



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

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## ***Running Club***

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**Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

Noon, via Zoom link: <https://sdstate.zoom.us/j/97795553483>

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Steve Britzman, John Blatchford, Andy Carlson, Randy Hanson, Shari Landmark, Nancy Scholl.

### **Business Items**

1. Approved **Feb. 2 minutes** for posting on website. UVV
2. **Update on elementary racing series** – Andy Carlson reported he talked to Optimists at their meeting this morning. The group is interested in helping with volunteers but finances are tighter this year so no sponsor money is available at this point, maybe later.

Andy has sent information on the series to committee members Jay Larsen, Nancy Scholl and BHS coach Chris Gruenhagen.

3. **Update on group run** — Andy Carlson  
5:30 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, April-September, starting and finishing at Wooden Legs Brewing Co., downtown Brookings. Routes have been mapped by Andy. Nancy is willing to pace at 10 minute miles, Andy at 8 minute miles with Dave Graves leading the walkers. Andy is to set up a Sign-up Genius for future route leaders.

It was suggested we contact Becka Mansheim to solicit participation from arcfit. Shari said the Wellness Center can help.

There was discussion on publicizing the group run. Andy mentioned he has a flyer. Also, the club's Facebook page will be used.

Shari mentioned that Brookings Radio is always looking for guests. Dave is to initiate a contact with Brad DeBeer. Possibly both Andy and John (Arbor Day) could be guests.

**Friend of Running Award** — Dave Graves — Nomination deadline March 8. Since two people will be awarded (2019 and 2020, each can keep the plaque for six months.

**Participation awards from 2020** — Free entry if entering 5 or more races in 2020  
Three persons qualified: Chuck Harming, 7; John Blatchford, Tim Fryer, 5.

#### 4. Purchase decision:

##### a. **Battery for Daktronics clock** — Jay Larson.

Note: new battery cost (\$589 and \$653, both add sales tax, free shipping). Current battery purchased 11-7-17.

##### 1. **Consider new clock purchase** — VS Athletics, \$800 for 5-digit display, <https://www.vsathletics.com/store/Mile-Marker-Race-Clock.html>

It was agreed because of the unreliability and bulk of the current clock operation, it was time to get a new unit. (Current Daktronics clock works, but the battery doesn't. Jay had done online research on available clocks. An \$800 clock from VS Athletics would be the most economical and use for our needs (no fraction of a second readout).

The proposed clock is 12 pounds, 31 inches wide and 11 inches high w/ 5 digits.

A case from VS Athletics would be \$420. It was agreed that a less expensive option could be found. Suitcase on wheels would be an option.

**Jay** made a motion to purchase the clock, second by Nancy. Unanimous OK.

##### b. **portable audio system** — Randy Hanson. \$149 system with self-charging battery and Bluetooth connection. Tested well at Feb. 8 demonstration. Randy to check on availability of wireless mike.

Jay motioned to purchase the audio system, Steve second. Approved on unanimous voice vote. Randy can decide whether to keep the system he has or sell to PS. If a new unit is more expensive, the club will pay the higher price.

#### Miscellaneous

- **Park & Rec brochure ad copy** — **Note: Date on Arbor Day needs to be changed.**
- **Newsletter** — Went in the mail February 24. Next issue April — electronic
- **Website sponsorship** — Have we received the \$500 sponsorship check yet? NO. Dave will call 605 if a check isn't received by mid-March.

#### ***Race directors reports:***

- **Arbor Day 5K April 30** — John Blatchford — Dusty Rodiek, director of Brookings Park and Rec, said his department is willing to support the race based on the current state of COVID-19; Jay Van Duch said we can't use indoor PAC. There was consensus we should move the event off campus. After some discussion, it was agreed that the first choice would be the Outdoor Adventure Center near the Nature Park and bike trails in south Brookings.

- **Brookings Marathon weekend May 14-15** — Matt Bien  
Committee now meeting twice monthly. All races have filled. No 5K.  
All the COVID safety measures planned for now. We will have a need for 1-2 new volunteer groups if anyone at the meeting has suggestions or recommendations.

***Next meeting – April 6.***