



# ***Prairie Striders***<sup>TM</sup>

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## ***Running Club***

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**Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016**

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

**Present:** Dave Graves, president; Justin Bonnema, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Bob Bartling, Matt Bien, Steve Britzman, Becka Foerster, Shari Landmark, Trevor Penning.

### **Old Business**

1. Approved **Aug. 2 minutes** for posting on website
2. **Update on balances for Prairie Striders/Phil LaVallee Scholarship** — Jay Larsen reported that \$16,825 is in the Prairie Striders side of the ledger with \$13,400 in the Phil LaVallee side. One combined scholarship is being awarded to an SDSU distance runner. In order to split the scholarships, each fund ledger would need \$25,000. The 2016-17 recipient is Emily Berzonsky.
3. **Points competition/runner of the year** — The database program used to calculate runners' points in Prairie Striders races doesn't work with the club's new web system because the results don't all feed into one database. Justin Bonnema volunteered to contact Kevin Smith to see what could be done to continue to award prizes based on points earned in Prairie Striders races.

### **New Business**

1. **Storage decision** — Do we need to keep tote of flags, chute bases and stands? — After a brief discussion, it was decided to keep the flags. Eventually the metal bases and stands may be tossed but Steve Britzman wanted to use them for Hobo Day 5k this year.
2. **Display at Top Ten sports.** — Dave Graves agreed to contact CF Promo about moving the club information display from Top Ten to CF Promo.
3. **605 Running partnership** — Dave Graves agreed to contact 605 Running about what type of partnership the club could have with the Sioux Falls store.
4. **Frostbite Frolic location** (Jan. 28) — Members were asked to be mindful of the need to secure a location with the Alumni Center gone. The Innovation Village

community room would be ideal, but an apartment resident must be willing to secure the room on behalf of the club.

5. **2017 — Goals/focus/areas for improvement** — One area of discussion was interest in a trail run, perhaps at Oakwood State Park. A race director would be needed. There also was discussion of timing and registration companies that would be alternatives to the firm most Prairie Striders races have used previously. The need for the club to look down the road and look at strengths and weaknesses will be brought up again at the Nov. 1 meeting.

## **Miscellaneous**

1. **Jack 15 history book update** — Dave Graves reported that the 240-page book with photos has been printed and can be purchased for \$30 plus shipping. Order at [run@prairiestriders.net](mailto:run@prairiestriders.net).
2. By unanimous voice vote, it was agreed to get a \$25 Subway gift certificate to **Jen Kastner** for her efforts in compiling information for the Jack 15 book.
3. **Library report** — Bob reported a separate ledger has been created within the Prairie Striders checking account for library expenses and gifts to the library.

## **Race director reports**

- **Beef and Eggs**, July 9 — Dave Graves presented a report on behalf of Kevin Bjerke. The race lost \$710 this year and its overall bank reserves from early years is quickly disappearing. However, an additional \$500 sponsor will be on board in 2017 and Kevin said he thought participant numbers can grow. There were 133 this year.
- **Jack 15**, Sept. 24 — Dave Graves reported 148 total entries, down 49 from 2015 and 7 from 2014. However, the race went smoothly and it was good to have John Brandt there.
- **Hobo Day 5K**, Oct. 22 — Steve Britzman reported the mugs are in, but preregistration is slow with only 20 in so far. He noted that some are requesting online registration.
- **Run4Phil** — Canceled. His name is to be on the indoor SDSU alumni mile Jan. 21.

***Next meeting – noon, Nov. 1, at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church***