



Prairie Striders™

Running Club

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Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

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

Old Business

1. Approved **Oct. 4 minutes** for posting on website
2. **Prairie Striders display Top Ten Sports / CF Promo** — Dave Graves reported that the Prairie Striders banner, a glass display case, photo album and acrylic picture holder was rescued from Top Ten Sports before it closed.
All has been taken to CF Promo, but nothing is set up. Chuck Tiltrum said he would help set up, if possible, when the time comes.
3. **605 Running partnership** — Dave — Greg Koch is designing 15% off cards for PS members. They will go out with the annual membership letter.
4. **Points competition/runner of the year** — Justin Bonnema reported he still needs to gather data for Hobo Day 5K and Brookings Marathon and Half Marathon in a database that Kevin Smith has compiled. Then he will be able to calculate the 2016 points competition.
5. **2017 — Goals/focus/areas for improvement** —
Continued from October meeting when trail run & timing companies discussed. Strengths & weaknesses.
Among the discussion points **was getting past Prairie Striders race results put on the new website platform**. By a unanimous voice vote it was **approved that webmaster Kevin Smith could hire student help** to speed the task.
Bob Bartling mentioned some races that the club used to conduct many years ago, including a **K series** — 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 — **and an hour run** on the track.
Jay Larsen mentioned a second social occasion. From the starting point, it was agreed that a **June-August Saturday morning group run with social component** would be initiated in 2017 with Becka Foerster as the leader and Jay as an assistant.

New Business

i. Nominations for 2017 officers

Current officeholders are:

- ii. President — Dave Graves
- iii. Vice President — Justin Bonnema
- iv. Secretary (w. Membership) — Kevin Smith
- v. Treasurer — Jay Larsen

All leaders have agreed to serve another year. There were no other nominations. The slate will be formally voted upon at the Jan. 3 meeting and introduced at the Frostbite Frolic Jan. 28 with terms to begin in February.

- 2. **Frostbite Frolic location** (Jan. 28) — Members agreed to contact residents they know who live at Innovation Village to see about using the community room there.

Miscellaneous

- 1. **Friend of Running nominations** – Members were reminded to be thinking of nominations for the award, which will be presented Jan. 28. Past recipients Steve Britzman, Matt Bien and Bob Bartling will serve as the selection committee.

Race director reports

• **Hobo Day 5K**, Oct. 22 — Britzman reported 381 entries with 363 finishers; 245 preregistered. Concerns included heavy traffic at the Jackrabbit (16th) Avenue and Eighth Street intersection as well as in the 1000 block of Eighth Street just as the race was beginning.

Britzman expects the race to be able to donate about \$4,400, including \$500 to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and \$90 to the American Society of Civil Engineers, which provided help at the race.

He noted he is **gradually preparing to leave the race director duties** but wants ensure a smooth transition. It was noted that the help Jen Kastner, his secretary, provides, more than one person will be needed to replace Steve.

Next meeting – noon, Dec. 6, at Mission Coffeeshouse, First Lutheran Church