



Prairie Striders™

Running Club

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Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Kevin Smith, webmaster; Matt Bien, Steve Britzman, Chris Gruenhagen, Trevor Penning, Matt Schreiber, Chuck Tiltrum.

Old Business

1. Approved July 7 minutes for posting on website
2. Bob Bartling provided a written update on the move of the **Prairie Striders library** to Briggs Library on June 18. It consisted of 80 boxes. The materials must be catalogued and that work is 85 percent complete. Books and journals are on shelves in the lower level. Bob is indexing articles in the archives on the 2nd floor.
3. Matt Bien reports that there are three climate-controlled **storage units** in the 1921 Building that should be available for rent in early fall. Currently, college students are renting the units, so they can't be viewed. The key will be to determine how easily the units can be accessed from the first floor.
He hopes to get a larger facility than we currently have (10x10) with the marathon using most of the space. More information next meeting.

New Business

1. On a unanimous voice vote, the board approved a \$75, quarter-page ad in the **Brookings Park & Rec fall and winter brochure**.
2. Discussed a donation guideline for **memorial gifts**. It was decided to make the call on a case-by-case basis.
3. Consider fall **Soles4Souls shoe drive**. Chuck McCullough was not present. Matt Bien is to talk with Chuck about what plans he has. It was mentioned that Lyle Claussen is still collecting shoes as well.
4. **Certify a 5K course on the SDSU campus**. Chuck Tiltrum is to contact Shari Landmark. Matt Bien noted that he must remeasure the club's 300-meter certification standard, which is on the Highway 14 Bypass north of Brookings.

5. Chris Gruenhagen reported that his year's **Run4Phil** will be a four-mile race before the Oct. 3 cross country meet at Edgebrook Golf Course. It will start at 9 a.m. prior to the SDSU home invite. The course will use the college race's start and finish line, but rather than run around the golf course, the racers will take the bike path north to Larson Park, go up Larson Hill (Phil's Hill) and circle back on the bike path to Edgebrook.

All proceeds will go to the Prairie Striders/Phil LaVallee Memorial Scholarship for SDSU distance runners. **A footnote:** Matt Bien presented a \$500 check from the Brookings Marathon for Jay Larsen to deposit in the scholarship fund.

6. Dave Graves presented a request from **Brianna Burgers**, who recently established her own fitness center in Brookings. She is creating a running training program with group runs and will use Becka Foerster, a friend and a Prairie Striders board member, as an instructor. Burgers intends for membership in the running program to include membership in Prairie Striders and she would promote Prairie Striders races.

The program, **b.Well Brookings**, would gain the use of the Prairie Striders name on its shirts, etc. There was some concern about putting the club name to an organization of which Prairie Striders would not have control. Steve Britzman thought a simply-worded agreement could address the concern.

Based on unanimous voice vote, the matter was tabled until Burgers can attend our meeting.

Miscellaneous

1. Post high school runners wishing to be on a Prairie Striders teams for **the USATF cross country championships** in Aberdeen Oct. 31 should contact Lyle Claussen.
2. Dave Graves reported he is struggling to find a Prairie Striders **race photographer**. It was suggested to see if a college student might be interested.
3. Steve Britzman reported that Jen has been diligently working on the **Jack 15 history book** update.
4. Becka Foerster provided a written update on the **Indoor Rec Center Committee**. Plans include a 3- or 4-lane, 200-meter track, either ground level or on the second floor as SDSU now has. Chris Gruenhagen urged that the committee push for a ground floor track because second floor tracks tend to be too tight and too short.
5. **Next newsletter** to be published in late August. Send copy to Dave Graves.
6. Dave Graves reported he is waiting to hear back from Outlaw Graphics on a **decorative road banner** that could be used at races.

Race director reports

- Jack 15, Saturday, Sept. 26 — Dave G & Paul Ekern
Contact Dave Graves if you're able to help with registration Sept. 25.
- Run4Phil, Saturday, Oct. 3 — Chris Gruenhagen, Rod DeHaven, Cami Powers
- Hobo Day 5K, Saturday, Oct. 24 — Steve Britzman, Kurt Osborne

Next meeting – noon, Sept. 1 at Mission Coffeeshouse, First Lutheran Church