



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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

<https://sdstate.zoom.us/j/96340777113>

Present: Dave Graves, president; John Blatchford, Steve Britzman, Randy Hanson, Harry Mansheim, Kati Merkley. Present via Zoom: Andy Carlson, Rod DeHaven, Shari Landmark.

1. Approved **June 7 minutes** for posting on website.
3. **Update on youth track series in July** — Kati Merkley reported liability waivers have been signed for 85 children as of last week and she expects the number to top 100, however, that doesn't guarantee participation. Nonetheless, it was agreed that signup has been strong. The meets are 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 and 27 at the Brookings High School track.
Brookings Health System has been very supportive, providing refreshments and ribbons as well as banners for the site. Four hundred popsicles are on hand. Andy Carlson is providing a couple walkie-talkies. Another set would be useful.
More volunteers are needed. To volunteer:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4EA5AC22A5FF2-run4fun>
4. **Update on future of race management for Brookings Marathon** — Matt Bien wasn't able to attend. He provided the following written report: I have met with Greg Koch. Hope to have a follow up later this month. As you might imagine, cost (and making that expense sustainable), will be the most significant factor as we consider 605 Event Management or any other management company. If more progress, I will offer a marathon update in August.
5. **Discuss need for Predictor Mile director — Matt Schreiber.** Kati Merkley reports Matt has been in contact with her and provided detailed steps for the event. She still has some questions for Matt, but added that Matt said he would walk her through the 2022 event, which is Aug. 3. Kati added that Trevor Hohn and Tyler Koch, who are helping with the Run4Fun track meets, may be willing to help.

6. **Update on** purchase an assisted race chair -[The Blade Racer – Hoyt Running Chairs](#) — Jay Larsen was absent, but had a handout which was sent out before the meeting comparing the standard (\$2,900) and deluxe (\$4,500) models. The handout concluded “I won’t make a recommendation until more information on insurance, liability waiver, and safety usage for running chair.”

Discussion points logistic concerns, if there would be any issues with sanctioning and the availability of pushers. One suggestion was to produce a Survey Monkey questionnaire to find who might be interested in being a pusher. Shari Landmark noted that this would add to the inclusivity of the club.

Action was postponed to the Aug. 2 meeting.

Note: A late email Jay received from Ainsley’s Angels, a national organization, states, “If you have a liability process in place through a waiver associated with your registration, that should extend to all members.”

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — August or October
2. **Next Sports Show appearance** — Waiting to hear back from Cami Powers.
3. **U.S. flags update** — to be ready within the next month, board approved donation acceptance Aug. 3, 2021. John Coats (Optical Shop) and Dennis Willert (Willert Chiropractic) now have the supplies and have produced a few pole & flag units.
4. **Public recreation center** — Harry Mansheim shared a handout advocating for a public recreation center and said there could be a role for Prairie Striders when efforts to create such a center advance.

Race director reports

- **Longest Day 10K** — June 18 — Derrick Powers — No report.
- **Beef and Eggs 5K** — July 9 — Kevin Bjerke — No report.
- **Oakwood Lakes Trail Run** — Aug. 13 — Andy Carlson said signup is just beginning. He plans to produce custom wood-burnt medals.

Next meeting – Aug. 2