



# Prairie Striders™

## Running Club

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### Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025

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

Present: Dave Graves, president; Randy Hanson, vice president. Present via Teams: Dani Bohn.

1. Approved **Aug. 5 minutes** for posting on website.

2. **Race director status for 2026:**

Prairie Striders Indoor 5k .....	Dave Graves/Jay Larsen
Arbor Day 5k .....	Dan Radke
Longest Day 10K .....	Jacob & Tara Mills*
Beef and Eggs 5K .....	Kevin Bjerke
Oakwood Lakes Trail Run .....	Vacant
Predictor Mile / Run4Fun.....	Kati McNeary-Jones*/Kati Merkley?
Jack 15 .....	Dave Graves/Brett Pettigrew
Hobo Day 5K .....	Randy Hanson
Scotty Roberts 5k .....	Vacant
Brookings Marathon, Half & Relays .....	Vacant
Turkey Day Run .....	Becka Foerster

**\*New in 2026.** List was reviewed. Oakwood Lakes Trail Run will be discontinued if a director isn't found. Dani Bohn said she would direct the Scotty Roberts 5K. Martt Buenger is considering becoming the marathon director. Matt already serves on the marathon committee, working with Matt Schreiber in course management. His wife is the volunteer recruiter.

3. Update on bike crew for Brookings Marathon — Randy Hanson

As of today, there are two bikers committed, but Randy said he will be calling a few other prospects. Ideally, seven bikers are needed, however, it could work with five riders.

**Race director reports**

• **Jack 15 Road Race** — Sept. 20 — Dave Graves — The day went well with 109 individual finishers, the most since 1983. Finances haven't been finalized, but it should be a good

year. There were 16 membership renewals or new starts from online registration plus \$287 in scholarship donations. 2023 champs Alex and Chloe Munterfering were 2025 champs.

- **Hobo Day 5K** — Oct. 11 — Randy Hanson — All matters seem to be in line for Saturday's race with 212 registered as of Oct. 6. Dani Bohn will continue to learn the timing system by helping Brett Pettigrew and Jay Larsen. SDSU students with FCA and ASCE are again volunteering.

- **Scotty Roberts 5K** — Oct. 17 — Dani Bohn — Anderson Race Management will do the timing. More volunteers are needed on the course for the 6 p.m. run. Please contact Dani at [run@brookingsmarathon.com](mailto:run@brookingsmarathon.com) if available. Thirty-five to 40 runners are expected.

- **Brookings Marathon, Half Marathon and Relays** — Dani Bohn — Numbers are down somewhat with close to 200 in the half and about 100 for the marathon plus 13 relay teams. Registration is available through race morning. Despite switching to a fall date this year, it continues to be a struggle to recruit volunteers.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — Planning for a November issue.
2. Prairie Striders/Phil LaVallee **Scholarship recipient** Cody Larson. A nice thank-you note was received, stating "The opportunity I have gotten because of this scholarship will forever change my life for the better."
3. Use of **running chair** in Hobo Day 5K. A volunteer is needed to take an active role in seeing that the chair gets out of the storage shed.
4. **Officer nominations at Nov. 4 meeting.**

***Next meeting – Nov. 4 at Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave.***