
Helena Highlanders Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2023

Call to Order

A meeting of Helena Highlanders Association, Inc. was held at Missouri River Brewing Company on December 3, 2023. Called to order at 10:41 AM and 2nd by Rob Rankin.

Attendance

Board Attendees included: Matthew McKenzie, Keith Greaney, Tami Greaney, Heather Rankin, Rob Rankin, Joyce Henderson, Amber Guge, John Davis, Kimber McKenzie

Board Not Excused: Chad MacDonald, James Greaney, Caitlin Greaney

Public Attendance: Lea Freitas, Gary Buchanon, Jenn Davis, Tom Roffe

Review & Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 5, 2023 meeting were discussed.

Motion was made to approve by Rob Rankin/ 2nd by Joyce Henderson/ 9# AYE, 0# NAE – Motion Passes

Treasurer Report

\$5,447.44. \$123 expense for sponsor letter & business cards not reflected in balance.

Old Business

Storage Shed –

Tami Greaney, Lea Freitas and Kimber McKenzie contacted storage facilities in the Helena area. 10x10 storage lockers are hard to come by. J&L Storage has one for \$50/month which seems to be the cheapest and most conveniently located.

Motion to secure the \$50/month storage locker at J&L Storage at 7250 North Montana paying \$600/year up front made by Rob Rankin. 2nd by Kimber McKenzie / 9# AYE, 0# NAE – Motion Passes

Tami Greaney will rent the storage locker as approved.

Sponsor Letter –

Heather Rankin – Done and printed 75 copies for \$98.63 (budget was \$100). Cannot distribute or post on our website or Facebook until the location is confirmed.

Business Cards –

Heather Rankin – Done and printed 500 cards for \$24.99 (budget was \$50). Distributed batches to members in attendance to hand out as they feel fit.

Website –

Heather Rankin – It is \$19.95/year for the custom domain plus we must sign up for one of Weebly's plans to be able to use it. I recommend the plan which is monthly \$16 or discounted to \$144/year if we pay all at once. This level allows up to remove their advertisements from our page.

Motion made by Tami Greaney to pay for the custom domain for \$19.95/year and begin the annual membership at the rate of \$144/year. 2nd by Kimber McKenzie / 9# AYE, 0# NAE – Motion Passes

Heather Rankin will update the website and domain name.

2024 Highland Gathering Location / Valley View Drive Inn –

Matthew McKenzie – Talked with Steve (land owner) on the phone who has already committed to the same deal as last year for the next two years, but wants a face-to-face. Matthew will reach out to schedule a meeting for next weekend for the 4 executive board members and Steve to meet. If this timing does not work for Steve, then he will ask Steve to pick a day/time that we can meet.

Shirts sold by Idaho SAAA –

Matthew McKenzie – Spoke to Chuck who will talk with Ron who will find out how much they made on the shirts and reimburse us or get us the unsold shirts.

Montana and Idaho SAAA availability/contract for HVHG and rate –

Tami Greaney - talked to Christian (MT) but is waiting to hear back from him.

Matthew McKenzie – Spoke with Chuck (ID). Same price as last year except for the field portion. That may differ.

New Business

Bylaws Q&A / Vote for Adoption –

Heather Rankin / Matthew McKenzie – Bylaws were distributed on 11/25/2025 for HHA review. A brief discussion ensued detailing the major changes.

Motion was made by Rob Rankin to approve the bylaws as presented / 2nd by Joyce Henderson / 9# AYE, 0# NAE – Motion Passes

Heather Rankin will sign and post for public view.

Coordinator Roles – A brief discussion concerning the coordinator roles (listed below) which will be filled at the January 14, 2024 meeting.

Food Truck and Beverage Coordinator	Event Volunteer Coordinator
Event Logistics & Athletic Coordinator	Fundraising Coordinator
Clan Coordinator	Vendor/Demonstration Coordinator

Missouri River Demonstration & Throwing Practice –

Amber Gauge (and others) – Adam (owner of MR) is interested in us putting on clinics or black sheep games. No charge to us for use the large back warehouse room with a gravel floor. Tami Greaney will research our liability insurance, and will also check on adding insurance for axe throwing at the highland gathering in June. Discussion ensued. Will discuss again at the January meeting.

Lakeside Beer Trailer & Ice Trailer Reservations for Highland Gathering –

Rob Rankin will call Andy at the Ice House for the ice trailer availability and ice price, and also reach out to Lakeside about reserving their beer trailer.

Laura Reichert at Bitterroot –

Tammy Greaney will reach out to see if they will rent their beer trailer to us. There was discussion at the Bitterroot games but they were not set up to do so at that time.

Stage & Cover –

John Davis will reach out to the Alive at 5 people to find out where they get their stage from since they are not having their event this year.

Montana SAAA Update –

Tami Greaney – Next meeting Thursday 12/7

Open Floor Discussion –

None.

Next Meeting Reminder –

01/14/2024 10:30 AM at Missouri River.

President/Vice President Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting of Helena Highlanders Association, Inc. was adjourned at 11:56AM.