



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

## ***Running Club***

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**Tuesday, June 2, 2020**

Noon,

Present via Zoom link:

Present: Dave Graves, president; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Matt Bien, John Blatchford, Kevin Bjerke, Steve Britzman, Andy Carlson, Chris Gruenhagen and Randy Hanson.

### **Business Items**

1. Approved **May 5 minutes** for posting on website.
2. **Discussed committee guidelines for best practices for resuming races re: COVID-19.**  
No action taken. **Matt asked that written comments be submitted to him in the next day or two.** He also sent out an updated USATC guideline later in the day.  
**Chris Gruenhagen** (Longest Day 10K) noted he has had a few people register, though none for the relay, which he won't hold this year. He plans to have volunteers wear face masks and have registrations prepackaged.  
**Steve Britzman** suggested having each race appoint a safety monitor, whose task is to remind people to maintain six feet of spacing, especially before and after the race.  
**Kevin Bjerke** (Beef and Eggs) said he is 50/50 on holding the race. The registration link is open, but no one has registered yet.  
**Andy Carlson** (Oakwood Lakes Trail Run) said he has not heard back from Game, Fish and Parks on his use application.  
**Matt Bien** (Brookings Marathon) said he thinks the event can be conducted safely. The committee's first meeting for the current date (Sept. 11) is June 3. He said he is considering a 7 a.m. start for prize money with alternative starts between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m for those wanting to avoid crowding at the start line. He said starting spots six feet apart could be marked on First Avenue (starting line staging point). He would encourage runners to have their own masks for before and after the race. Races could also have a supply of masks.

**John Blatchford** noted a Little Britches Rodeo was held in Watertown recently. It drew 90 to 100 kids from a wide area and “people had a great time.” This news was well received as many wondered how people willing people would be to gather again.

### **Miscellaneous**

• **Festival of Books running author** — Dennis Barker, coach of Team USA Minnesota from 2001-16 and author of “The River Road.”

**Newsletter update** — Next issue tentatively in late July/early August

**Friend of Running update** — None.

***Next meeting – July 7 ???***

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

- I’m Ready for Summer Virtual Duathlon — June 6-14 — 25 signed up
- Longest Day 10K — June 20 — Chris Gruenhagen
- Beef and Eggs 5K — July 11 — Kevin Bjerke
- Oakwood Lakes Trail Run — Aug. 8 — Andy Carlson