



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024

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

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Brett Pettigrew, Daniel Radtke

1. Approved **Nov. 5 minutes** for posting on website.
2. **2025 officer election**– Approved the following slate of officers that were nominated in November. The officers, who are currently serving in those offices, begin their one-year term in January.
 - President – Dave Graves
 - Vice president — Randy Hanson
 - Treasurer — Jay Larsen
 - Webmaster — Trevor Penning
3. Status on **Run4Fun Brookings** leadership — Kati Merkley. Tabled to February meeting when Kati will know the softball schedule to see if she has a conflict.
4. **Thoughts on a director for Oakwood Lakes Trail Run** — Dave Graves is to contact Owen McElroy of Watertown. Dan Radtke is to contact Gabe Peters.
5. **Update on laptop** purchase for use in Webscorer timing for races not using chip timing and as back-up laptop for chip timing —
Jay Larsen reported he purchased a Dell Inspiron 2-in-1 lap with touch screen and camera. This laptop will be used for RaceResult timing with bibs. Also, non-bib timing will be possible using the Web scorer app and, if programmed, Race Result non bib timing.
Cost is \$530. It was listed at \$820. There is a full one-year warranty as well as 8 gigabit of memory. It is to arrive Dec. 4. Jay will be the custodian.

Race director reports

• **Indoor 5K** — Jan. 25 — Dave Graves reported four entries so far. He said he will amp up publicity in the next couple weeks. Race swag will be a drawstring sportpack. Lap counters will be needed. To volunteer, contact Dave Graves or Jay Larsen.

The event will serve as the club's annual meeting with the Harvey Mills Friend of Running Award to be presented after both heats of the race. Kathy Larsen will provide a home-baked treat for all present, perhaps bars.

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — February
2. **Update on Friends of Bob Bartling Scholarship drive** — Dave Graves/Dave Bartling
3. Jack 15 gift to PS/Phil LaVallee Scholarship \$1,500, including \$315 given by runners.
4. **Reminder on Friend of Running Award** — Nomination deadline Jan. 2
5. **Frequent racer awards** — Dave Graves. Someone needed to calculate this.
6. **Prairie Striders Library tour guide** — Dave Bartling has offered to serve in that role and the library granted him volunteer status to do that.
7. **Hoyt running chair** — Dave Graves to contact Brian Ardry with Advance about identifying a resident who would enjoy being a rider. The club would provide a pusher.
8. **Arbor Day 5K** — Dan Radtke reported the City of Brookings will purchase goods that Dan orders rather than get reimbursed. Dave Graves will be purchasing sanctioning (insurance) through USA Track & Field to cover club liability. That should be the only cost that will need to be reimbursed. The city will contact the Outdoor Activities Center about using that area for registration and post-race gathering.

Next meeting – Noon, Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave.

Note: 2024 financial report and 2025 budget will be presented at that time.