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Running Club

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Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021

Noon, Mission Coffee House, First Lutheran Church

Present: Dave Graves, president; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; John Blatchford, Randy Hanson and Brett Pettigrew.

1. Approved **Sept. 7 minutes** for posting on website
2. On a unanimous voice vote, it was approved that **\$100 would be donated annually** to First Lutheran Church for providing the club with a rent-free meeting room each month. Treasurer Jay Larsen said the gift would be made in December.

3. **Update on purchase & testing of timing system** — Jay Larsen

Larsen reported the timing system arrived Oct. 2. He estimates it will take 15-20 hours to learn the system and perform the needed steps to get it ready for use. Software must be set up on a laptop. Currently, Jay is using his own laptop as the club does not own a laptop. Jay said the system is current as of August, but set-up instructions are NOT a simple 1-2-3 process; the instructions and details are scattered throughout various weblinks.

Larsen and Pettigrew will work on system set-up at 4 p.m. Oct. 6. Chuck Harming may help at a later date. Kristy Carlson and a Fellowship of Christian Athletes intern also have agreed to help with the registration interface and to assist for race day. The plan is to have a simulated race before using it at the Hobo Day 5k Oct. 23. Additional laptops will be needed to register people who are doing day-of registration for the Hobo Day 5K.

Larsen said 300 bibs also were purchased through Race Results, the company the club will buy the timing system from assuming the club is happy with the system after using it at Hobo Day 5k.

Since this will be a new adventure, Webscorer mobile timing will be used for backup timing and it was agreed that an iPhone should be mounted to the timing clock to assure the accuracy of the placement of runners.

4. Frostbite Frolic or seasonal group run?

There was considerable discussion about what it would take to strengthen numbers in a group run. It was decided to create a Doodle poll on preference for day, time of day and frequency for a group runs from April - September. The link to the poll will be sent out via email and posted on Facebook.

Dave Graves will create the poll and Jay Larsen will handle the email distribution.

4. Dates for 2022 races

Prairie Striders Indoor 5k	Saturday, Jan. 22
Arbor Day 5k	Friday, April 29
Scotty Roberts 5k	Friday, May 13
Brookings Marathon, Half & Relays	Sat., May 14
Longest Day 10K	Saturday, June 18
Beef and Eggs 5K	Saturday, July 9
Predictor Mile	Wednesday, Aug. 3
Oakwood Lakes Trail Run	Saturday, Aug. 13
Jack 15	Saturday, Sept. 24/Oct. 1*
Hobo Day 5K	Saturday, Oct. 29
Turkey Day Run	Thursday, Nov. 24

*Date will be set to coincide with SD Humanities Council's book festival as a running author will be part of the lineup.

Miscellaneous

1. **Librarian's report** — Bob Bartling — absent, no report.
2. **Newsletter** — Next issue — Emily Berzonsky — publishing format?. No update
3. **Updated version of the Jack 15 book for 2022??** — Matt Bien suggested going with an electronic, but didn't have a recommend on who to do the work. Dave Graves noted that Steve Britzman's secretary Jen Kastner has kept records up-to-date. The last print book covered 2015. No decisions made at this time.

Race director reports

- **Jack 15** Sept. 25 — Dave Graves reported 77 finishers with 53 individuals and 24 relay teams. Total registration was 59 individuals and 28 relay teams. Tony Thoreson completed his 16th Jack 15, which is sixth on the all-time list. Scott Jamison finished his 33rd, which is second behind Bob Bartling on the all-time list. Bills haven't been paid, but should be fine.
- **Hobo Day 5K** Oct. 23 — Randy Hanson reported 78 registered to date and the mugs have arrived. FCA and the student civil engineering chapter will serve as volunteers as well as the usual group of finish line helpers. Becka Foerster will promote the race on the radio.
- **Turkey Day run** Nov. 25 — Randy Hanson reported the run will be held at 9 a.m. using the one-mile loop at the SDSU Research Park. There are bathrooms and place for refreshments inside the Research Park. Race cost, timing and beneficiary are to be decided later, but FCA will be helping to organize.

Next meeting – noon, Tuesday, Nov. 2, at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church