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Noon, via Zoom link: <https://sdstate.zoom.us/j/95795566272>

Present: Dave Graves, president; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Matt Bien, Steve Britzman, John Blatchford, Andy Carlson, Randy Hansen, Harry Mansheim.

Business Items

1. Approve **Dec. 1 minutes** for posting on website. UVV
2. Review 2020 financial reports Nancy motioned to approve as presented by treasurer Jay Larsen. Steve Britzman seconded. Passed on unanimous voice vote.
3. *Act on 2021 budget*

A. Review elementary racing series – Andy explained this a worst case budget in terms of expenses. He noted Sioux Falls has 200 to 300 participate weekly so he is estimating 100 for Brookings. Jay Larsen noted that Brookings Park and Recreation wants to be a partner and has blanket coverage insurance as well as help with publicity, including its summer brochure, social media and flyers.

Jay Larsen made a motion that the presented draft budget be approved with a final budget to be presented in August or September. Funding would come from the Reed Hart Estate gift/Prairie Striders investment from 2021. John Blatchford seconded. Approved on unanimous voice vote.

Nancy Scholl and Jay Larsen have agreed to help on the elementary school race series committee. Others willing to help should contact Andy. Dates: Sept. 9-16-23

B. 2021 budget — Jay reviewed the 2020 budget. Our primary income is dues and donations, \$1,155 and \$3,185, respectively. There were 111 people who each paid the \$5 membership dues plus 6 new life members in 2020.

Primary expenses in 2020 were gifts to the SDSU scholarship (\$1,975, which came from donations) and newsletter printing and mailing (\$708). The 2021 budget is similar.

Jay Larsen made a motion to accept the budget with a note that special purchases (i.e. a sound system) come out of reserve funds. Steve Britzman seconded. Passed on unanimous voice vote.

4. Update on group run — Andy Carlson

5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month, April-August or September, starting and finishing at Wooden Legs Brewing Co., downtown Brookings. There is a side room we can use.

- We would like to rotate PS leaders on a monthly basis and have members with varying paces participate.
- Kickoff run is to be the first monthly run — April 5 – Monday – 3 mile. Andy will develop routes, including a shorter route. For example, it is one mile from Wooden Legs, around the edges of Pioneer Park and back.
Andy noted that Wooden Legs is planning some \$1 off offers for participants. Also, one \$20 gift certificate from 605 Running Co. will be offered monthly.
- After the kickoff run, the 2019 and 2020 Friend of Running Awards will be presented as well as the 2020 runner participation awards (those replace the points competition that had been awarded.)

Update on Daktronic clock battery — Jay Larsen said he picked up the clock from storage today and is charging it again. On three tests on different days, the battery does not hold a charge. Post Note. On February 5, Jay discussed with a Daktronics technical rep about the battery problem, and how in recent races the clock worked only when a vehicle battery inverter was used and another time with the electrical outlet plug-in. The Daktronics rep said they don't have batteries. Jay looked at a new battery cost (\$589 and \$653, both add sales tax, free shipping).

5. Note: Current battery purchased 11-7-17.

6. Consider purchase of new portable audio system — Randy Hanson has been testing the \$149 system at home. He said it works well and connects via Bluetooth to a phone. The drawback is it is heavy, about 50 pounds, and would require 2 people to mount it on a stand. It stands 24 inches and has luggage-cart wheels. Includes microphone and self-charging.

Randy and Dave will examine it Feb 8 and report back to the group March 2.

Miscellaneous

• **Newsletter update** — to go out in February — **Member/donation card** — Jay Larsen said it would be useful to find age ranges of members. It was agreed to solicit age ranges rather than date of birth.

Dave Graves is meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday with Fit My Feet regional manager. It was agreed that we wouldn't offer advertising, but would allow publicizing of member discounts.

• **Website sponsorship** — Have we received the \$500 sponsorship check? No. DG will send out another invoice in addition to the gift certificate request.

Race directors reports:

- **Arbor Day 5K** April 23 — John Blatchford — To wait a couple weeks to start permitting process with SDSU for facility use.
- **Brookings Marathon weekend** May 14-15 — Matt Bien — Half and full marathon sold out in three weeks. The fact that we pulled off in the fall and holding again in the spring while most major marathons haven't committed worked to our favor. Planning on same COVID-19 safety measures again. Undecided on holding Scotty Roberts 5K.

Next meeting – March 2