



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Noon, via Zoom link: <https://sdstate.zoom.us/j/94445796687>

Present: John Blatchford, Steve Britzman, Andy Carlson, Becka Foerster, Dave Graves, Randy Hansen, Nancy Scholl, Shari Landmark, Jay Larsen.

Business Items

1. Approved **Oct. 6 minutes** for posting on website.
2. On unanimous voice vote, approved a motion to **purchase 10 yellow safety vests** for volunteers. Matt Bien is to select the vests and Jay Larsen will make the payment.
3. **2021 officer nomination** – (Elect in December, take office in January.

Current officers — President — Dave Graves

Vice president — Nancy Scholl

Treasurer — Jay Larsen

Webmaster — Trevor Penning

All have agreed to serve again in 2021. On a unanimous voice vote, it was approved that the current officers would be nominated for their posts for 2021.

4. Consider an **elementary school cross country series** for 2021 — Andy Carlson reported that the Brookings Park and Rec Department is interested, waiting to get a formal request from Prairie Striders. A fall series is planned with the goal to have proposal approved before printing of the Park and Rec's summer activities guide.

4. Discussed goals for 2021

Shari suggested organizing a group run in an effort to be more a social organization. "I think there is a lot that want to do that." She also suggested increasing the club's presence on social media. Andy Carlson said he talked to Seth at Wooden Legs about using the tavern's side room as a starting and finish point for a group run. He noted it would be good to get a couple anchor groups, like from the BWell fitness center.

After more discussion, it was agreed to start the group run once a month using an established route so walkers could be included. The Wooden Legs space would be free, Carlson said. The monthly community fun run would be on a weeknight.

In discussion about the Frostbite Frolic, it was decided to have the inaugural run as our "Frostbite Frolic," looking at having the event on a Saturday in March. People would order food through Wooden Legs.

Other goals mentioned:

- Shari mentioned increasing Facebook followers to 1,000. Now at 991.
- Brk Engraving has an online store in which customers can order clothing and receive it three weeks later your shirt is ready to pick up. The benefit for Prairie Striders is that no inventory would have to be purchased by the club in advance. Andy Carlson is to talk to Kirk Mansheim for more details.
- Continue to provide a safe racing atmosphere. Shari said people at the Jack 15 said they appreciated measures the club had taken.

Miscellaneous

- **Chris Oligmueller**, Fit My Feet Brookings store manager interested in supporting club. Race director should contact him in advance of their races.
- **Newsletter update** — November – writing stories now
- **Daktronics clock battery issues** — There were issues with the clock battery at the Hobo Day 5K and had to run off a pickup inverter. Jay is to reach out to Kelly Koenig at Daktronics to see what options are available. It was noted the battery is only about three years old.
- **Portable sound system** — Randy Hansen reported on the Passport P10 that was used at the Hobo Day 5K and is owned by Mills Construction; cost for the system is \$300. He said it is battery operated and has a corded microphone. Randy to get price quotes for the December meeting. Steve Britzman noted that the bullhorn isn't ideal for giving announcements.
- **Turkey Day run** — Becca Foerster reported Brookings Swim club recently decided not to have a Turkey Day 5K. Nancy Scholl agreed to lead a 9 a.m. fun run/walk originating at the Hillcrest Swimming Pool parking lot. Same course as the past. We will try to offer coffee or hot chocolate. Dave Graves will help with organizing.

There was discussion about the event in future years. Randy said he would approach the FCA board about its interest in organizing the event.

- **Website sponsorship** — DG needs to approach 605 again.

Next meeting – Dec. 1

Race directors reports:

- Jack 15 — Oct. 3 — Dave Graves — \$1,000 towards scholarship fund
- Hobo Day 5K — Oct. 31 — Steve Britzman, Randy Hanson. 123 finishers. Becca and Randy used the loud speaker system for announcements, which was helpful; Steve noted a large percentage of female runners.
- Indoor 5K — Not expecting to conduct this year because of SDSU restrictions re COVID-19.