



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

BROOKINGS, SD EST. 1969

run@prairiestriders.net

www.prairiestriders.net

Box 504, Brookings, SD 57006

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024

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

Present: Dave Graves, president; Randy Hanson, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Harry Mansheim, Chuck Tiltrum; present via Teams, Kevin Bjerke, Shari Landmark, Kati Merkley.

1. Approved **Oct. 1 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 officers listed above were nominated and a motion was made that nominations cease. All have agreed to serve in 2025, however, Graves said he was ready to yield the reins when a candidate can be identified to take on the responsibility.

2. Action to establish a written policy to provide **financial assistance when race director(s) is use personal funds** to pay for reasonable direct race expenses. — Jay Larsen

After some discussion, it was agreed to add the following sentence to the policy. “If funding is to be requested in advance of an event, the budget should be presented to the board 45 days in advance of the event.” If seeking funds after the event, the budget for that year and the following year can be presented after the event.

The full policy will be posted on the club’s website under policy statements. A copy also is available from the president or treasurer.

3. Status on **2025 Brookings Marathon** date — Dani Bohn. Dani wasn't present, but the committee has started to publicize the marathon's move to fall — Oct. 18 in 2025.

4. **Review dates for 2025 races**

Prairie Striders Indoor 5k	Saturday, Jan. 25
Arbor Day 5k	Friday, April 25
Longest Day 10K	Saturday, June 21
Beef and Eggs 5K	Saturday, July 12
Oakwood Lakes Trail Run	??????
Predictor Mile	Wednesday, July 30
Jack 15	Saturday, Sept. 27
Hobo Day 5K	Saturday, Oct. 11
Scotty Roberts 5k	Friday, Oct. 17
Brookings Marathon, Half & Relays	Sat., Oct. 18
Turkey Day Run	Thursday, Nov. 27

At this time there is not a director for the Oakwood Lakes Trail Run. If one isn't found, the race will be discontinued. It was suggested that there might be an SDSU athlete who would have an interest. Dave Graves is to be contact Rod or Alex, the men's and women's cross country coaches, respectively.

5. **Consider laptop** options for use in Webscorer timing for races not using chip timing and as back-up laptop for chip timing (currently using Jay's laptop) — Kati Merkly
Kati had done some research and found an HP laptop with 16" screen for \$625. She mentioned Black November deals likely will be surfacing. She was authorized to purchase a basic unit with touch screen and then report back at the Dec. 3 meeting.
6. **Consider donation request** from Derek Ferley, Director of Sport Sciences, Avera McKennan Hospital. See attached information. — Dave Graves
While financing research studies is a bit away from the club's usual benevolent contributions, it was agreed to donate \$500 with an open door to apply again next year if needed. The 18-month study involves injuries among high school runners.
7. **Prairie Striders representative to Briggs Library?** — Jay Larsen
 - The archives had asked if the club could help with the cost of converting Bob's index cards to a digital format. Two student workers who had begun the task last year are continuing it. Action will be taken after a specific financial request is made.
 - Jay Larsen will serve as Prairie Striders liaison in regards to subscriptions and acceptance of donations to the Prairie Striders library. Someone else is needed to give tours of the library. No tours have been given since Bob's passing. Anyone interested in that position should contact Dave Graves. He also will put a notice in the club newsletter.

Race director reports

- **Hobo Day 5K** — Oct. 12 — Randy Hanson reported 289 entries with 267 finishers (132f/135m) with 37 registering day of. Thanks to sponsorships, the race raised \$7,900 for FCA with \$500 given to the Friends of Bob Bartling Scholarship drive. The commemorative Bob Bartling mugs sold out, but another box of 40 were ordered. Extras will be available for \$10. If interested, email Randy at randyh@buildwithmills.com. A notice will also be in the next newsletter.
- **Indoor 5K** — Jan. 25 — Dave Graves/Jay Larsen. Facility permission has been granted. Swag is to be drawstring bags. Registration has not opened yet.

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — mid-November. Should be submitted to Allegra by the end of the week for layout.
2. **Update on Friends of Bob Bartling Scholarship drive** — Dave Graves reported the fund drive stands at \$92,000 with a goal of \$100,000. Dave Graves and Dave Bartling are to contact a few prospects who have not yet donated.
3. **Reminder on Friend of Running Award** — Selection committee — Matt, Steve, Shari are to be asked. Shari & Matt have agreed so far. The award will be at the Indoor 5K.
4. **Prairie Striders/Phil LaVallee Scholarship** — 2024-25 recipient Meghan Ford **BEFORE SDSU:** Previously ran at Furman University...2021 Cross Country and 2022 Indoor Track First Team All-Conference and Freshman Team selection...Dean's List student...three-time North Dakota state cross country champion...three-time 1600m and two-time 3200m state champion...2019 Nike Cross Regional Champion and NXN All-American
Scholarship principal as of June 30, 2024: \$109,612
5. **SDSU cross country coaches Rod DeHaven and Alex Munterfering** were congratulated on leading the men's and women's teams to Summit League championships Nov. 2.

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