there)
 - perhaps partner with the State Active Challenge, the hospitals, or other orgs
would need to reach people not currently in our ranks (meetup.com?)
 - **it would be good to flesh out the details in written form**
 - possibly start this year, or maybe kick it to next year
 - **David willing to help/spearhead. Link him into the Thursday emails.**

VIII. Competitive Timing Contracts 2024

- Pat working on finalizing the 2024 contracts with Competitive Timing:
 - ATR remote score (\$521 in 2023)
 - MHR remote score (\$400 in 2023)
 - HSR remote score (\$400 in 2023)
 - MTC remote score (\$611 anticipated, \$300 deposit already paid)

IX. Race, Program, and Event Reports

- New Year’s Mile (Monday, 1/1/24) – Pat
- Trail Workouts (Thursday, 3/21/24) – Erik
- HEAT Meet (Thursday, 5/30/24) – Em
 - Still working on **gathering volunteers and recruiting participants**
 - Making sure registration in particular is covered (Sarah Urban out this year)
 - Christy is heading up results, and Dave will serve as starter again
 - Erik is heading up the timing crew again
 - 66 registered so far, hoping for twice that by race day
 - Will also work on FAQ language for FB, RSU, and website (DONE!)
- 50th Governor's Cup (Saturday, 6/8/24) – Virtual report from Jesse:
 - Registration is looking great on all fronts
 - Massive turnout for Kids Marathon
 - Strong numbers in the four Saturday events . . .
 - Marathon in particular – going from 70 to ≈150!
 - Return of Jeff Thomas as announcer! :)

- JOTF (Friday & Saturday, June 14-15) – Virtual report from Jesse:
 - Planning is going well, but **volunteers are needed** to ensure it's a great event.
 - Need helpers for several events (so the coaches can coach!)
- August Trail Race (Thursday, 8/22/24) – Pat
 - Same basic plan as last year (Competitive Timing remote, etc.)
 - SMR reserved, **PPLT permit needed**
- Vig Scrimmage (Tuesday, 8/27/24) – Pat
- Mount Helena Run (Saturday, 9/21/24) – Abby
 - Working with the Burgess family & L&C Library on **replacement plaque**
Mark Burgess has a vendor in mind.
Time pressure is no longer as acute as before (fall is fine).
Abby has been working with the library on a potential location.
- Sun Run (Saturday, 10/5/24, Helena Food Share) – Joel & Pat
 - Helena Food Share new facility grand opening event!
 - Committee is meeting, fundraising packet is out.
 - USB grant application was submitted by the May 1 deadline.
 - **Pre-registration / packet-pickup to get swag bags, to help convey food donations on race day (Em idea)**
- MT Cup (Saturday, 11/2/24, Helena) – Pat, Michael, et al
 - Much is already in place, but will pivot to work on MTC after Gov's Cup
 - Some initial touch points with vendors from last year.
- JOXC (Saturday, 11/9/24) – Virtual report from Jesse:
 - Looking at the Grove (East Helena) for meet location
Bill Roberts is \$900 rental, and super-sensitive to conditions
The Grove offers some affordable & scenic “real cross country” terrain
- Novas Report – Virtual report from Jesse:
 - Registration is roaring!
 - Good participation anticipated, especially with JOTF here
 - 80+ elementary aged kids, and approximately 125 total expected.
 - Elementary kids started in May, others start in June – "It's an anthill out there!"
 - Great team of coaches (15 now)
 - Season runs through Big Sky State Games (mid-July in Billings)
- Turkey Trot (11/28/24) – Mitch
 - Vig will be the beneficiary this year – yay!
 - Turkey Trot webpage created, **will add historic results**
- Speaking of Running (2024) – Joel & Cara
 - 2 great events this year:
 - Mark Feig, team-mate of Steve Prefontaine (DONE, April 5)
 - David Curd, history of the Governor's Cup (DONE, April 23)
 - Cara thinks we should **explore different venues (beer friendly!)**
 - Greatest challenge is **getting the word out.**
 - David Curd thinks the **Friday night slot worked better** than Tuesday
- Social Report (Phase parties, community night, etc.) – Em & Cara
 - **Phase 1 Party?** Abby to check with Ryan about the McLane backyard
 - **Terry Chaney can host Phase 2**

X. Closing Items, Other Announcements & “Round Robin” Session

- Other Announcements & “Round Robin” Session – none
- Next Meeting Date – August 19, 2024
- Adjourn – 8:39 pm

Minutes prepared by Abigail McLane and Patrick Judge.

Addendum – Post-Meeting Interim Board Activity (electronic votes, etc.)

- On 5/31/24, Jesse Zentz proposed HVR make a donation to Vigilante Stadium, for a much-needed new lap-counter & bell (Gill Athletics, \$897). The motion passed with additional support from French, Harris, Judge, Kaiser, Makus, McLane, Perry, Quiñones, Seifert, Stergar, Thiessen, Thomas, and Young. There were no dissenting votes.
- On 6/8/24, Abby & Ryan McLane hosted another amazing club get-together at their home (Phase 1 Party). Thank you McLanes! :)
- On 7/14/24, Patrick Judge made a motion to purchase another \$10,000 CD, bringing HVR's total investment to \$50k. The motion passed with additional support from French, Makus, McLane, Perry, Quiñones, Seifert, Stergar, Thiessen, Thomas, Young, and Zentz. There were no dissenting votes.
- On 7/17/24, Patrick Judge proposed moving the Q3 meeting to 9/9/24. The motion passed with additional support from French, Harris, Judge, Kaiser, Makus, McLane, Perry, Quiñones, Seifert, Stergar, Thiessen, Thomas, and Young. There were no dissenting votes.
- On 7/25/24, a small group of Vigers visited the Zinn Ranch for the first preview of 2024. Thank you to Michael French for organizing, and to the Zinn family for hosting MT Cup XXXI!