
Helena Highlanders Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2024

Call to Order

A meeting of Helena Highlanders Association, Inc. was held at Missouri River Brewing Company on March 3, 2024.

Motion to call to order by Matthew McKenzie / 2nd by Rob Rankin / 9 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes. 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, Joyce Henderson, Amber Guge, Jason Pettit, Jennifer Davis, Chad MacDonald

Member Attendees: David Leeper, Christy Leeper, Andrew Denny, John Davis, Tim Gregor, Levi Rennison

Voting Attendees = Executive Board (less President) + Coordinators. Count = 9

Review & Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 4, 2024 meeting were discussed.

Motion to made by Joyce Henderson to accept the minutes as written / 2nd by Tami Greaney / 9 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

Treasurer Report

Tami Greaney - Taxes – HHA should have been registered as a Public Charity but instead registered in error as a Private Foundation. To correct, Tami has submitted the necessary form and paid a \$550 fee to reclassify. This process can take up to 180 days to make a determination. We are correctly classified as a 501(c)(3). Due to the misclassification, it may be necessary to file a 990PF for 2023 rather than the normal 990N we would need to submit.

\$4,424.28 Checking Current Balance.

Heather will research Square fee waiver due to non-profit status.

Old Business

2024 Highland Gathering Location Update – Steed land has been secured with contract.

Lakeside Beer Trailer Reservation / Ice Trailer Reservation Update –

Rob Rankin – No response from Lakeside. No response from IceHouse.

Bitterroot Beer Trailer Update –

Tami Greaney – 8 taps - They will “rent” it to us as a guinea pig and won’t charge us anything other than \$150 for gas money. Husband will bring it down and help run it. We need to supply power (generators) and 2-20lb Co2 tanks. Pepsi says they can donate the Co2.

Motion to made by Keith Greaney to commit to the \$150 expense to secure the Bitterroot beer trailer / 2nd by Chad MacDonald / 9 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

Meade from Hidden Legends will require a discussion with Ken but can be brought down with the beer trailer. We need to reach out to find out if meade will be donated again or if we need to purchase.

Amber Guge - will check and see if L&C Brewing will donate/loan their beer trailer for the event.

Merchandise/Fundraising Update –

Tami Greaney - Info from Rob Eberhardy – Glencairn glasses – provided his contact. 72 glasses \$486 (6.75ea). Tami has emailed to find out how much additional for engraving.

Matthew McKenzie - Shirts from Justin Jessop – Max 2 colors screen print - on cotton \$6.50/ea, dry-fit material \$8/ea, tri-fit material \$11/ea. Ordering bulk is incentivized. These are the “for sale” shirts. Athlete shirts are provided by SAAA.

Tami Greaney, Tim Gregor & Jason Pettit will research other local options.

2024 Honored Clan –

Clan Bell – Thrilled! Joyce Henderson has found a quaich to order. \$59/ea + shipping.

In addition, suggests ordering a quaich for 2023 Honored Clan Malcolm – Order a quaich for 2023 & engrave.

Motion to made by Tami Greaney to order a quaich for each and have engraved locally / 2nd by Keith Greaney / 9 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

Sponsors Letter/Posters –

Heather Rankin – Sponsor Letter – Printed at Staples and distributed copies during the meeting. Sponsor letter is also available on our website and in digital format via request.

Heather Rankin - Posters – 3 different poster examples were presented. 1 will be redone with a different picture.

Jason Pettit will take 2 of the posters to a local print shop to find out how many we can get.

Motion to made by Keith Greaney for the purchase of at least 100 posters with a maximum budget of \$150 / 2nd by Rob Rankin / 9 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

David Leeper - Pepsi – Pepsi will donate Gatorade & energy drinks for vendors, clans, athletes, volunteers. Sodas can be purchased at discounted price for us to sell. Can also print 3'x8' banners with Pepsi logos added, has white board easels and table umbrellas that we can also utilize.

Matthew McKenzie - Western Water Works - Will talk with Western Water Works about donating water again. If no, will reach out to David Leeper @ Pepsi.

Joyce Henderson, Tami Greaney, Rob Rankin and Heather Rankin have reached out to potential sponsors/donors.

New Business

Entertainment – Keith Greaney & Tami Greaney will reach out to Ric at Big Sky Fireworks to find out about stage & sound system. Keith will reach out to everyone for help moving stage if Ric needs it. All about the flame machines (new!).

Pipers – Jen Davis will reach out to the Black Devils. Matthew McKenzie will provide her with contact information.

Dancers – Christy Leeper will reach out to dancers.

Band(s) – Amber Guge will reach out to breweries for band contact information.

Sheep Dog Demonstration – Tami Greaney will reach out to her to see if she has any interest.

Fundraisers -

Safeway – Friday 3/15/2024 from 11AM – 2PM to sell corned beef & cabbage. David Leeper @ Pepsi will donate beverages in trailer. Jason will check with Eric at Safeway concerning any cost for food.

Pizza Ranch – Thursday 3/28/2024 from 3PM to 9PM bussing tables.

Sign-up sheets passed around and provided to Jason Pettit.

Copper Furrow - Tami Greaney will ask for a pint night.

SAAA Contract & Judge Housing –

SAAA Contract – Matthew McKenzie signed and sent the contract to Christian at MT SAAA. Once Christian signs and sends back we owe \$575 (30%), with a remaining balance of \$1,175 due at the completion of the gathering.

Once signed he will set up Eventbrite registration and Heather Rankin can update the website and post an announcement on Facebook.

Judge Housing - \$677 last year. This year \$943 for the same place. The other option is downtown for \$971.

Tami Greaney will research splitting judges into two houses. If the discounted rate at Ramada is large enough to bring the total cost below \$900, Tami Greaney will reserve 4 rooms for the judges.

Motion made by Rob Rankin for the reservation of 4 rooms for the judges at an expense not to exceed \$900 / 2nd by Jason Pettit / 9 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

Ramada Room Block - Ed & Vickey Greaney will reach out about a block of rooms.

Open Floor Discussion

Vicki Greaney – At the 2023 Helena Highland Gathering Jenny Meyers talked about donating a trip to Scotland. Vicki Greaney will find out if she is still interested. Tami Greaney will double check Montana law on raffling the trip. We will discuss advertising when we find out.

Tami Greaney - Axe Throwing – They must have their own insurance naming us as an individual insurer and our insurance will verify it is sufficient.

Montana SAAA Update

Tami Greaney – None

President/Vice President Announcements

Start fundraising!

Next Meeting Reminder

04/07/2024 10:30AM at Missouri River in the upstairs conference room.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Matthew McKenzie / 2nd by Amber Guge / 9 AYE, 0 NAE – Motion Passes.

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