



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Bob Bartling, John Blatchford, Trevor Penning, Chuck Tiltrum.

1. Approved **April 2 minutes** for posting on website

2. **Discussed creating criteria to guide future club donations.**

Sample guidelines of other clubs were emailed out earlier as a result of Matt Bien's research. The Black Hills Running Club's approach came closest to fitting our needs. Jay Larsen is to customize the guidelines for Prairie Striders' use, review with Steve Britzman and present at the June 4 meeting.

3. Update on **\$50,000 for 50 Years** — Jay Larsen reported donations of \$315 since the last meeting. Total now stands at \$73,488 with a goal of \$75,000 by our 50th anniversary Sept. 12. May organize a directed push this summer.

4. **Club's 50 anniversary:** — Sept. 28 @ South Dakota Art Museum gallery.

Organizer — Nancy Scholl agreed to do organizing before the event, but plans to run the Jack 15, so she will need others on the day of. Jay and Chuck offered to help.

Program — Bob, Jay, Chuck and other longtime members of the club are asked to solicit names of people who could share memories of Prairie Striders through the years. It is hoped that Jay Dirksen can return, but we want all eras of the 50 years to be represented in the panel, which will be asked questions by an emcee.

Food — Our menu — cake, SDSU ice cream, punch, water — does not need to be purchased through Aramark. Nancy is to do the legwork on this. Dave will solicit MetaBank for bottled water as it provides water to the Jack 15.

Location — The reception will be in an art gallery. Pending art museum approval, the program will be in the downstairs auditorium. The awards for the Jack 15 also will be presented there in advance of the anniversary program.

Pop-up banner — Because we won't be able to hang our vinyl banners in the art

museum, it was suggested we price a retractable banner. DG agreed to do so. (Square One Productions estimate: 28 to 32 inches wide by 72 to 84 inches high, good quality material, full color with text and artwork, \$250 plus \$40 to \$100 for design time.)

5. **Discuss future of “I’m Ready for Summer” Triathlon** — Race Shari Landmark was not present but the consensus was the club would like to see the race continue beyond 2020, which is the date Shari has said she is ready to give up the event. DG is to contact Shari to discuss what can be done to keep it alive.

Miscellaneous

1. **Librarian’s report** — Bob Bartling reported a student assistant has been hired by the library to continue the computerized cataloguing of Amateur Wrestling News cards.
2. **Newsletter** — Post marathon edition planned
3. **Race directors** — sponsorship levels re: Falcon Plastics. Still need to hear from Indoor 5K, triathlon and marathon.

Race director reports

- **Arbor Day 5K** April 26 — John Blatchford reported in lieu of Steve Britzman, who was out of town. There were 108 participants with favorable comments received. Financials not complete. Timing malfunction meant no times were recorded.
- **I’m Ready for Summer Triathlon** April 27 — Event was moved inside due to weather. Thirty participants, however, there were 105 registered.
- **Brookings Marathon weekend** May 10-11 — Packet stuffing began at 5:30 pm May 7.

Next meeting – noon, June 4, at Mission Coffeeshouse, First Lutheran Church