



# ***Prairie Striders***<sup>TM</sup>

## ***Running Club***

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**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017**

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Matt Bien, Steve Britzman,  
Shari Landmark, Trevor Penning

### **Old Business**

1. Approved **Oct. 2 minutes** for posting on website
2. Dave Graves asked that if anyone is interested in approaching **605 Running Co.** for web sponsorship to join him in the next few weeks.
3. Graves reported that Justin Bonnema will finish compiling **the points competition** for 2017. After some discussion, it was decided to continue to offer free entry into any Prairie Striders race as the prizes for points winners.
4. **Golden anniversary — \$50,000 for 50 Years** — Graves and Jay Larsen reported on a Nov. 3 meeting with Blake Day of the SDSU Foundation on an effort to endow a second scholarship for an SDSU distance runner. The plan is to raise about \$17,000 before the club turns 50 on Sept. 12, 2019.  
We will work through the SDSU Foundation and the track/cross country program to solicit former team members as well as contacting Prairie Strider members. Feedback was given on a draft letter Graves had drafted. After further crafting, it will be send to Day and Coach Rod DeHaven for their input. Current plans are to identify honorary co-chairs.  
Future discussion is to include giving incentives (gifts).  
Timing has not been finalized, but could be between December & January.
5. **Discussed timing clock and its battery.** After some discussion, members voted to approve purchase of a new battery (same style as we now have) for \$500. **Note:** The battery was ordered Nov. 7 and shipped the next day by Colorado Standby Power, Colorado Springs. - DG

## **New Business**

### **1. 2018 officer selection**

- i. **Nominations for officers** was opened with the understanding that Graves and Larsen, president and treasurer, respectively, were willing to continue in those positions.
- ii. **Justin Bonnema** had announced earlier he would not be continuing as **vice president** because he has moved.
- iii. **Kevin Smith** notified that he is ready to transition out of service as **secretary/webmaster**. Nominations were made for **Nancy Scholl** as **vice president** and **Trevor Penning** as **secretary/webmaster**. No other nominations were made for any positions.
- iv. Nominations will be announced in the December newsletter with a vote on the nominees at annual meeting, currently scheduled for Jan. 2.
  - i. Officers begin their term in February and will be introduced at the Frostbite Frolic – Saturday, Jan. 27.

### **2. 2018 — Goals/focus/areas for improvement —**

Members spent a few minutes discussing strengths and weaknesses, and ideas for 2018. The consensus was strengths include tradition and well-run races. Weaknesses include a broad base of leadership. It was agreed that membership needs to be encouraged. Topic to be explored further at the Dec. 5 meeting.

## **Miscellaneous**

1. **Librarian's report** — Bob Bartling was out of town, but reported earlier that shelving is to be reassembled during winter break so all books in PS collection are stored upright for easy removal.
2. **Newsletter** — Graves reported the newsletter was sent on the morning of Nov. 7 to Kevin Smith for distribution. Annual letter to follow in around mid-December.
3. **Friend of Running** — Nominations should be in by early January. See web for form.
4. **Frostbite Frolic** — The Park and Rec Department asked about the Striders moving its Frostbite Frolic to coincide with Brookings' Frost Fest Feb. 16-18. However, the Innovation Village Apartments community room is not available Saturday, Feb. 17, so the social run and potluck **will remain Saturday, Jan. 27**.
5. **Brookings Marathon's 50<sup>th</sup>** — Race director Matt Bien noted that the 50<sup>th</sup> Brookings Marathon will be May 11, 2019. He is in the process of creating a history book on the event and is in need of photos. Please contact him with pictures or stories, particularly from the early years.  
He **also proposed a social gathering/program** on the Thursday before the event to observe both the club's and the race's history. Those present backed the idea. It is hoped that many of participants from the first race and charter club members can attend as well as others who have had strong connections to the race.

***Next meeting – noon, Dec. 5 at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church***