



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

## ***Running Club***

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**Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021**

Noon, Mission Coffee House, First Lutheran Church

Present: Dave Graves, president; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Randy Hanson.

1. Approved **Nov. 2 minutes** for posting on website.
2. **2022 officer election**– A unanimous voice vote was cast for the officers nominated in November. They are:
  - President –Dave Graves
  - Vice president —Nancy Scholl
  - Treasurer —Jay Larsen
  - Webmaster —Trevor Penning
3. **Continued discussion on resuming group runs in the spring**

It was decided to have a twice-a-week morning run for beginning runners as well as anyone else who wishes to join. The runs would start in April and culminate with Beef and Eggs 5K in July. Another cohort could start in late July/August and culminate at Hobo Day 5K.

John Blatchford and Nancy Scholl have agreed to be leaders. A couple more are needed. Initial starting location would be the Fishback Soccer Complex parking lot. Members are asked to help publicize as the start date draws near.

Note: We're also looking for a name for this activity. We won't bill this as a couch-to-5K program because participants should already have a walking base.

(Maybe participants could get free entry into the Arbor Day 5K. ☺ That could be a measuring base to compare with Beef and Eggs 5K 10 weeks later. — DG's thought)
4. **Discussion on recruiting more people to learn timing system**

Jay Larsen said he has asked a few people who said they might be interested. He noted they would be trained and have instructions. Those interested should contact Larsen at [larsenjk@brookings.net](mailto:larsenjk@brookings.net).

## 5. Considering awarding points towards races for attending meetings or being on the board

Nancy Scholl proposed: attend 10 meetings, earn free entry to the marathon; 5 meetings, free entry to Jack 15 or Longest Day 10K; 3 meetings, free entry to a 5K. Races would be reimbursed by the club. There also was discussion on whether serving on the board should merit points.

Action was deferred to Feb. 1, when there are hopefully more in attendance.

## Miscellaneous

1. **Librarian's report** — Bob Bartling. Not present.
2. **Website sponsorship** — 605 Running Co. to again sponsor web page. DG will send out invoice in the coming days. Sent via email 12/7/21
3. **USATF SafeSport Training** — Dave Graves & Jay Larsen have completed this two-hour online training, which is now required of race directors applying for USATF sanctioning (insurance). Larsen and Graves said they would make the sanctioning request for race directors not wanting to take the training, which focuses on sexual harassment.
4. **Newsletter** — Mostly written. Dave Graves plans to ask Allegra for help with layout as he no longer has publishing software on his computer.
5. **Friend of Running plaques** — Thanks for Marlene Schram at Mills Construction, individual plaques have been prepared for past recipients. Those will be presented during the end-of-year awards assembly after the Indoor 5K Jan. 22.
6. **Park & Rec Mayor's awards** — Jay nominated the club for the inaugural Park and Rec Mayor's Award under the organization category and Matt Bien under the individual category. They were presented Dec. 2 along with other city awards.

## Race director reports

- **Jack 15 Sept. 24, 2022** — Dave — Dick Beardsley has accepted an invite from SD Humanities Council to speak at the Festival of Books Sept. 24-25. He also will speak to runners on the Friday night before the 60<sup>th</sup> annual race and plans to run in the Jack 15. A brief recognition program for original runners (Dec. 7, 1963) and other significant participants will precede Beardsley's talk.
- **Turkey Day run Nov. 25** — Randy Hanson reported 39 participants with 32 of them completing the 5K at the Research Park at South Dakota State. The one-mile circle proved to be a good course and favorable feedback was received. Donations of \$70 were collected for Feeding South Dakota, Brookings chapter, and 94 pounds of food were donated.
- **Indoor 5K Jan 22** — Dave Graves reported 13 have registered to date. Jay said the club's electronic timing system will be used. Swag will be a royal blue headband.

**Next meeting – noon, Tuesday, Feb.1** at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church

***No January meeting.***

***Agenda items:***

- *Act on 2022 budget*
- Review 2021 financial reports