



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024

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

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; present via Teams, Matt Bien, Dani Bohn, Shari Landmark, Kati Merkley.

1. Approved **Aug. 6 minutes** for posting on website.
2. Consider establishing a written policy to provide **financial assistance when race director(s) is use personal funds** to pay for reasonable direct race expenses. — Jay Larsen

After some discussion, the following paragraph was amended and added. The statement is being submitted to race directors for comment by Oct. 31 with action at the Nov. 5 meeting. The full policy statement will be attached to these minutes.

The club will consider financial options, including reimbursement or payment of outstanding expenses as well as work with other race directors to help get the race on solid financial standing for following years. As a part of the process, race directors are expected to submit to the Prairie Striders board a budget reflecting the current and coming year.

3. **Consider purchase of laptop** to be used for Webscorer timing for races not using chip timing and as back-up laptop for chip timing (currently using Jay's laptop)
Kati Merkley agreed to do some research and present it at the Nov. 5 meeting. The ideal product would be a laptop that flips to a tablet.
4. Status on **2025 Brookings Marathon** date — Dani Bohn reported a contract has not yet been signed by Anderson Race Management, but the plan is for Oct. 18, which would be a road SDSU football game. Anderson has given a verbal approval.
5. **Discuss need for pusher/rider for** running chair for Hobo Day 5K – Dave Graves has sent an email to Suzy Gehring, who has shown an interest in supporting the effort.

Race director reports

- **Jack 15 road race** — Sept. 21 — Dave Graves — 199 registered participants, 98 individual finishers, tying the number of finishers in 2023, which was the most since 100 in 1983. 23 relay teams that finished. First time three generations of one family finished the Jack 15 in the same year in 62-year history of Jack 15. Finances TBD but should be fine. Great amount of help from Prairie Striders, track team and the community.
- **Hobo Day 5K** — Oct. 12 — Randy Hanson. No report

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — late October
2. Update on Friends of Bob Bartling Scholarship drive — Dave Graves. About \$90,000.
3. **Prairie Striders/Phil LaVallee Scholarship** — 2024-25 recipient Meghan Ford
BEFORE SDSU: Previously ran at Furman University...2021 Cross Country and 2022 Indoor Track First Team All-Conference and Freshman Team selection...Dean's List student...three-time North Dakota state cross country champion...three-time 1600m and two-time 3200m state champion...2019 Nike Cross Regional Champion and NXN All-American
Scholarship principal as of June 30, 2024: \$109,612
4. **Officer nominations at Nov. 5 meeting.** **Note:** There also will be discussion on increasing attendance at meetings.

Next meeting – Noon, Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave.