
Helena Highlanders Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2024

Call to Order

A meeting of Helena Highlanders Association, Inc. was held at Missouri River Brewing on September 22, 2024.

Motion to call to order by Matthew McKenzie/2nd by Rob Rankin.

Called to order at 10:34 AM.

Attendance

Executive Board Attendees: Matthew McKenzie (President), Keith Greaney (Vice President), Tami Greaney (Treasurer), Heather Rankin (Secretary)

Coordinator Attendees: Rob Rankin, Jason Pettit

Coordinators Excused: Amber Guge, Chad MacDonald

Member Attendees: David Leeper, Christy Leeper

Public Attendees: Bradley Jones

Voting Attendees = Executive Board (less President) + Coordinators. Count = 5

Review & Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the August 25, 2024 meeting were discussed.

Motion to accept the minutes with one correction to clan coordinator change made by Tami Greaney /2nd by Jason Pettit / 5 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

Treasurer Report

Tami Greaney:

Expenses out since last meeting \$261.99 / Deposits since last meeting \$75.00

\$15,651.57 Checking Current Balance.

Tami has received a letter from IRS indicating HHA has officially been reclassified as a charity instead of a private foundation.

Coordinator Report

Event Logistics – Vacant.

Food & Beverage – Amber Guge: Excused

Clan Coordinator – Matthew McKenzie: Sent email introducing himself as clan coordinator.

Volunteer – Chad MacDonald: Excused

Fundraising – Jason Pettit: No new information

Vendors/Demonstrators – Vacant.

Old Business

Location – East Helena Rodeo Grounds:

Text back indicating they are willing. They are discussing a contract and talking about what to charge for a fee.

Board Elections (Secretary & VP):

Agenda was not provided to Secretary to distribute with the required 24-hour notice (per our bylaws) for public attendance so board elections have been pushed to the October 20, 2024 meeting at the Moose Lodge on North Montana Ave.

2025 Sponsor Letter:

Use electronic copy without location to begin fundraising. Executive board will vote to approve expense to print paper copies with location. Heather Rankin will post on website later to be replaced with version containing location information.

Business Cards:

Ordered 500 and given to Tami and Keith Greaney.

New Business

09/09/2024 Executive Board Meeting Minutes Discussion:

Discussed that the Executive Board approved a motion at their 09/09/2024 meeting for those Clans, Food Trucks and Vendors who registered for the 2024 Helena Valley Highland Gathering to receive free registration and camping in 2025 if they choose to return.

Honored Clan 2025:

Discussion concerning the potential purchase of an honored clan flag reusable by HHA to post in front of clan tent. To be researched.

Clan Bell to be mentioned/honored at 2025 for being 2024 honored clan in addition to the 2025 honored clan.

Matthew McKenzie will provide a list of potential 2025 honored clans at the 10/20 meeting for discussion.

Open Floor Discussion:

Purchase large tents:

Jason Pettit will reach out and see what used options we can find. Re: can use grant funding

Future Purchase:

Jason Pettit suggested purchasing 2 laptops (secretary & treasurer) & software – something for the future.

Fiddle player from Kalispell – Max Armstrong:

Christy & David will reach out to see if he would be interested in playing the event.

MT SAAA Update – Tami Greaney:

4 new judges shadowed at Bitterroot and classes at Kalispell.

President/Vice President Announcements

Burns Night Dinner in Great Falls – January 25th weekend @ Celtic Cowboy

Next Meeting Reminder

10/20/2024 10:30AM The Moose Lodge - Bar

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Matthew McKenzie / 2nd by Jason Pettit / 5 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

The meeting of Helena Highlanders Association, Inc. was adjourned at 11:15AM.