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Running Club

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Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

Dave Graves, president; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer;
Bob Bartling, Steve Britzman, Becka Foerster

Business Items

1. Approved **Sept. 4 minutes** for posting on website
2. Approved **\$100 donation** to First Lutheran Church for providing the club with a rent-free meeting room each month.
3. Discussed **Amby Burfoot's appearances at the Festival of Books** Sept. 21-22. Attendance was strong at all three of his talks (50 for 1 p.m. Friday, 60 for 7 p.m. Friday and 50 for 3 p.m. Saturday) and that he enjoyed participating in the Jack 15 road race as well as his tour of the Prairie Striders library Friday afternoon.

Dave Graves is to draft a letter thanking Amby for his willingness to join in activities beyond the initially scheduled 2 talks. The club also will order three of his books for the Striders library and ask him to autograph them.

Graves also will draft a thank-you letter to the South Dakota Humanities Council thanking them for bringing a running author to talk as a part of the Festival of Books and pledge our continued assistance of such authors in the future.

Nancy Scholl suggested that the club should provide some type of gift or honorarium in the future for such talks.
4. Discussed next steps on **scholarship fund drive**. It was decided not to do anything during Hobo weekend given that the date is almost here. There was discussion of having a "help us reach the finish line" push with a year-end mailing/newsletter. We're currently **\$6,000 shy of our \$75,000 goal**. Scholarship donors are to be separately recognized in that newsletter as well.
 - 4.B. **Kip Kinsley Scholarship?** Not officially part of the agenda. A note was received from Kevin Branick volunteering a \$1,000 donation for the start of a scholarship in

the name of Kip Kinsley, who died Aug. 26 of a heart attack. He was a 2016 State grad who was part of the track/cross country team. Graves followed this up with a meeting with Coach Rod DeHaven. Given that \$50,000 is needed to endow a scholarship, it didn't seem wise to begin another scholarship drive. One possibility is that people could make a donation in Kip's name to an existing track scholarship.

Rod is to communicate with Kevin. Graves will touch base with Rod later.

5. Discuss the issue of **women's running and self-defense**. Given the Iowa case of Molly Tibbetts and some other cases nationally of women runners being murdered, members discussed the role the club might take regarding safe running. It was decided the club could use its Facebook page, website and newsletter to offer some well-established best practices for women and safe running.
6. **Marathon course recertification** – Matt Bien reported via email that “Matt Scheiber and I are about half done with course recert. Slowed by viaduct construction. Hoping to complete Oct. 14.”
7. Jay Larsen spoke about the XNote Stopwatch software program that allows for timekeeping and time display on a product of the user's choosing — could be anything from a watch to a scoreboard. The program (\$24 annual fee) was used at Saturday's Brookings hospital 5K, which finished inside the San-Jack. The hospital used a 40-inch TV screen to display the time. There was concern about how this would work with outside. Graves will ask Kevin Smith, Trevor Penning and Matt Bien to check out the product and report back.

Miscellaneous

1. **Librarian's report** — Bob Bartling reported on Amby's library tour. Bob is currently logging from past editions of UltraRunner.
2. **Newsletter** — Graves now is shooting for November/December.
3. **November meeting** Discussion of Predictor Mile participation, 2019 areas of focus for the club, 50th anniversary of club. Do we hold a social event on the Friday of the Jack 15?
4. **Frostbite Frolic** — Feb. 16 at Innovation Village Community Room, coincides w/ chamber of commerce's Frost Fest. Steve Britzman is to lead the group run.

Race director reports

- **Beef and Eggs 5K** — July 14 — Kevin Bjerke — *corrected version (new or corrected text in italics)*

Everything went smooth minus the low turnout (97 runners). We WILL rectify that for next year! We just need to get on things sooner and do a little more grass roots recruiting/advertising. Had we gotten 30 more runners (equaled last year) we would have finally finished in the black. *Instead, we'll be \$500 in the red. This is the fifth year in a row we have lost money though. So that cushion in the bank from profitable years is now under \$1,000.*

We did write a check to the Boys & Girls Club for \$250 this year. We had not donated to them over the last 3 years and they have always been a great help for us so we dug deep to provide them a donation this year.

We paid out 1-2-3 on the men's side, and 1st on the women's (\$900 total) which also hurt us a bit (but hey, that's half the reason we put it on, so happy to get some runners some cash!). I think last year we only paid out \$500.

We already have one new sponsor on board and hopefully can retain our other ones.

- **Jack 15** — Sept. 22 — Dave Graves 71 individuals and 26 teams completed the race, 154 total participants, 168 registered participants. Shirt order was 185, so cut it pretty close.
- **Hobo Day** — Oct. 13 — Steve Britzman — Waiting for mugs to arrive later this week. Kevin and Sarah Smith, head timers; Becka Foerster backup timer. Volunteer groups include FCA, a chamber under 40 committee and engineering students.

Next meeting – noon, Nov. 6 at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church