



Prairie Striders™

Running Club

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Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023

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

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Randy Hanson, Brett Pettigrew, Chuck Tiltrum.

1. Approved **Sept. 5 minutes** for posting on website.
2. **2023 officer nomination**—(Elect in December, take office in January.)
 - President – Dave Graves
 - Vice president — Randy Hanson
 - Treasurer — Jay Larsen
 - Webmaster — Trevor Penning

The preceding slate was unanimously nominated to stand for election at the Dec. 5 meeting. Graves, Larsen and Penning are continuing in their positions. Hanson accepted the nomination after Becka Foerster opted to not serve another year.

3. **Consider purchase of tent(s)** for use at races.

Consider forming a two- to four-person committee to recommend or have the approval to purchase a pop-up tent.

Following discussion on the need for a tent, particularly for timing races but also for sheltering other activities, it was agreed that an imprinted tent with Prairie Striders logo wasn't needed. Larsen and Pettigrew will review online options and bring a recommendation to the Dec. 5 meeting. Larsen said the club has sufficient funds.

4. **Reviewed dates for 2024 races**

Prairie Striders Indoor 5k Saturday, Jan. 20
Arbor Day 5k Friday, April 26
Scotty Roberts 5k Friday, May 10
Brookings Marathon, Half & Relays Sat., May 11

Longest Day 10K	Saturday, June 22
Beef and Eggs 5K	Saturday, July 13
Oakwood Lakes Trail Run	Saturday, Aug. 3
Predictor Mile	Wednesday, July 31
Jack 15	Saturday, Sept. 21
Hobo Day 5K	Saturday, Oct. 12
Turkey Day Run	Thursday, Nov. 28

Race director reports

- Jack 15 road race — Sept. 23 — Dave Graves/Brett Pettigrew

202 registered participants, 98 individual finishers, the most since 100 in 1983. 22 relay teams that finished. First husband and wife winning duo (Alex & Chloe Muntefering) in 61-year history of Jack 15. Did well financially. Plan to make a \$1,000+ scholarship donation soon. Winning times were 78th (men) and 35th (women) fastest in race history.

- Hobo Day 5K — Oct. 14 — Randy Hanson

Randy reported a good year with 271 participants (145 females/126 males) and a good turnout of young (age 12 and under) runners. There were about 40 walk-up registrants from Friday night and Saturday morning.

- Community Turkey Day run — Becka Foerster

- Hobo Day 5K promotion — Dave

- Discussion focused on listing Prairie Striders as a race sponsor along with FCA as well as putting Prairie Striders or the club logo on the mug.

Randy also cited the need to make sure wording on the Prairie Striders web page matches that on the FCA registration website as there was an issue with registration deadlines this year.

- Race promotion in general — Jay

- Post full race schedule to Visit Brookings with area running clubs and the Brookings Register and SDSU Collegian.

- Races using online registration are encouraged to make Prairie Striders club membership as an add-on. Larsen noted that the Jack 15 had eight new members and three renewals in 2023.

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — Late November
2. **Prairie Striders/Phil LaVallee Scholarship** — The recipient is Josh Becker, who is ag and biosystems major from Osseo, Wis. Part of the COVID classes, he is athletically a junior but academically is in grad school. His thank-you note was acknowledged.

Next meeting – Noon, Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave.