



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, July 2, 2024

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

Present: Dave Graves, president; Randy Hanson, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Dave Bartling; present via Teams, Shari Landmark.

1. Approved **May 7 minutes** for posting on website.

2. **Continued discussion on Bob Bartling memorial — Dave Graves**

Note: Dave Bartling has made a \$21,000 donation to the Friends of Bob Bartling Track and Field Scholarship to raise the base to \$50,000. Discuss beginning a campaign to bring the scholarship to \$100,000.

Members reviewed the proposed print and emailed solicitations, and discussed possible gift incentives. It was decided not to do any. It was agreed there should be a scholarship donation option for people when they register for the Bob Bartling Hobo Day 5K.

Randy Hanson, who directs that race, mentioned the possibility of donating some race proceeds to the scholarship fund. Also discussed was having free race entry to a Hobo Day participant gives \$250 or more at sign up. The club would reimburse the race for the lost entry fee.

Randy will discuss those options with his group, but that will not be coordinated with the drive about to begin.

Post meeting update: Letters are ready for printing. Mailing and email list needs to be finalized. If you know of people who should be contacted but may not have current Prairie Striders membership, please email their name and contact information to run@prairiestriders.net.

3. **Review of a portable plaque in the Briggs Library archives**

Approved the purchase of an 8x12-inch aluminum photo relief plaque of Bob Bartling for display at the Briggs Library archives, which houses the club library. At this point, the plan is just to use a table easel to display the plaque. A pedestal could be purchased later if necessary. Cost: \$400 plus \$45 shipping and sales tax.

Post meeting note: Plaque has been ordered. Delivery time: 4-6 weeks.

Race director reports

- **Scotty Roberts 5K** — May 10 — Chuck McCullough — No report
- **Brookings Marathon, Half Marathon and Relays** — May 11 — Dani Bohn — No report
- **Longest Day 10K** — June 22 — Derrick Powers — 39 participants including 2 relay teams. — No report
- **Run4Fun Brookings / Predictor Mile** — July 10, 17, 24, 31 — Kati Merkley — No report
- **Beef and Eggs 5K** — July 13 — Kevin Bjerke/Ryan Egeberg — No report

- Beef & Eggs new bibs. Present bibs #1 and 2 (prior to start) to race directors Kevin Bjerke (Beef) and Ryan Egeberg (Eggs) prior to the start of the race. — Dave Graves agreed to present.

Publicity for 20th anniversary for Beef&Eggs5K, which had 38 entries as of July 2. — Jay agreed to send email to 2023 preregistrations not registered in 2024. News release, Facebook, etc

Post meeting note: Jackrabbit Central, 416 Main Ave., has agreed to serve as packet pickup location on Friday, July 12, as Fit My Feet is now closed. Shirts are now at Jackrabbit Central and Lyle Claussen is to drop off medals for USATF placers. (The race is the 5K championship for the USATF Dakotas Association.) Press release has been sent out and website updated.

- **Oakwood Lakes Trail Run** — July 20 — It was learned after the meeting that director Andy Carlson has opted to make the event a free, four-mile group run. Website is updated.

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — hoping for late July to include word on the Friends of Bob Bartling Scholarship drive.
2. **Life members update** — *Jay Larsen* — (12 new in 2024)

Next meeting – Noon, Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave.