



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

Present: Dave Graves, president; Justin Bonnema, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Bob Bartling, Steve Britzman, Chris Gruenhagen, Trevor Penning and Chuck Tiltrum.

Old Business

1. Approved Nov. 2 **minutes** for posting on website
2. Discussed creating an **electronic payment account** for PS dues. Webmaster Kevin Smith had sent information stating that PayPal would take 41 cents out of a \$5 payment. Jay Larsen noted that payments wouldn't include other member information and didn't want to reconcile a payment with a membership form. The consensus was to hold off on electronic payments until that can be incorporated with membership information. Dave Graves reported he was contacted by Race Rooster, which agreed to set up a sample page to show how membership management can be done with its software.
3. Discussed purchasing "Prairie Striders Running Club" **window decals**. On a unanimous voice vote, it was determined to purchase "Life member — Prairie Striders Running Club" for qualifying members. Approximate order – 100.

New Business

1. Consider offer from **Steve Heidenreich** to return in early April to give an inspirational message or teach Yoga for Runners. The consensus was Dave Graves should pursue this and hopefully partner with another organization.
2. **Future of racing teams** — The following motion was approved on unanimous voice vote: "Until opportunities for team racing are more prevalent, Prairie Striders will not fund teams." Several members spoke to the lack of team races in the regional and the difficulty in finding team members for long term.

It was agreed that the club should honor a commitment made by Lyle Claussen that a group of four men who ran at the USATF Dakotas cross country championship in Aberdeen Oct. 31 would be \$50 for expenses. The men's uniforms will be given away at the Frostbite Frolic. They are older uniforms, mostly smalls. There is a better supply of women's uniforms and they are newer. Those will be kept in case a team is fielded in the future.

3. A motion was approved on unanimous voice vote to raise the **rental contract** for club and nonclub races for use of Prairie Striders equipment, including the clock, from \$50 to \$75 effective Jan. 1, 2016.
4. Bob Bartling discussed formation of an **equipment and supplies committee**. Justin Bonnema, Steve Britzman and Chuck Tiltrum agreed to serve on this with Justin as chair. They will meet in early 2016 to review inventory, do repairs and establish the logistics for checking out equipment.
5. **Brainstorm goals** for 2016. Due to time constraints, this was postponed.

Miscellaneous

1. **Friend of Running nominations** – Deadline Jan. 4. Submit online through the Striders website or email run@prairiestriders.net. Info: Dave Graves, 627-5718.
2. **Historic Prairie Striders shirts** – will give out for free at Frostbite Frolic
3. **Newsletter** – Print version w/ membership form. To be completed Dec. 5-6.
4. **Jack 15 book update** – A quote for printing 50-100 copies at 300 pages with spiral binding was \$17.80 per book using 20# copier paper. A pdf also is to be available.
5. **2016 officers**
 - i. Members will vote on the nominees at annual meeting Jan. 5.
- Officers begin their term in February and will be introduced at the Frostbite Frolic – Saturday, Jan. 30.
 - b. Current officeholders are:
 - i. President -- Dave Graves
 - ii. Vice President -- Justin Bonnema
 - iii. Secretary (w. Membership) -- Kevin Smith
 - iv. Treasurer -- Jay Larsen

Race director reports

- Indoor 5K, Saturday, Jan. 23 --- Dave G & Jay Larsen

Next meeting – noon, Jan. 5 at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church