



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Noon, via Zoom link: <https://sdstate.zoom.us/j/92634208141>

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Steve Britzman, Brett Pettigrew, Randy Hanson, John Blatchford, Andy Carlson.

Business Items

1. Approved **Nov. 3 minutes** for posting on website.
2. By unanimous voice vote, the following slate of **officers were elected for 2021:**
Their one-year terms begin in January.
 - President – Dave Graves
 - Vice president — Nancy Scholl
 - Treasurer — Jay Larsen
 - Webmaster — Trevor Penning
3. **Update on elementary school cross country series for 2021** — Andy Carlson
On unanimous voice vote, a motion was approved directing Andy Carlson to develop a budget for the 2021 elementary cross country series. It would cover awards and refreshments. The three events will be free to participants.
Jay asked if in addition to the Sept. 9-16-23 timed runs, if there would be practices.
Jay also suggested the series could be promoted with Boys and Girls Club, which has a 26th mile program in May in conjunction with the marathon.
Andy also was asked to check how the event would fall in the spring/summer and fall/winter Brookings Park and Rec catalogs.
4. **Update on group run** — Andy Carlson
5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month, April-September, starting and finishing at Wooden Legs Brewing Co., downtown Brookings.
 - Rotate PS leaders on a monthly basis?No date or time was set for the kickoff run. The Saturday home SDSU FB schedule is March 13, 20, 27. Another possibility is Monday, April 5, but that could be a conflict with the Final Four. Andy Carlson is to check with Wooden Legs and report via email.

- The Friend of Running Award will be presented at the kickoff run. Two awards will be presented. The 2019 award presentation has been delayed by the pandemic and it was unanimously voted to seek nominations for the current year.

5. Update on Daktronic clock battery — Jay Larsen.

Note: Current battery purchased 11-7-17. Waiting to hear back from Daktronics.

6. Consider purchase of Passport P10 audio system — Randy Hanson reported the P10 audio system is no longer being manufactured. However, he did search Amazon and ordered a system on sale for \$149. He will test the system and report at the next meeting. If satisfactory, the club can purchase from Randy.

Additional cost: Tripod stand FYI – 60-inch lightweight tripod w/ bag, \$60 on Amazon.

Miscellaneous

• **Newsletter update** — December – Designed by Emily Berzonsky and forwarded to webmaster Trevor Penning today for distribution.

It was suggested that the annual printed letter in February include an **“In memorium” column** for members who died in 2020. In addition to names, it could include a paragraph of tribute. Currently on the list are Rick Holm, Harvey Mills and Alison Tappan. If there are others, please contact Dave Graves or Jay Larsen.

1. • **Website sponsorship** — 605 Running Co. said “absolutely” to continuing sponsorship at \$500 cash invoiced at first of year and \$500 in gift certificates. The cash will be used to fund the elementary cross country series, members agreed. Dave Graves is contacting race directors about their interest in participating the gift certificate program.

Race directors reports:

• **Turkey Day run** — 37 participants, 24 walkers; good weather, Kool Beans donated coffee

• **Turkey Day run 2021** — TJ Carlson with Brookings/SDSU FCA expressed an interest in partnering with Prairie Striders. Sites discussed were the SDSU Research Park, where FCA has its office and there is a one-mile loop, and the Dakota Nature Park. Randy will check with TJ and Duane Chapel at the research park about using that facility. Jay will check with city about clearing the Dakota Nature Park trails. Concerns were raised about ice on the trails many years by Thanksgiving.

• **Indoor 5K** — Not expecting to conduct this year because of SDSU restrictions

Next meeting – Feb. 2. Note no meeting in January.

Agenda items:

• *Act on 2021 budget*

• Review 2020 financial reports