



Prairie Striders™

Running Club

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Present via Zoom: President Dave Graves, Vice President Nancy Scholl, Treasurer Jay Larsen, Bob Bartling, John Blatchford, Randy Hanson, Shari Landmark, Brett Pettigrew.

Business Items

1. Approved **April 6 minutes** for posting on website.
2. Discussed purchasing **individual plaques for Friend of Running recipients**
Randy Hanson presented the option of creating a certificate on high quality and putting it in a nice photo frame. He noted his business did that and the cost went from \$70 to \$15. Randy also offered the time of his administrative assistant to create the certificate with material costs to be reimbursed by Prairie Striders.
Dave Graves will send Randy the Prairie Striders logo and the winner's description for Marlene Schram to create the certificate.
It is understood that all past recipients (except the late Reed Hart, who has no surviving family) will receive a plaque. The travel plaque also will be maintained and perhaps displayed with the Prairie Striders collection at the Briggs Library archives.
There also was discussion of providing a gift certificate to 605 Running Co. for future award recipients. A thank-you gift certificate is to be given to Marlene Schram and Randy Hanson for their help with this project.
3. How to attract younger runners to membership?
Open an **Instagram account**. Background: An account was opened, but we've been unable to post on it. Shari asked that new account info be sent to her. (Follow-up note: Dave Graves was unable to locate.)

Miscellaneous

- **Newsletter** — Next issue post marathon — electronic
- **Sanctioning tip** — Justin from USATF suggested to Prairie Striders sanction races by using the "not a USATF member" option if race directors are having a problem with sanctioning races.

John Blatchford noted the price is the same for members and nonmembers in the Dakotas District until numbers reach 100 finishers. Races with more than 100 finishers will need to work through Justin for a refund.

Race directors reports:

- **Arbor Day 5K** April 30 — John Blatchford reported 80 registered, 79 finished, \$800 in expenses, to be reimbursed by the city. Runners had good feedback. A lot of smiles, people enjoyed the course. Outdoor Adventure Center was a joy to work with. City very helpful. \$78 was received in donations.

After some discussion, it was agreed that these and future Arbor Day donations would go toward the Prairie Striders scholarship fund. The club would not list a \$50 fee to the city for a scholarship fund donation.

John also reported on the new Raceclock, which worked fantastic and was easy to set up, and the new sound system. He said the speaker system and mic worked well. He said it would be good to test in advance of using.

- **May 6 run leaders** — Becca Foerster and Randy Hanson were scheduled to lead the fast pace group, however, Randy has a conflict due to the date change. John Blatchford is to lead the 10-minute group. Nancy Scholl will pick up a collection of past Hobo Day mugs that will be given to participants. The mugs are to be available each month.

- **Brookings Marathon weekend** May 14-15 — Matt Bien presented the following via email:

1. Working on all of the usual last minute details - painting the course Saturday (weather permitting), packet prep next Tuesday, volunteer supplies next Wednesday.
2. From our volunteer coordinator: we could use 4 additional volunteers in the park from 7:30-10:15 and 10:15-1:00 (or all morning). Open spots are under the tent for food, medals, heat sheets, guide/herder at finish, and corner person (last turn toward the finish). Contact Darcie at 691-9012 or run@brookingsmarathon.com if interested.
3. Hoping for good weather.

- **June 3 group run leaders** — Go to Sign Up Genius to sign up. Andy Carlson not present.

- **Longest Day 10K** June 19 — Chris Gruenhagen – Not present, no report.

Next meeting – June 1