



# **Prairie Striders™**

## **Running Club**

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**Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015**

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

**Present:** Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Steve Britzman, Shari Landmark, Trevor Penning and Chuck Tiltrum.

### **Old Business**

1. Approved Aug. 4 minutes for posting on website
2. Discussed storage options and on a unanimous voice vote approved a motion to move storage items to the climate-controlled 1921 Building (old middle school) at a cost of \$20 per month with Brookings Marathon paying the remainder. It also was agreed to move from the proposed 7- x 14-foot space to a 10- x 15-foot space when it becomes available. *Note:* Brookings Marathon is to be the renter and invoice Prairie Striders annually for its share.

The next step is to actually move items from three locations into the 1921 Building: • Clock and related equipment are in the San-Jack at SDSU; • 7 folding chairs, 5 (?) tables, boxes of magazines and other miscellaneous items are at 419 Main Ave.; • Most items, including cones and coolers, are in the storage unit on Western Avenue that is to be torn down at the end of September.

Matt Bien and Dave Graves are to coordinate the move. Chuck Tiltrum has volunteered to help. An email will be sent when more details are known.

### **New Business**

1. ~~Consider fall Soles4Souls shoe drive—Chuck McCullough.~~ No discussion
2. ~~Certify a 5K course on SDSU the campus.~~ Postponed until spring.
3. Members voted to support Steve Heidenreich, who will be speaking Oct. 2 on campus. Heidenreich, originally of Watertown, was a nationally ranked miler who set records at Indiana University in the 1970s. He was hit by a car while running in 1976 and returned to running.

He will speak on life, training and traumatic brain injuries. Prairie Striders has

agreed to help with publicity and match the \$100 honorarium that the SDSU cross country program is providing. The talk will be on campus, but open to the public. SDSU and PS have runs the next day at Edgebrook Golf Course.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. Via email, Lyle Claussen reported that Matt Fideler is heading up a men's Prairie Striders team for USATF cross country championships in Aberdeen Nov. 7 and also is working on a women's team. The grand master's women's team in the Twin Cities may also be interested in competing, but racers must be Dakotas USATF members. Prairie Striders jerseys may also need to be ordered for new runners.
2. Chris Gruenhagen has agreed to serve as club photographer with help from his wife Lauren. The photos would be used for promotion of the club activities.
3. Dave Graves reported that due to its expected size, the club may want to offer an electronic version of the Jack 15 history book as well as a print edition.
4. Via email, Becka Foerster reported that the city's advisory Indoor Rec Center Committee is working with two architectural firms on initial drawings and cost estimates. All drawings include a 200-meter, three- or four-lane track either on ground level, which the club advocates, or on the second level.
5. Any items for the next newsletter should be emailed to Dave Graves by Sunday. He is to finish the newsletter Labor Day.
6. Dave Graves reported the Jack 15 won't be purchasing a decorative road banner for the start of the race but will instead go with paint and cardboard stencils.

### **Race director reports**

- **Beef and Eggs 5K** – Kevin Bjerke – via email:

“We were a little disappointed in the turnout. Not sure if the inflatable 5k in Sioux Falls the same day drew some people away. Thought for sure we would get over 200. Other than that, however, we felt the event went very smooth. We would certainly take better advantage of a photographer next year if available.

“Last year we lost over \$1,500 on the event, so were unable to donate anything. This year it looks like we are just about even, but will try to at least make a small donations to the striders/phil scholarship. We are really hoping to get more sponsors next year to get out of financial trouble.”

- **Jack 15**, Saturday, Sept. 26 — Dave G & Paul Ekern.      Sign up as of Aug. 31: 42 in the individual race, 17 relay teams; currently all volunteer positions are filled.
- **Run4Phil**, Saturday, Oct. 3 — Rod D., Chris G., Cami Powers.      No update.
- **Hobo Day 5k**, Saturday, Oct. 24 — Steve B, Kurt O., Becca F.      Just beginning to plan.

***Next meeting – noon, Oct. 6 at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church***