



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Noon, via Zoom link:

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Matt Bien, Kevin Bjerke, Steve Britzman, Chris Gruenhagen, Randy Hanson, Chuck Tiltrum.

Business Items

1. Approved **April 7 minutes** for posting on website.
2. **Adopted a memorial gift policy** on unanimous voice vote. A draft was compiled by Dave Graves and Nancy Scholl. Matt Bien proposed an amendment that mirrored the content, but was better organized. A motion was made to work from Matt's amendment. After some discussion, that policy was approved.
It was noted that the club has separate donation policy. (Approved June 11, 2019, and is on the club's website.)
Adopted policy listed below:
Memorial gift policy
 1. Gifts will be considered if they meet the following criteria:
 - a. The deceased was a Prairie Striders members who made significant contributions to the club or to the sport of running
 - b. The designation of the funds will promote the club's interests, particularly running and wellness
 2. Any club member may submit a request
 3. Requests considered on a case-by-case basis
 4. The standard memorial gift will be \$50 but may be adjusted at time of vote
 5. Approval requires a simple majority of club members present at a scheduled meeting of club
3. **Discussed best practices for the club's race schedule re: COVID-19.**
A committee of Chris Gruenhagen (Longest Day), Kevin Bjerke (Beef and Eggs) and Matt Bien (Brookings Marathon) was formed to offer guidelines and/or a checklist. Matt has

already done considerable research and will share his notes with Kevin and Chris. They are to report back at the June 2 meeting.

Points mentioned during discussion: Discourage congregating after the race, possibly do awards virtually at a later time; only offer packaged food and container beverages.

Steve Britzman didn't believe there was a need for a special COVID-19 liability waiver.

There was concern if participation would be adequate to a) justify the work of putting on the race; b) cover the cost of the event. Jay Larsen noted that the club was intending to cover the cost of insurance for Longest Day and Beef and Eggs with funds from the 605 Running Club sponsorship of the Prairie Striders website.

Miscellaneous

Newsletter update — Emily Berzonsky to finish after completing this semester's work.

Friend of Running update — Award to be presented when we're able to gather again.

Race directors reports:

Longest Day 10K — June 20 — Chris Gruenhagen reported he wanted to talk over the race with assistant director Ray Munsterman and consider needed accommodations before making a final decision on staging the race.

Next meeting – Noon, June 2, via Zoom