



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022

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

Present: Dave Graves, president; Randy Hanson. Present via Zoom: Matt Bien, John Blatchford, Shari Landmark.

1. Approved **Nov. 1 minutes** for posting on website.

2. **Elected the following slate of officers for 2023** –(Take office in January.)

President –Dave Graves

Vice president —Becka Foerster

Treasurer —Jay Larsen

Webmaster —Trevor Penning

3. Consider donation and naming request for the Longest Day 10K — Dave

Discussed a \$5,000 donation offer from Jacob Mills, who in turn would like to see the Longest Day 10K named in honor of his grandfather and early club stalwart Harvey Mills.

It was agreed to gratefully accept the donation and bestow naming rights for 10 years. After which time, the Mills family could continue naming rights for an annual gift of \$500 to \$1,000. It is understood that if for any reason the race would be discontinued, the funds would be redirected to another club function.

Those present agreed that the race director should include a way to honor Harvey Mills as a part of the race, possibly in the form of a medal, a medallion or some imprinted item.

Note: Harvey was one of the club's charter members when it was formed in September 1969 and continued to be a staunch volunteer and avid runner for many years.

He is a six-time finisher of the Longest Day Marathon (the predecessor to the Brookings Marathon) and an eight-time finisher of the Jack 15 between 1970 and 1978. In 2018, as the club was conducting a scholarship fund drive, Mills provided a lead gift of \$20,000. Mills died at age 94 on Sept. 11, 2020.

4. 2023 race dates / Postcards / Future direction for Thanksgiving run

Prairie Striders Indoor 5K	Saturday, Jan. 21
Arbor Day 5K	Friday, April 28
Scotty Roberts 5K	Friday, May 12
Brookings Marathon, Half & Relays	Saturday, May 13
Harvey Mills Longest Day 10K	Saturday, June 17
Beef and Eggs 5K	Saturday, July 8
Predictor Mile	Wednesday, Aug. 2
Oakwood Lakes Trail Run	Saturday, Aug. 12
Jack 15	Saturday, Sept. 23
Bob Bartling Hobo Day 5K	Saturday, Oct. 14
Turkey Day Run	Thursday, Nov. 23

- Those present briefly discussed the 2023 schedule. There was a suggestion that the **Predictor Mile** be incorporated into the last session of the July youth track series with parents encouraged/challenged to compete in the Predictor Mile. Andy Carlson also mentioned via email about holding a youth trail run on the Wednesday following the youth track series. Since neither Kati Markley nor Andy were present, those ideas will need to be discussed later.
- It was agreed to have **100 race schedule cards** printed for distribution at the Indoor 5K Jan. 21 and distributed around town. Dave will work Allegra on that.
- The future of a **Thanksgiving run** was discussed. It had been a timed race with prizes in 2021. This year that plan fell through late in the game and it was converted to a free community run lead by Becka Foerster. Despite that and seasonally chilly weather, there were 55 walkers and runners who gathered at the swimming pool parking lot. It was decided to continue with that format.

Postmeeting follow-up: Becka Foerster has agreed to continue as director. She will make a contact to see if Hillcrest School could be opened for restroom use. Hot chocolate and a few pies for door prizes might be added, but it would remain a free and nontimed event.

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — Final draft has been sent to the page designer.
2. **Friend of Running Award update** — Dave Graves — This year's committee will be Matt Bien, Steve Britzman and Shari Landmark. Nomination deadline is Dec. 21. The decision will be made in early January with the presentation Jan. 21.
3. **605 Running Co. website sponsorship** — Dave Graves needs to make contact. (email sent 12/7/22)

Race director reports

- Turkey Day 5K — Nov. 24 — Becka Foerster — See report above.
- Indoor 5K — Jan. 21 — Dave Graves reported 11 sign-ups to date, which is decent for this far out. Swag is a Prairie Striders beanie. He expects the Hoyt running chair will be in use.

Next meeting — No January meeting. Next meeting Feb. 7.