



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Noon, Mission Coffee House, First Lutheran Church

Present: Dave Graves, president; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Bob Bartling, John Blatchford, Steve Britzman, Paula Carson, Randy Hanson and Chuck Tiltrum.

1. Approved **June 1 minutes** for posting on website
2. Revisit applying for **Brookings Women Without Limits funding** — Nancy Scholl
It was agreed by consensus to wait until a need is determined to seek funding.
3. Consider **US flag proposal** from Optical Shop/Willert Chiropractic — Dave Graves
An unsolicited offer has been received that The Optical Shop and Willert Chiropractic would underwrite the cost and assembly of 18 U.S. flags for use in Prairie Striders races. Now the Jack 15 organizers borrow flags from the Optimist Club to use at mile points in its race.
If Prairie Striders had its own flags, they could be used at other races. Matt Bien told Dave Graves that the marathon was interested in an avenue of flags in the final stretch to the finish line at Pioneer Park.
It was agreed by unanimous voice vote to accept the generous offer from John Coats and Dennis Willert, assuming the flags are the same size now used and the support poles are adequate strength.
Storage would be at the PS/Brk Marathon unit. Shelving may be added to accommodate the flags, Bien earlier told Graves.
4. **Consider renaming Friend of Running Award** — Dave Graves
Proposed: Harvey Mills Friend of Running Award presented by Prairie Striders
Graves proposed this as a way to honor Mills' early involvement in the club as well as his large financial gift to the 2018-19 scholarship drive. With backing from fellow 1944 Brookings High School classmate Bob Bartling, the motion was approved to rename the friend of running award as listed above.

Miscellaneous

1. **Librarian's report** — Bob Bartling

Bob brought along five framed covers of Track and Field News of American record holders in the 1970s and 1980s. They are: Dwight Stones, Tom Petranoff, Evelyn Ashford, Valerie Driscoll Hooks and Sandra Farmer Patrick. The covers were donated to the library by Dee and Owen Jensen of Wahpeton, N.D.

Bob said he has compiled a collection of 35 one- to three-page articles that convey the meaning of ultra-running. The articles are in the Striders library.

Bob adds that tours of the PS library has resumed and beginning this fall there also will be walk-in tours on M-W-F from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

2. **Newsletter** — Next issue — Emily Berzonsky — August?

3. **Surplus equipment** — Daktronics and portable PA system given to Karen Lechtenberg, Tres Amigas Racing, Sioux Falls, June 8

4. **Friend of Running plaques** — DG needs to get copy to Randy Hanson.

Race director reports— none submitted

• **Longest Day 10K** June 19 — Chris Gruenhagen

• **Beef and Eggs 5K** July 10 — Kevin Bjerke

Financially, we ended up in the black \$500, so we will most likely donate \$250 to the B&G Club, and another \$250 to the Striders/Phil LaVallee Scholarship.

Overall things went very smoothly. Just bummed we had to hightail it out of there due to incoming rain, but we were able to get the kids race off and people ate food. Just had to cancel the yoga. Obviously we'd still like to see 100 more people (112 was our total with 6 no-shows who were pre-registered). \

Sound system worked great...excellent purchase by the club.

• **Predictor Mile** Aug. 4 — Matt Schreiber

• **Oakwood Lakes Trail Run** Aug. 14 — Andy Carlson

• **Group runs** Aug. 5 & Sept. 2 — Andy Carlson

• **Elementary cross country series** — Sept. 9, 16 & 23 — Andy Carlson

• **Jack 15** Sept. 25 — Dave Graves

• Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. to **surprise Bob Bartling** with congratulations on his 95th birthday (Aug. 26). In addition to those present, a number of friends joined in for cake and well wishes. Bob also was presented a photo book with two copies for family and one for the Prairie Striders library. It's hoped the book can be added to our website.

Next meeting – noon, Tuesday, Sept. 7???, at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church