



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

## ***Running Club***

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**Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023**

Noon, Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave., and via Zoom at:

<https://sdstate.zoom.us/j/93930063672>

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Harry Mansheim. Present via Zoom: Matt Bien, Shari Landmark, Kati Merkley, Nancy Scholl.

1. Approved **Dec. 6 minutes** for posting on website.

### **2. Review 2022 financial report — Jay Larsen**

As of Dec. 31, the club had assets of \$37,097 (primarily checking \$8,563; First Bank & Trust account \$15,314; equipment and supplies \$12,660). Receipts for the year totaled \$16,938 (primarily dues \$1,485, donations \$5,005; First Bank & Trust income transfer, \$4,360; Harvey Mills/Jacob Mills gift \$5,000). Expenses totaled \$9,595 (major expenses SDSU scholarship donation \$2,000; equipment and supplies \$4,421; other donations \$1,066).

**Note:** Financial report and 2023 budget were approved in one motion on a unanimous voice vote. See budget specifics below.

### **3. Review need & cost for liability insurance and loss of goods — John Blatchford**

Brent Rohl and the general estimates were: \$150 liability, \$350 liability and loss coverage of something around \$20K and \$1,000 for the liability, loss and director's liability coverage.

John wasn't in attendance, but it was agreed we needed to get more information before acting as well as get an opinion from Steve Britzman on liability risk. General consensus was that \$1,000 was beyond the club's needs. Lesser amount a possibility.

### **4. Act on 2023 budget — Jay Larsen**

The budget projects \$6,825 in income with \$6,150 in expenses for a net of \$675. Income is projected to grow \$875 from the 2022 budget. Actual income was \$12,578 in 2022, but that was bumped by the \$5,000 donation from Jacob Mills and another donation of \$1,005.

Expenses for 2023 are projected to grow \$310 from the 2022 budget. Actual 2022 expenses were influenced by a \$1,000 donation to the Steinborn Memorial Track fund at SDSU and unbudgeted equipment/supply purchases (Hoyt running chair \$3,003, bibs for electronic timing \$1,358).

**5. Status of timing clock**

At this point, the timing clock is still missing. It was last used at the Hobo Day 5K. It is not in the storage shed. The hope is it is in the FCA trailer, which has been checked once but perhaps it is hiding under flag football gear. Searching will continue before a new clock is ordered. (Current clock, tripod and case purchased for \$918 in 2021.)

**6. Discuss participation in 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Warrior Wellness Week at Miller Wellness Center**

Monday, Feb. 27-Saturday, March 4. We hope that your group or organization can join us by hosting an event, training, or activity during the week. Decide on a time you would like to host your event and how long you want it to be – it can be anywhere from 15-60 minutes in length.

The above request can from Jayden Van Peurse, an SDSU student connected with the campus veterans service office. Shari Landmark has agreed to organize a free, no-frills campus fun run. Matt Bien offered a couple prizes from the marathon and beanies are available from the Indoor 5K. Shari will reach out for help as planning unfolds.

**7. Predictor Mile discussion — Kati Merkley**

Predictor Mile ..... Wednesday, Aug. 2

This follows up on discussion from Dec. 6 about ways to increase participation. One suggestion was to move it to the last Wednesday of July, so it would occur on the last day of Run4Fun Brookings. Kati Merkley, director of Run4Fun, joined us today and was onboard with the change.

Andy Carlson had talked of having a youth trail run at Dakota Nature Park after the Run4Fun series ended. That would open up Aug. 2 for that.

Kati said she waiting until March to start planning, but looks for a very similar program to 2022, continuing to partner with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (registration and insurance) and Brookings Health System (medals, ribbons, popsicles).

**8. Discuss purchase of Prairie Striders photo backdrop — Dave**

After some discussion, it was decided to bring a mock-up to the next meeting and solicit bids from Allegra, Brookings Engraving and Outlaw Graphics for a 7-foot wide by 8-foot high vinyl backdrop with gromets and suitable for outdoor use. Dave Graves will send out the request.

The design idea is a large Prairie Striders logo in the center with smaller repeating logos on the rest of the backdrop. Tentatively a white background.

**Allegra — \$246 see misc. folder for image**

## **Miscellaneous**

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — Printed annual newsletter hit mailboxes this weekend. An electronic issue is planned for late April.
2. **Next Sports Show appearance** — Shari is to contact Cami regarding the Warrior Wellness Week
3. **Website sponsorship** — Have not heard from Greg Koch despite repeated attempts. Dave will make one final attempt. Shari did note that the 605 logo is far to the bottom of the page and many people may not scroll that far down.
4. **USATF championships for Oakwood Lakes Trail Run???** — Dave/Andy  
USATF is interested in expanding its race offerings. There is a possibility of using the Prairie Striders race as a USATF event also. Andy has some questions for Lyle Claussen in regards to prize money and sanctioning costs. USATF would supply its own medals.

## **Race director reports**

- Indoor 5K — Jan. 21 — Dave Graves, Jay Larsen — 47 finishers, 57 registered (22 from Brk); most finishers since 2016; winning female time was third fastest in race history.
- Arbor Day 5K — April 28 — John Blatchford
- Brookings Marathon, Half Marathon & Relays, and Scotty Roberts 5K — Matt Bien

***Next meeting – Noon Tuesday, April 4, Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave. and via Zoom.***