



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

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

1. Approved **Jan. 2 minutes** for posting on website.
2. Update on **\$50,000 for 50 Years** — The club's annual membership renewal letter went out Feb. 13 with a final scholarship appeal. There have been renewals from 30 members plus four new life members and donations from 13 life members. Donations to the scholarship fund total \$3,735 with a goal of \$6,000 in order to reach an endowment of \$75,000 for a \$3,000 yearly scholarship. Jay made a motion that undesignated donations to the club in 2019 should go towards the scholarship fund. Bob seconded and it was approved on unanimous voice vote. To date, that would total \$95. It also was agreed that scholarship donors should be recognized with a thank-you letter. Jay and Dave will craft a universal letter that can be sent out.
3. Use of **605 Running Co.** sponsorship dollars (\$500). — Also on unanimous voice vote, it was decided to split the check between four races that have had tough finances — Longest Day 10K, Beef and Eggs, Oakwood Lakes Trail Run, \$150 each; and Indoor 5K, \$50. Jay will email the race directors.
4. **Club's 50 anniversary:**
Social event — It was agreed that there needs to be a fall social to observe the club's 50th anniversary (Sept. 12). There was discussion about holding it before or after the Jack 15 (Sept. 28). First priority will be connecting it with a home SDSU cross country meet. Last year there was no home meet. Dave is to check on 2019.
It was suggested there be a panel with charter members Bob Bartling, John

Iverson and Russ Strande. Other surviving charter members are Jay Dirksen, Keith Morrill, Harvey Mills, Grant Peterson and Bruce Berger.

5. **Charitable donations from the club** — The club decided not to make a donation to the Rich Greeno sculpture drive underway in Sioux Falls. However, we do want to support the Special Olympics. **Updated note:** Brookings is not currently scheduled to host the state games. The 2019 and 2020 games are in Vermillion.

Miscellaneous

1. **Librarian's report** — Bob reported that a work-study student is transcribing data on the wrestling cards into an electronic database that will be interfaced with the corresponding issue of Amateur Wrestling News.
Also, track team member Chase Cayo is writing a history of the club for a term paper and has been accessing minutes from the early years.
2. **Newsletter** — No date set, possibly not until after the marathon.
3. **Daktronics timing board training** — at April 2 meeting. Jay will lead this. It recommended for all race directors and anyone who might be asked to volunteer at a race. *(I think that includes all who are reading this.)*
4. **Financial report** — Jay Larsen reported that the Reed Hart investment lost 4.7 percent in 2018, dropping to a stock value of \$22,962. Net gain since 2014 is 13 percent. The funds are in a low-risk mutual fund managed by First Bank and Trust.

Race director reports

- **Indoor 5K**, Jan. 19 — 29 runners, eight no-shows; struggled with lap counting. May add a walking division in 2020.
- **Frostbite Frolic**, Feb. 16 — About 25 in attendance, half dozen runners on cold day.
- **Arbor Day 5K** April 26 — Steve — No report.
- **I'm Ready for Summer Triathlon** April 27 — Shari — No report.
- **Brookings Marathon weekend** May 10-11 — Matt — No report.

Next meeting – noon, April 2 at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church