



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

## ***Running Club***

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**Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023**

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

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; John Blatchford, Chuck Tiltrum; present via Teams, Shari Landmark.

1. Approved **Aug. 1 minutes** for posting on website.
2. On a unanimous voice vote, approved a **\$100 donation to American Legion Post** for facility use for Russ Strande's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday observation.
3. Following discussion and research, **the purchase of new tablet** (iPad generation 9) was approved on a unanimous voice vote. Current one purchased in 2014 and not holding a charge well; challenging to update software because of age. Both the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> generation iPad begin with 64 gigabits of storage. Price difference is \$329 vs. \$449 with similar screen size.  
Jay is to order with the goal of having it by Jack 15 Sept. 23.
4. **Future race management for Brookings Marathon — Matt Bien was unable to attend, but provided the following report:**  
Dani Bohn will serve as the new race director for the Brookings Marathon.  
Dani is passionate about running and very much excited to open a new chapter for the Brookings Marathon. Long-time Brookings resident and mother of three, ages 6-10. Works in HR at Twin City Fan. Instructor at ARCfit. She has completed our marathon twice and loves to run.  
Matt Bien will be working closely with Dani over the next few months to make this transition as smooth as possible. The course will remain the same for next year. Race date set for May 11, 2024. Registration to open October 1st. With the help of an experienced committee, Dani is looking forward to a successful 55<sup>th</sup> running of the Brookings Marathon in 2024.

5. Jay Larsen encouraged race directors to **add club membership information on their online race registration** page. It was noted that while we have plenty of younger race participants, we need to get more of them to put down their \$5 dues to become members.
6. **Discuss candidates for 2025 Arbor Day 5K race director** — John Blatchford explained that he would be glad to continue as race director in 2025 if he is still here. However, he felt it would be good to bring in a person for 2024 who could learn under John and have a succession plan in place. It was suggested that John contact Matt Bien to review names that had been considered for the new marathon race director.
7. **Hot Hockey Nights donation request** was received from Cami Powers. It was agreed that the club would continue to put together items that could be bid on in a silent auction to benefit Brookings Rangers Hockey at its Oct. 5 event. Race directors are encouraged to check their storage boxes for new shirts, socks, mugs, etc. that could form a gift basket.  
**Please have items to Jay Larsen by Sept. 22.**

### **Race director reports**

- Jack 15 road race — Sept. 23 — Dave Graves reported strong sign-up in the early bird registration period, which ended Aug. 31. 20 teams and 92 individuals have signed up so far. With 240 shirts ordered, there is room for plenty more runners.
- Hobo Day 5K — Oct. 14 — Randy Hanson – Not present, no report.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — Ideally, next newsletter will be published between Jack 15 and Hobo Day, however, it could come after Hobo Day.
2. **Next Sports Show appearance** — Dave emailed Cami Powers to ask to be scheduled.
3. **Brookings Billboard** — Nonprofit rate of \$175 per week for location at 2300 Sixth St. Commercial rate \$800/week. Subject to availability. Contact: Jennifer Skogen
4. **Running chair report** — To be used at Center for Disabilities Run, Walk and Roll Sept. 9 in Sioux Falls; think about finding pusher/rider for Hobo Day 5K.

***Next meeting – TBD***