



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

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## ***Running Club***

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**Tuesday, July 14, 2020**

Present via Zoom link:

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

### **Business Items**

1. On a unanimous voice vote, approved **June 2 minutes** for posting on website.
2. **Discussed purchase of compact timing clock** as used by Chris Gruenhagen at the Longest Day 10K. It was borrowed from SDSU track and field. Link listed below:  
<https://www.anthem-sports.com/gill-track-timer-and-display.html>  
Chris noted this smaller, compact model can be purchased single- or double-sided and with remote start. He noted our present works well, but is challenging to transport.  
Jay Larsen checked with Daktronics, which also makes a smaller clock. The rep said there would be no trade-in value for our larger clock. Like the Gill clock, it is only four digits; meaning it wouldn't be useful for races of a half-marathon or longer.  
It was decided to take no action, but perhaps consider a small clock in the long term.
3. **Should the club's COVID-19 guidelines be placed on the PS website?**  
The guidelines were approved at the June 2 meeting, but no action was taken to place them on our website. Matt Bien asked Steve Britzman if posting creates a liability to the club because we committed to those guidelines.  
Steve didn't think that was the case and suggested posting a one-page document after it had been reviewed by the leadership team.  
Jay suggested posting the sections related to runners and volunteers, while the race director section would not need to be publicly posted. Matt will do a bit of editing, send out for comment, make any follow-ups and then send to Trevor Penning for posting on the web. Note: Revision already sent out, comments due by July 17.

## Miscellaneous

**Newsletter update** — Next issue tentatively in early August

**Next meeting – Aug. 4**

### **Race directors reports:**

- **Longest Day 10K** — June 20 — Chris Gruenhagen

Went well. Didn't have a large field, 23. Rain the morning of may have deterred a few people from signing up. Volunteers were good with wearing masks, half of runners had masks at start line. Runners appreciative of having an event. Marked Xs six feet apart in start area. Refreshments were limited to water bottles on a table. Mailed out awards afterwards. Financially – few expenses, waiting for check from allsportcentral, expecting \$600 profit.

- **Beef and Eggs 5K** — July 11 — Kevin Bjerke — Didn't have a single complaint about virus. Good feedback from runners on having a race. Tried to get everybody to wear mask at start line, 10 percent did. Mask in every packet. People spread at start line more than usual. Financially, the race lost about \$100.

DG — At a future meeting, club may consider a make-whole subsidy for this coronavirus-impacted year.

- **Predictor Mile** — Aug. 5 — Matt Schreiber — No report

- **Oakwood Lakes Trail Run** — Aug. 8 — Andy Carlson — No report

- **Brookings Marathon, Half and Relays** — Sept. 11 – Matt Bien. Will cap at 450 total participants, about 60 percent of usual field. When race re-opened registration July 1, there was strong interest from marathoners whose races have been cancelled. Access was granted to Dakota Nature Park and that stretch has now been certified. The stretch east of 3M was eliminated.

- **Jack 15** — Oct. 3 — Dave Graves. Registration to open soon with RaceEntry.Com.

- **Hobo Day 5K** — Oct. 31 — Steve Britzman. To follow what Kevin and Chris did with their race. May have to go with commercial service for preregistration. Won't be able to do day-of registration inside Taco Johns. Need to confer with Randy Hanson. Risks can be managed.