



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025

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

Present: Dave Graves, president; Randy Hanson, vice president; Dave Bartling, Steve Britzman; present via Teams, Jay Larsen, treasurer.

1. .Approved **Dec. 3 minutes** for posting on website.
2. **Status of Oakwood Lakes Trail Run — Dave Graves**

Two members have offered to help, but a director is still needed. Please contact Dave Graves with potential candidates. DG emailed Sara Olson and Chuck Harming to see if they're interested, 2/4/25.
3. Status on **Run4Fun Brookings** leadership as well as **Predictor Mile** — Kati Merkley reported by email that she will continue and look for an assistant.
4. **Review 2024 financial report** — Jay Larsen. The financial report and budget were both approved on unanimous voice vote.

Highlights: Equipment and supplies are valued at \$18,610. The Reed Hart Estate fund shows \$18,137 with \$5,737 in the checking account. Jay notes the balance is somewhat deceptive because a payment of \$1,895 will be made this week to the SDSU Foundation for the Prairie Striders/Phil LaVallee Memorial Scholarship from donations collected in 2024. This compares with \$1,750 that was collected in 2023.

Dues totaling \$1.975 were collected. That includes \$1,600 from 13 new life members. Expenses include \$809 for Beef and Eggs 5K bibs that were purchased for future races and is to be paid back over time. Also, there was \$522 in printing costs for the Bob Bartling scholarship letter and \$473 for the Bartling plaque at Briggs Library at SDSU.
5. **Act on 2025 budget** — Jay Larsen

The budget projects income of \$4,575 and expenses of \$4,775. Revenue from dues is expected to drop from \$1,975 to \$1,150 because of the unusually large number of life members in 2024. The largest expense is the \$1,895 payment to the PS/LaVallee scholarship payment. No major equipment purchases are budgeted, however, if needed funds are available in the Reed Hart account at First Bank & Trust.

6. Advertising in Brookings Park & Rec Guide

Options

- tradition race listing
- Promote Run4Fun Brookings
- Separate ad for race listings & Run4Fun Brookings
Cost: \$150 – ¼ page; \$225 ½ page; \$300 full page
Space reservations due: Feb. 7. **Distribution:** March 31
2024: Placed separate quarter-page ads

After a discussion of options, the group decided to purchase a half-page ad to promote both the 2025 races and Run4Fun. Dave Graves will contact Park & Rec Department.

7. Friends of Bob Bartling Scholarship drive status — Dave Graves

A. **New fund total** — \$102,000. When the drive began in July, the goal was \$100,000 so we are happy to have reached our goal.

B. **Consider mailing out thank-you post cards to all donors.** It was decided to list the names of all donors in thank-you in the club's February newsletter. Also, donors of \$100 or more will receive a personal thank-you note. Randy Hanson agreed to foot the cost of printing thank-you notes and Dave Bartling will handle mailing costs.

There also was discussion whether to include the Bartling scholarship (which was not created by Prairie Striders) as a giving option in the membership/donation card that will go out with the annual mailing later in February. Jay Larsen was concerned this will reduce giving to the Prairie Striders scholarship. On a 3-1 vote, it was decided to add the line for this year and measure the effect of listing both scholarships.

Race director reports

- **Indoor 5K** — Jan. 25 — Dave Graves/Jay Larsen — Tenth annual running, 43 total registered, 34 runners, # a little low; finances TBD. Good sponsor support for prizes.
- **Arbor Day 5K** — April 25 — Dan Radtke — not present – no report.
- **Longest Day 10K** — June 28 — Derrick Powers — Note later date.

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — Will go out later this month.

Next meeting – Noon, Tuesday, April 1, at Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave.