



# ***Prairie Striders***<sup>TM</sup>

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## ***Running Club***

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**Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022**

Noon, Mission Coffee House, First Lutheran Church

Present: Dave Graves, president; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Harry Mansheim, Brett Pettigrew.

1. Approved **Dec. 7 minutes** for posting on website.
2. **Librarian's report** — Bob Bartling. Bob preceded his report by stating he will be giving semiannual library reports as he is struggling with hearing loss.

In the librarian's report, Bartling mentioned he recently inventoried his index card collection. In round numbers, he said there are 13,000 cards in the running/track and field/cross country file with 2,100 in wrestling and 5,200 in ultra running. The latter two collections were added in 2017.

The running collection includes 10,900 people entries. Another major category is common running injuries. There also is a Runner's World authors file from 1980 (when the magazine started) through 2017. In addition to the magazine articles, which must be read in the library, there are more than 700 books and those may be checked out from Briggs Library, which holds the collection.
3. **The 2021 financial reports** were presented by Jay Larsen, reviewed and approved on unanimous voice vote. The club's major assets are \$22,461 in the First Bank & Trust asset management fund (Hart estate), \$9,261 in equipment and \$1,220 in checking.

Highlights from the 2021 budget included dues of \$1,575 (includes 10 new life members at \$100 each) and member donations of \$3,690. Major expenses were \$6,219 in equipment purchases—race clock, tripod, case, \$918; sound system, \$189; and timing system, \$5,112. Funds for the timing system came from the First Bank and Trust account.

Larsen noted that \$2,340 was donated toward the Prairie Striders/Phil LaVallee Memorial Scholarship in 2021. That includes gifts from individuals and races, but does not include the \$1,250 donation from the Jack 15, which gave funds directly to the SDSI Foundation. The scholarship endowment, which benefits SDSU distance running, now is just shy of \$100,000, Larsen said.

Total income, including fund transfers, was \$11,415 with expenses totaling \$11,234 leaving a net of \$181.

**3. The 2022 budget** was presented by Larsen, reviewed and approved on unanimous voice vote. It calls for \$5,950 in income and \$5,840 in expenses with a net of \$110. The only significant difference between 2021 and 2022 is the equipment purchases. \$150 in budgeted in 2022.

**4. Discussion on recruiting more people to learn timing system**

Brett Pettigrew suggested displaying as well as testing out the system at the spring group runs. It also was suggested that a step-by-step tutorial sheet be developed to help those who volunteer to learn the system from Brett and Jay.

**5. Considering awarding points towards races for attending meetings or being on the board**

This item morphed into a discuss on ways to improve attendance at board meetings as only five and four people, respectively, attended the last two meetings. One suggestion was to strongly encourage race directors or their designee to attend. *Look for a follow-up email on this.*

In addition to the idea of awarding free race entries to those who take part in board meetings, it also was suggested the club might benefit from having a formal board. Currently, the board is the four elected officers and anyone else who attends.

**6. Spring CPR courses at Miller Wellness Center's large conference room at 2 p.m. Feb. 3, Feb. 22, March 24 and April 20. [To register, please visit the Miller Wellness Center website.](#)**

Members were encouraged to pick a date and take advantage of this training, with the club reimbursing the cost.

**Note:** As of Feb. 1, Feb. 3 is filled. Feb. 22 (two spots available), March 24 (10 spots available), April 20 (six spots available).

## **Miscellaneous**

- 1. Website sponsorship** —605 Running Co. to again sponsor web page.
- 2. Longest Day 10K** — Change in directors for 2022. Due to heavy work demands in the weeks leading up to the Longest Day 10K, Chris Gruenhagen has turned over race director duties to Derick Powers. Chris still plans to help at the race.
- 3. Newsletter** — Hoping for late February. This is the annual postal mailing with membership renewals. Please send story ideas to run@prairiestriders.net.
- 4. US flags update** — Dennis Willert (Willert Chiropractic) and John Coats (The Optical Shop) both said they still have plans to purchase and build 18 flags for the club to use at its races. Willert said he is still waiting on steel tubing, which is driven into the ground and used to hold the flag poles. A completion date is uncertain.

## **Race director reports**

- **Indoor 5K** — Jan. 22 — Dave Graves/Jay Larsen. 30 finishers, 31 entrants, 38 registered plus 4 walkers. Timing system worked excellent in providing accurate time and lap counts. (2019 - 29 runners with 8 no-shows, 2020 - 48 entries, 44 finishers, 3 walkers; 2021 - No event COVID.)
- **Arbor Day 5K** — April 29 — John Blatchford — No report.
- **Brookings Marathon** weekend May 13-14 — Matt Bien — No report.

***Next meeting – noon, Tuesday, March 1, at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church***