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Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025

Noon, Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave.

Present: Dave Graves, president; Randy Hanson, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Steve Britzman, Jacob Mills. Present via Teams: Matt Bien, Shari Landmark.

1. Approved **Oct.7 minutes** for posting on website.
2. **2025 officer nomination**—(Elect in December, take office in January. Current officers
 - President — Dave Graves
 - Vice president — Randy Hanson
 - Treasurer — Jay Larsen
 - Webmaster — Trevor Penning

The current officers have agreed to serve again. They were nominated with no other nominations coming forward.

3. Consider memorial donation to SDSU Track Excellence fund in honor of Steve Berseth — Jay presented a plan to purchase five exchange zone flags for use at the indoor track. Price is \$15/flag plus tax. Current ones are showing their age and Berseth was the coordinator of lane judges at indoor meets, so it seemed like an appropriate donation. Coach Rod DeHaven will be asked for his approval before purchasing.

Follow-up note: DeHaven agreed with this purchase. Total cost: \$95.62

4. Discuss **bike coordinator** for the Brookings Marathon — Randy Hanson said after 17 years he is resigning from this position primarily because the fall is a very busy season. He will seek to find a replacement but won't be serving in that role in 2026.

Race director reports

- **Hobo Day 5K** — Oct. 11 — Randy Hanson reported the race was very successful with approximately \$7,000 earned for FCA. There were 329 registered runners with 311 timed finishers. The registration breakdown is 145 men, 138 women and 46 runners age 16 or younger. The newly created Bob Bartling jug or growler will be on display at Kool Beans Coffee in downtown Brookings. It includes the names and times of all m & f winners.
- **Scotty Roberts 5K** — Oct. 17 — No report. Dani Bohn was unable to attend.
- **Brookings Marathon, Half Marathon and Relays** — Oct. 18 — No report. Dani Bohn was unable to attend.
- **Community Turkey Day Run** — Nov. 27 — Becka Forester — same format as the past.
- **Indoor 5K** — Jan. 24 — Dave Graves/Jay Larsen. Swag will be leftover items – ear warmers, beanies, nap sacks.

5. Reviewed dates for 2026 races

Prairie Striders Indoor 5k	Saturday, Jan. 24
Arbor Day 5k	Friday, April 24
Longest Day 10K	Saturday, June 20
Beef and Eggs 5K	Saturday, July 11
Oakwood Lakes Trail Run	Saturday, ????
Predictor Mile	Wednesday, July 29
Jack 15	Saturday, Sept. 26
Scotty Roberts 5k	Friday, Oct. 16
Brookings Marathon, Half & Relays	Sat., Oct. 17
Hobo Day 5K	Saturday, Oct. 24
Turkey Day Run	Thursday, Nov. 28

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — Additional story suggestions — Hobo Day use of the running chair; Joel Reichow being the top American finisher at the NY Marathon; Rod DeHaven repeating as conf coach of the year.
2. **Reminder on Friend of Running Award /Volunteer of the Year** — Selection committee — Matt, Steve, Shari agreed to serve. The awards will be at the Indoor 5K. Deadline for both awards is Dec. 8. The volunteer award is new. Committee needs to receive award criteria and the information posted on the PS website.
3. **Plaque for Volunteer of the Year** — same design as Friend of Running or different? Same. DG or selection committee will coordinate with Marlene Schram at Mills Construction on the creation of plaques.
4. **Running chair update** — Randy Hanson reported his son, Jacob, and a client of Advance have struck up a relationship and plan to participate again next year.

5. **Fall Challenge patch update** — in a post meeting email, Dani Bohn reported 7 runners earned the patch.
6. **IRS tax status update** — Steve Britzman reported the application to petition for tax-exempt status has been prepared and needs to be reviewed by Dave Graves before being submitted electronically to the IRS. “It’s been a challenge, but it’s almost done,” he commented. It is uncertain how long it will take before the IRS processes the paperwork, but it is expected to be several months.
Note: Dave signed off on the paperwork.

Next meeting – Dec. 2 at Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave.

In addition to election of officers, Jay wants to discuss listing of scholarships for donations during the annual dues mailing.