



Prairie Striders™

Running Club

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Noon, via Zoom link: <https://sdstate.zoom.us/j/93672490093>

Present: Dave Graves, president; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Kevin Bjerke, John Blatchford, Steve Britzman and Randy Hanson.

Business Items

1. Approve **May 4 minutes** for posting on website. — UVV

2. Consider purchasing individual plaques for Friend of Running recipients

Marlene Schram had produced a black metal and glass frame with the a bit of information about 2020 recipient Dave Graves. Very attractive and the cost was just over \$20. Dave Graves will produce information on prior recipients and forward to Marlene/Randy Hanson. Once she receives the information, she can put the plaques together at her convenience and then send one bill to Prairie Striders. Jay Larsen will handling mailing to recipients.

3. Disposal/sale of Daktronics clock, portable PA system

It was suggested offering the items to SF Running Club or the Watertown group. Kevin Bjerke had a possible interest and said he would get back to us.

4. Future meetings — in person, via Zoom, rotate?

After some discussion, it was decided to resume face-to-face meetings in August (no meeting July 6) at Mission Coffee House. Graves will contact Mission Coffee House. As a pilot project, Randy Hansen said he would borrow an “owl” that the local FCA has to facilitate a simultaneous Zoom option with a laptop. Without such a device, it is difficult to hear speakers not behind the laptop.

Miscellaneous

- **Storage shed** — Now at Access Storage, 412 Railroad St. (between Airport and Pioneer Park exit. Striders supplies all toward the front; marathon only in the back. Loose cups, hand sanitizer, gloves, Powerade packs on table by coolers all free for any race to use
Please keep storage shed clean and tidy. Return items to where they were found
If items should be thrown or donated, please do not return to the storage shed
Some risk for mice or water; place at risk items in secure storage as needed

Contact Matt Bien or Dave Graves for access codes

- **Newsletter** — Next issue post marathon — electronic

Race directors reports:

- **Arbor Day 5K April 30** — *John Blatchford reported that the city-paid ad for the race stated donations would offset the cost of the run. So \$78 received in donations was forwarded to park and recreation department with a \$50 charge added for a contribution to the Prairie Striders scholarship per club practices. He added a rebate has been received from USATF for overpayment of sanctioning.*

- **Brookings Marathon May 15** — Matt Bien

52nd running; 2nd pandemic edition; 25th oldest marathon in US. Now 3rd oldest continuously run marathon (after Pike's Peak - 1956 and Heart of America - 1960)

Beautiful day with light breeze and starting temps in upper 40s; little warm by the end of day for the marathon.

Finishers:

Marathon 159, Half Marathon 239, Relay 31 teams

Near universal positive feedback from runners; especially loved the volunteers and course
Appeal of the race is the variety and grand tour of all that Brookings has to offer.

In this appeal is the inherent complexity of traffic control and volunteer support 288 volunteers on the course and about 350 for race weekend in total, recruitment one of the more difficult aspects of putting on this race

Planning for 2022 has already started

Anticipate increase to full caps of 300 marathon, 400 half marathon, 50 relay teams and hopefully no pandemic precautions. Post-race party planned, likely downtown. 5K TBD

- **June 3 group run leaders** — Leaders needed. Go to Sign Up Genius to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4aaaa72d6-prairie>

John Blatchford is to get Hobo Day mugs from Nancy Scholl for distribution at Wooden Legs. The club has also received vintage Prairie Striders T-shirts that were donated by Joannie Holm. They might also serve as prizes in the future.

- **Longest Day 10K June 19** — Chris Gruenhagen

Course will be the same; relay option will be back. Sanction process went smoothly.

- **Beef and Eggs 5K July 10** — Kevin Bjerke

Fit my Feet to sponsor. May do packet pickup there. May consider a course change after this year because of proximity to arts festival. (The race comes within a block of Pioneer Park.)

Next meeting – Aug. 3