



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020

Noon, via Zoom link:

Dave Graves, Bob Bartling, Randy Hanson, Andy Carlson, Shari Landmark, Steve Britzman, Jay Larsen, Nancy Scholl, Matt Bien, Rod DeHaven, Becka Foerester, Chris Gruenhagen, John Blatchford

Business Items

1. Approved **Sept. 1 minutes** for posting on website.
2. On a unanimous voice vote, approved a memorial **donation of \$200 for Harvey Mills** in care of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Harvey was a long-time member and a major benefactor in the club's scholarship drive in 2019.
3. **Review storage shed suggestions:**
 - a. no storage of water (recommend donation to local shelter or others after the [raee](#)).
 - b. Previous Hobo Day mugs: Steve Britzman ~~is~~ to talk with Kurt Osborne at Kool Beans about offering a Hobo Day mug with the purchase of a coffee in the week or two preceding Hobo Day. Mugs still left over will be donated to Goodwill.
 - c. care when replacing items, repack in proper totes, roll flags around wooden handle, [etal](#)
 - d. donation of odd size coolers (too small or too big for regular use)

After Hobo Day, Matt and a couple other volunteers will clean out some items not regularly used. Also, Matt reported he is contemplating moving to a surface-level storage unit after the marathon next May. Access [Storage](#) is challenging because trailers or large pickups can't enter.

4. Consider an elementary school cross country series for 2021 — Andy Carlson noted that the Sioux Falls Running Club organizes a weekly K-6 cross country series in September with distances of ¼ mile, ½ mile and mile, depending on age.

He suggested Brookings have one that is open to all county schools. Andy volunteered to work with Brookings Park and Rec program in gauging interest and staging the event. Jay Larsen, who is on the park board, agreed to help him.

It also was noted that Girls on the Run (Brad Olinger, Hillcrest Elementary) might be invited in on the series. Discussion to use Medary Elementary and Hillcrest Elementary Schools as a training and event location because they have specific distance courses.

5. Do we continue with the points competition?

After some discussion, it was agreed that we would award runners who participate in six or more Prairie Striders races with a free entry into a future Prairie Striders race. These would be awarded at our Frostbite Frolic, tentatively planned for February.

6. The 2021 race schedule was discussed

Rod DeHaven said not to plan on an Indoor 5K at this point.

Arbor Day 5K — April 23

Scotty Roberts 5K — May 14

Brookings Marathon, Half Marathon and Relays — May 15

Longest Day 10K — June 19

Beef and Eggs 5K — July 10

Predictor Mile — Aug. 4

Oakwood Lakes Trail Run — Aug. 14

Jack 15 Road Race — Sept. 25

Bob Bartling Hobo Day 5K — Oct. 23

Miscellaneous

- **Newsletter update** — post Jack 15
- **Turkey Day run** — Swim club plans?? Becca Foerester reported the swim club is to discuss turkey trot plans at its Oct. 19 meeting, but is leaning towards having the event.
- **Library** — UltraRunner magazine is complete with 35+ years of scanned PDFs of all issues. Bob is getting Prairie Striders publications from Briggs Library staff for Bob to take home to update his card system.

Next meeting – Nov. 3

Race directors reports:

- **Jack 15** — Oct. 3 — Dave Graves. Happy with numbers, 62 finishers in the full, 72 entries, 28 relay teams. Winning time of 1:18:14 by Chase Cayo was fifth fastest on record.
- **Hobo Day 5K** — Oct. 31 — Steve Britzman reported all systems are in place; 15 online entries so far. Having Zoom meetings with Randy and Becca. Tables to be set up with mugs and bibs outside of Taco John's. No tents or indoor space are planned, so crossing fingers for good weather.