



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Bob Bartling, Steve Britzman, Kevin Smith, Chuck Tiltrum.

Old Business

1. **Approved June 7 minutes** for posting on website
2. ~~Update on status of hand-held timers — Chronomix (Bonnema)~~
3. Consider renting **automated external defibrillator** from Wellness Center – Shari Landmark shared earlier with Dave that the Wellness Center will rent out an automated external defibrillator for \$50 for a weekend. A draft rental agreement is being reviewed by the university attorney.
Steve Britzman wondered if there was literature available on liability that race directors exposed themselves to in case the defibrillator was not used properly.

New Business

1. Kevin Smith demonstrated the **new Prairie Striders web page**, showing both its public face and its internal system. He said the site was changed to give it a new look, make it mobile friendly and convert it to a tool more people could use. The new Weebly system will not be more expensive to house, he said. Kevin said he can work with race directors so they can directly upload their results to the site or the results can be sent to him in an Excel spread sheet. The new site actually uses Goggle sheets, so results will be stored in the Cloud, but Goggle and Excel sheets are compatible, Smith said.
Right now Smith is the editor but other editors can be added and they can be given limited review, such as just being editor for their race. **Those interested in learning the system should contact Kevin at ksmith@yourrun.com.**
2. ~~Certify 5K course on campus — Matt Bien, Chuck Tiltrum~~
3. On a unanimous voice vote, members approved spending \$75 for a **quarter-page ad in the Park & Rec Department fall/winter brochure**

4. **Points competition/runner of the year** — One downfall of the new website is the race results aren't stored in one database that allows a computer program to automatically compile points for year-end awards. It could be done manually if there was a volunteer, but it would be time consuming. So members discussed some other way to honor those who got involved in Prairie Striders races, possibly asking runners to nominate themselves if they had competed in a certain percentage of Prairie Striders races.
The item will be brought back at the next meeting to gather more ideas.
5. A **\$100 donation** was approved for First Lutheran Church for providing the club with a rent-free meeting room each month and helping with projector needs.
6. Jay Larsen, who also sits on the Brookings Park and Rec Board, said the department will need to get community volunteers to stage **the 2017 Brookings Area Senior Games**. There were 65 participants in the July 22-23 Brookings area games this year.

Miscellaneous

1. Dave Graves said the printer (Square One Productions, Brookings) should have a proof on the **Jack 15 history book** in about a week with the final product to be available a week after the proof is returned.
2. Harry Mansheim offered the club a **trophy** that he no longer needed. The club felt that without a place to display a trophy, there was no point in taking on the project of repurposing the trophy.
3. Steve Britzman has completed the **marking of race traffic cones**.
4. Dave Graves and Bob Bartling reported that **John Brant**, a frequent contributor to Runner's World and an author of running books, will be among the featured writers at the **Festival of Books** in Brookings Sept. 22-24.
He will be given a tour of the Prairie Striders library and he has said he would like to have a role in the Jack 15 and can sign books at race registration Sept. 23. He also is signing books at the Performing Arts Center as part of the festival.

Race director reports

- **Longest Day 10K**, June 17 – Rod DeHaven – Rained out
- **Beef & Eggs 5K**, July 9 – Kevin Bjerke — 133 runners, event went well, more runners needed to improve profitability because of automated timing expenses.
- **Predictor Mile**, Aug. 3 – Matt Schreiber — 15 adults and 6 children, event went well.
- **Jack 15**, Sept. 24 — Dave — Planning continues, several volunteer positions open.

***Next meeting – noon, Oct. 4, at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church
(September meeting cancelled.)***