



# **Prairie Striders™**

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## **Running Club**

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**Tuesday, July 3, 2018**

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

Dave Graves, president; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer;  
Matt Bien, Steve Britzman, Harry Mansheim, Trevor Penning

### **Business Items**

1. Approved **June 5 minutes** for posting on website
2. Update on **Amby Burfoot's Brookings appearance** Sept. 21-22 — Dave
  - A. Reviewed schedule, flyer (attached) & promotion plans. Nancy Scholl is to send DG and Matt a list of contacts for races, running clubs and running stores in the region as well as the contact information. Flyers, either pdf or printed, will be sent to them.  
Prairie Striders members to be notified by email.
  - B. Help in meeting transportation needs Friday a.m. - Saturday afternoon — SDSU college runner and writer Emily Berzonsky is to check her schedule. Nancy and Harry Mansheim both agreed to help serve.
  - C. Help with selling books Friday evening — Helper is needed so Amby can just autograph books and not have to make sales.
3. Review **\$50,000 for 50 Years** solicitation list — donations since June 1.  
June donations totaled \$470 plus Brookings Marathon is donating \$250.
4. **Aug. 11 trail run at Oakwood** — Update, next steps — Andy Carlson. Not present, no report.
5. Discuss **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary plans for marathon**, PS Running Club — Matt's plans are still in the works for a Friday night panel discussion, however, the first winner, Jay Dirksen (conflict) and the women's record holder, Jane Wipf (Alaska) will be unable to attend.  
Matt plans to meet with the Brookings Chamber's Downtown After Sundown event crew about holding a downtown gathering the evening of the race.

Another goal for the 50<sup>th</sup> running of the race is record marathon participation (old mark 232 in 2012), goal is 300. Caps of 400 half marathoners and 50 relay teams will remain. Marathoners will be allowed to break the 300 cap. A two-for-one entry incentive for individual marathon registration will be used.

There also will be a 50-year history book published after the event. Photos from early in the marathon's history are needed.

6. **Participate in this year's SDSU welcome ceremony?** Monday, Aug. 20, 11-2, \$120. Payment due July 30. SDSU Running Club to have its own table the day before at the student organization event. NO charge for SDSU clubs to participate in that. SDSU club is willing to display at info at no charge.

It was agreed that Prairie Striders just put its flyers on the SDSU club's table.

## **Miscellaneous**

1. **Librarian's report** — Bob Bartling not present, no report.
2. **Newsletter** — Late August edition planned. Some assistance needed.

## **Race director reports**

- **Brookings Marathon weekend** May 11-12 — Matt Bien reported the races were at the 5-year average — 125 marathon finishers with half marathon and relays hitting their caps. With sponsorships, the race was able to meet expenses and donate to Boys and Girls Club and Children's Museum.

Cody Williams, who directed the Scotty Roberts 5K, is moving so a new director will be needed in 2019, unless the race isn't held because of the Friday night observance.

- **Longest Day 10K** — June 22 — Chris Gruenhagen — Written report provided. Only 21 runners, perhaps an all-time low. Plans for next year call for switching from Friday evening to Saturday morning and adding relay division. Ray Munsterman served as assistant director. Despite the turnout and having too many shirts, the race still cleared \$60.

New director Gruenhagen was assisted by BHS cross country parents and participants with the thought that proceeds could help the program. With that in mind, a motion was made by Jay Larsen and seconded by Matt Bien to donate \$200 to the program. Passed on unanimous voice vote.

- **Beef and Eggs 5K** — July 14 — Kevin Bjerke reported via email that all plans are moving forward. The race should look exactly as it has in the past.

- **Predictor Mile** — Aug. 1 — Matt Schreiber — Not present, no report.

- **Jack 15** — Sept. 15 — Dave Graves — Eight registered to date, four from out of state.

***Next meeting - No meeting in August. September is Sept. 4 (day after Labor Day), noon at Mission Coffeeshouse, First Lutheran Church***