



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2017

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Bob Bartling, Steve Britzman,
Becka Foerster, Chuck Tiltrum

Old Business

1. Approved **Aug. 1 minutes** for posting on website
2. Dave Graves reported that **Chris Gruenhagen** has agreed to be the new race **director for Longest Day 10K**. He plans to have a committee of four with people from his cross country team and possibly one person outside the team.
3. **Golden anniversary** — PS turns 50 in Sept. 12, 2019. In May 2019, Brookings Marathon marks its 50th running. How should we note our club's 50th? There was discussion on scholarship endowment (see miscellaneous No.9). Need \$25,000 per scholarship. Right now we have a total of \$32,000.

It was suggested we start a **\$50,000 for 50 Years** campaign and work with the SDSU Foundation to also solicit funds from track/cross country alums as well as publicize through PS newsletter and annual mailings.

Might want to have honorary chairs, including club founder Jay Dirksen and a female track and field alum, possibly Sara (Ackman) Schneider, who was the program's first DI natl qualifier.

New Business

1. Approved a **\$500 donation to Brookings Middle School for cross country uniforms**. It is estimated that will buy 10 uniforms for the 2018 season. The team went from about 25 to 66 this year, mostly younger runners who are too small for current uniforms, according to Jay Larsen. The club is willing to consider a subsequent gift.
2. Approved a **\$100 donation** to First Lutheran Church for providing the club with a rent-free meeting room each month.

3. **Clock/charger issues** — On Sept. 21 Gruenhagen reported he couldn't get the clock to charge, but it worked via extension cord. On Sept. 30, the clock twice froze at 14:00:00. Steve Britzman is to check to see if that is a programming issue. Graves is to have the charger tested. If it is faulty, Justin Bonnema has identified a replacement that can be purchased online.

4. **Frostbite Frolic location** — Graves is to contact Dan Bielfeldt to see if we can use the Innovation Village community room again.

Miscellaneous

1. **Librarian's report** — Bob Bartling reports all is going well. Library continues to digitize material. Wrestling magazines are to be shelved in their own area downstairs near the Striders running collection.
2. **Newsletter timing** — Graves says he is struggling to find time to do the layout.
3. **Report on partnering with SDSU Running Club** for table at SDSU's BacktoSchool event Monday, Aug. 21. Graves said the event seemed to go well but must be evaluated versus the cost (\$120) for next year. It was suggested that we see ways we can partner with the running club, including publicity for the Hobo Day run.
4. **Storage shed** — Moved to shed #14 (directly across from previous unit.) Same lock.
5. **Price of Jack 15 history book** reduced from \$30 to \$20. It was suggested to try selling copies at the Indoor 5K, which coincides with the SDSU alumni meet.
6. **Scholarship funds** — PS - \$19,623; LaVallee - \$13,120 as of 8-1-17

Race director reports

- **Jack 15**, Sept. 23 — Dave Graves — 66 individual finishers, 37 relay teams, 183 participants, up from 148 in 2016 but below the 197 in 2015. Event went well.
- **Hobo Day 5K**, Oct. 14 — Steve Britzman — Mugs are in. Well set for volunteers.

Next meeting – noon, Nov. 7 at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church