
Helena Highlanders Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2024

Call to Order

A meeting of Helena Highlanders Association, Inc. was held at Missouri River Brewing Company on February 4, 2024.

Motion to call to order by Matthew McKenzie / 2nd by Rob Rankin / 10 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes. Called to order at 10:38 AM.

Attendance

Executive Board Attendees: Matthew McKenzie, Keith Greaney, Tami Greaney, Heather Rankin

Coordinator Attendees: Rob Rankin, Joyce Henderson, Amber Guge, Jason Pettit, Jennifer Davis, Chad MacDonald

Member Attendees: Liam Kelly, Andrew Denny, Eric Austad, John Davis

Public Attendees: Tim Gregor

Review & Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 14, 2024 meeting were discussed.

Motion to made by Amber Guge to accept the minutes as written / 2nd by Tammi Greaney / 10 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

Treasurer Report

Discussion Ensued. Spent \$76.88 on mandatory association dues. \$85 deposited.

\$4,587.18 current balance.

Old Business

2024 Highland Gathering Location Ideas and Update –

Steve Netschert (Valley View Drive Inn Owner) has backed out of our land use verbal agreement.

Ric with Big Sky Fireworks/Steed Land – Where the Let Freedom Ring concert is held. Would include Ric's stage and sound system. Flat, mowed and already ready. Has to go to board to review.

Eastgate Acreage – Will put feelers out concerning the land. Ideas to consider parking at school and church.

Mark Diehl Ranch – Nice open field. Not sure on long term due to growing season.

Last Chance MX – Another option on way to Lakeside. Some flat but they park quite a few campers out which could mean more spread out.

Motion made by Joyce Henderson to allow the Executive Board to lock down Steed land if less than \$2,000 without bringing it to a meeting vote / 2nd by Rob Rankin / 10 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

Lakeside Beer Trailer Reservation / Ice Trailer Reservation Update –

Rob Rankin – No news. Have been waiting for location before pursuing further.

Open Coordinator Position – Event Volunteer Coordinator –

Chad MacDonald volunteered for the position.

Motion to select Chad as our Volunteer Coordinator made by Rob Rankin / 2nd by Keith Greaney. 14 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes. (*election votes include general membership*)

Updates on merchandise/fundraising for HVHG –

Rob Eberharde is sending Tammi Greaney information on where he buys event glasses and has the etching done.

T-shirts – haven't talked with Justin Jessop yet.

Koozies and stickers can wait until later.

2024 Honored Clan -

1st McKay / 2nd Bell – Motion by Tammi Greaney for Joyce Henderson to reach out to the McKay clan to see if they will attend as accept being our honored clan. Once confirmed Joyce is authorized to order the honored clan award spending approximately \$80. / 2nd by Chad MacDonald / 10 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

New Business

New Sponsorship Letter –

Heather Rankin will order 100 new location generic sponsorship letters from Staples and have ready for the next meeting on March 3rd. The sponsorship letter and W-9 will also be added to the website. Keith Greaney made the motion to authorize the expense / 2nd by Rob Rankin. 10 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

Open Floor Discussion

2024 Gathering Fees –

Food Truck Fees - \$25 per food truck spot.

Vendor Fees - 10x10 = \$25 and 10x20 = \$50. Anything larger than that needs Board approval. Includes registered camp spot.

Clans – No event fees. Subject to \$25 camping fee.

Camping Fee - \$25 for duration to hold your spot. Heather set up form online and link Square. Executive board, active members (reviewed by EB) and registered volunteers. No fee.

Motion by Rob Rankin to accept the fees as discussed and move forward with updating the website and forms / 2nd by Amber Guge / 10 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

Montana SAAA Update

Tami Greaney – board meeting last Thursday. No Stevensville or Libby games this year.

MT SAAA will supply a contract for our gathering once our location is tied down.

MT SAAA is gathering new cabers and looking for new sponsors. Consider in the future HHA sponsoring a caber?

President/Vice President Announcements

Start fundraising!

Next Meeting Reminder

03/03/2024 10:30 AM at Missouri River in the upstairs conference room.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Heather Rankin / 2nd by Amber Guge / 10 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

The meeting of Helena Highlanders Association, Inc. was adjourned at 11:35AM.