
Helena Highlanders Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2024

Call to Order

A meeting of Helena Highlanders Association, Inc. was held at Missouri River Brewing Company on January 14, 2024.

Motion to call to order by Rob Rankin/ 2nd by Joyce Henderson/ 9# AYE, 0# NAE – Motion Passes. Called to order at 10:32 AM.

Attendance

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

Member Attendees: Amber Guge, Andrew Denney, Joyce Henderson, Rob Rankin, Jennifer Davis, John Davis

Review & Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December 3, 2023 meeting were discussed.

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

Treasurer Report

Discussion Ensued. \$4,579.06 current balance. One additional \$85 check to deposit.

Old Business

Bylaws Update –

Heather Rankin – Bylaws are signed and posted to our website for public access.

Website Update –

Heather Rankin – The website address has been updated to helenahighlanders.org and the domain name is secure for one year. With the upgrade in Weebly at \$144.00 we received the domain name for free this year, but next year it will cost us \$19.99 for the year. Facebook has also been updated with our new web address.

Storage Shed Update –

Tami Greeney – J&L Storage @ 7250 N Montana Unit #42. Yearly price = \$570 renewing in August. Keyholders are Matthew McKenzie, Keith Greaney, Tami Greaney, Heather Rankin. Key/code will not be shared. Personal use of group assets/equipment must be approved through board vote.

2024 Highland Gathering Location / Valley View Drive Inn Update –

Keith Greaney/Matthew McKenzie – Keith will reach out to Steve this week to get a contract started.

Shirts sold by Idaho SAAA Update –

Matthew McKenzie – Chuck hasn't talked to Ron yet about the shirts. No new update.

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

Idaho – About the same price as last year except the fuel price may go up.

Montana – Contract including cost structure provided indicating substantial savings.

Motion made by Rob Rankin to secure MT SAAA/ 2nd by Amber Guge/ 9# AYE, 0# NAE – Motion Passes.

Motion made by John Davis for Tami Greaney to secure the same lodging as last year for MT SAAA judges/ 2nd by Rob Rankin/ 9# AYE, 0# NAE – Motion Passes.

Liability Insurance for demonstrations/practice & axe throwing Update –

Tami Greaney – Has not asked about axe throwing yet. They want specific dates, waivers, # of attendees at clinics. Table to “off season” and build interest at the highland games.

Motion to table until off season made by Rob Ranking/ 2nd by Joyce Henderson/ 9# AYE, 0# NAE – Motion Passes.

Lakeside Beer Trailer Reservation / Ice Trailer Reservation Update –

Rob Rankin – Has not heard back concerning the ice trailer. Talked with Paul at Lakeside. No agreement/price yet but Lakeside also has a stage/equipment (modular). They do the setup and takedown. Will continue to discuss with Paul.

Tami Greaney – talked with Laura Reichert at Bitterroot concerning their beer trailer and they will have it at their next board meeting.

Alive @ 5 Stage & Cover Update –

John Davis – Alive @ 5 rents through Parks & Rec (City of Helena). May have to use one of the city parks. John will check on this.

New Business

Coordinator Roles –

The roles were emailed out in December. After discussion, the following individuals have volunteered to fulfill the roles listed below. If you are listed and have changed your mind, please email Heather Rankin so the position can go back on the agenda to be refilled.

Food Truck and Beverage Coordinator – Amber Guge -
helenahighlanders.foodbev@gmail.com
Event Volunteer Coordinator – TBD – OPEN -
helenahighlanders.volunteers@gmail.com

Event Logistics & Athletic Coordinator – Rob Rankin -
helenahighlanders.logistics@gmail.com

Fundraising Coordinator – Jason Pettit (sponsored/mentored by Keith Greaney) -
helenahighlanders.fundraising@gmail.com

Clan Coordinator – Joyce Henderson (her last year) -
Helenahighlandersclans@gmail.com

Vendor/Demonstration Coordinator – Jennifer Davis -
helenahighlanders.vendors@gmail.com

ASGF (Association of Scottish Games and Festivals) Membership Renewal –

Tami Greaney – Required yearly membership \$79 renewal fee.

Motion by Amber Guge to pay and automatically pay in the future without meeting to vote/ 2nd by Rob Rankin/ 9# AYE, 0# NAE – Motion Passes.

Brainstorming for Fundraising Sale Items at the Games

Shirts, koozies, kid stickers, little packs of crayons (4-pack), Clan Henderson coloring pages, glencairn glasses (engraved with logo). Tami Greaney will check on glencairn glasses and Rob Rankin will check with coworker on how much to engrave.

Schedule April 2024 – June 2024 Meetings –

04/07/2024 04/21/2024 05/05/2024 05/19/2024

All at Missouri River Brewing in the upstairs conference room. Will review June in May in case we need to add more.

Montana SAAA Update –

Tami Greaney – The MT SAAA is updating and buying more equipment. Looking for new caber sponsors and trying to find cabers for the ladies. No Corvallis games this year. Yes, Stevensville games. More to come on date. Will do Kalispell & Hamilton again. Talked about Missoula. More to come. Having a tool/repair bag at each of the games.

Open Floor Discussion –

Tammi Greaney – Donny (friend) says she has a square we can have for if she can move it to us. Discussion ensued.

Tammi Greaney - Honored Clan – Change tartan behind logo? Need to decide. Joyce will come with a list of 3 or 4 Clans to the next meeting that we can look at.

Next Meeting Reminder –

02/04/2024 10:30 AM at Missouri River in the upstairs conference room.

President/Vice President Announcements

Adam (Missouri River) has been gracious to support us and let us use the meeting room. Please support him with beer/food purchase.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by John Davis/ 2nd Rob Rankin/ 9# AYE, 0# NAE – Motion Passes.

The meeting of Helena Highlanders Association, Inc. was adjourned at 11:37AM.