



Prairie Striders™

Running Club

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Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018

Noon, First Lutheran Church youth room

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Bob Bartling, Matt Bien, Steve Britzman, Shari Landmark, Harry Mansheim, Brett Pettigrew.

Business Items

1. Approved **Nov. 6 minutes** for posting on website
2. **Elected 2019 officers** as nominated in November.
 - Vice president — Nancy Scholl
 - Treasurer — Jay Larsen
 - Webmaster — Trevor Penning
3. Discuss next steps on **scholarship fund drive** — Dave Graves — Scholarship fund currently stands at \$68,000 with a goal of \$75,000. With the anticipated Jack 15 donation of \$1,000, the aim is to raise \$6,000 by the club's 50th anniversary in September 2019 to endow a \$3,000 scholarship for SDSU track/cross country.
 - A. Claim a mile concept** — A letter from the president will be going with the next newsletter that ties in the 50th Brookings Marathon this May. To reach our goal, we're asking 26 people to step up and make a "mile" donation — \$230. 26X230 would reach our goal. Of course, gifts of a partial mile also will be welcomed.
 - Donors will again be able to receive a Prairie Striders shirt. Also discussed either an embroidered patch or a label pin. DG to research prices and report in January.
 - Races also will be encouraged to invite runners to make a donation when entering races. Uniform wording is to be drafted and sent to race directors.
4. **Club's 50th anniversary:**
 - Social event** — Discussed holding a fall event, probably Friday or Saturday of the Jack 15, Sept. 27/28. Final decision was not made.
 - Discussed creating a **tri-fold brochure** on PS history as well as current information. Dave Graves is to undertake this, ideally preparing it in time for the Indoor 5K Jan. 19.

Also discussed gathering memories and photos from Prairie Striders events for a **quarterly history story** in the Brookings Register. Nothing designated at this point.

5. **Charitable donations from the club** — Jay Larsen reviewed the club's Reed Hart account status, which began with \$20,000, had some small initial purchases and has since grown to \$24,000 through conservative investing through First Bank and Trust. As the reason behind the gift was to promote running, Jay suggested that the club should be considering donations to organizations and programs that do just that.

On a unanimous voice vote, it was decided to bring to the group on at least a quarterly basis the review of or suggestion of organizations that are committed to our mission of promoting running. All donations would be approved by the board.

One possibility is Girls on the Run, which Marj Thompson works with locally. Shari Landmark is to contact her.

Separately, the board agreed to support the Dellas Cole fundraiser by creating a basket with a free race entry, Jack 15 and Brookings Marthon shirts, and a Hobo Day mug.

6. Jay Larsen presented information on **membership renewals**, which in 2018 totaled 70 with two new life members.

That compares with 127 and 11 new life members in 2016 and 130 and 10 new life members in 2015. The thought was many people made scholarship donations in 2018, but didn't check the box to designate \$5 toward membership renewal.

The 2019 renewal card will attempt to make the more clear.

Miscellaneous

Librarian's report — Bob Bartling reported that the wrestling team will be coming into the library in pairs Dec. 12-14 and Dec. 17-21 for a one-hour tour of the wrestling section.

Newsletter — January.

Friend of Running — Nominations due Jan. 18. Bob, Steve and Matt Bien are to select.

Future: Daktronics clock training. To be held in April prior to race season.

Website sponsorship: Dave reported that 605 Running Co. in Sioux Falls will again sponsor the Prairie Striders web pages at \$1,000/yr. with a combination of cash and gift certificates.

Race director reports

- **Indoor 5K** — Jan. 19 — Dave Graves, Jay Larsen. Just a handful of signups to date.
- **Frostbite Frolic** — Feb. 16 — Dave Graves. To be held during chamber's Frost Fest Weekend.
- **Arbor Day 5K** — April 26 — Steve Britzman will again direct in 2019, but it will be his final year. Please contact Steve or Dave with suggestions on who could serve with him in 2019 and take over in 2020.

Next meeting - noon, Jan. 8, at First Lutheran Church, youth room. NOTE: Day and location change because of conflict with New Year's Day.