



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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

Present: Dave Graves, president; Randy Hanson, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Dan Radtke, Chuck Tiltrum; present via Teams, none.

1. .Approved **Feb. 4 minutes** for posting on website.

2. Status of Oakwood Lakes Trail Run — Dave Graves

July 26 — Director Andy Carlson and assistant director Selina Hallan. Andy has agreed to stay on one more year to train Selina. Thank you both.

3. Friend of Running plaque — Dave Graves

The current Friend of Running plaque has filled. Because the club doesn't have a place to display a traveling plaque, it was decided to not get an additional traveling plaque. The winner will continue to receive an individual plaque and be recognized on the Prairie Striders website.

Dave Graves will ask if the current plaque can be displayed at the Briggs Library archives room where Bob Bartling served.

It also was suggested that a "Rookie Volunteer of the Year" award be presented at the same time as the Friend of Running Award after the January Indoor 5K. A catchier name and award guidelines still need to be developed. Suggestions welcomed.

4. Membership mailing update — Jay Larsen

Jay reported the receipt of \$1,473 in dues (including seven new life members) since the mailing went out in February. Also, there were donations of \$485 to the Prairie Striders/Phil LaVallee Scholarship, \$1,570 to the Friends of Bob Bartling Scholarship and \$1,500 for the club.

Jay expressed concern about the Prairie Striders/LaVallee Scholarship being overlooked. There were seven gifts of \$100 or more to the Bartling scholarship, of which three also gave at least that much during the fundraising drive. The funding question will be addressed again in 2026 before the annual mailing.

Race director reports

- **Arbor Day 5K** — April 25 — Dan Radtke reported the Brookings Park & Recreation Department is taking a more active role this year, including the purchasing of supplies and providing a cart to take cones onto the Dakota Nature Park course. The only upfront costs for Dan and the club will be the purchase of USATF insurance and refreshments.

A few volunteers are needed to help with the finish line. If available, contact Dan at dradtke@mtrsd.com

- **Longest Day 10K** — June 28 — Derrick Powers — No report.

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — Next issue, an electronic version, is to come out in late April.
2. SDSU Celebration of Philanthropy — April 24. Randy Hanson will be at the event.

Next meeting – May 6, at Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave.