



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

Dave Graves, president; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer;
Bob Bartling, Steve Britzman, Andy Carlson, Shari Landmark

Business Items

1. Approved **July 3 minutes** for posting on website. (August meeting was cancelled.)
2. Update on **Amby Burfoot's Brookings appearance** Sept. 21-22 — Dave
 - A. Email Prairie Striders members. Trevor Penning or Kevin Smith to be asked to send out; Dave Graves to draft. DG also to create Facebook events for his talks.
 - B. Help in meeting transportation needs Thursday-Monday. All spots filled.
 - C. Help with selling books Friday evening — Nancy Scholl to handle.
3. Update on **scholarship fund drive** — Jay Larsen

Jay reviewed the SDSU Foundation report on the Prairie Striders/Phil LaVallee Memorial Scholarship, which showed new contributions of \$33,235 between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018. Another \$700 has come in since then. The vast majority of that has come in through the scholarship fund drive. The principal now stands at \$69,000. The goal is to raise \$75,000 by September 2019.

The \$1,000 scholarship was again awarded to Emily Berzonsky, a junior from Lincoln Southeast who attended Brookings High School her first two years. Separately, he reported there is \$24,000 in the Reed Hart account managed by First Bank and Trust. That is conservatively invested in bonds (75 percent) and stocks (25 percent). There is a \$100 per year management fee.
4. **Marathon course recertification?** – Matt Bien

Matt was absent, but Bob Bartling reported that construction on the route (Sixth Avenue viaduct) has delayed recertification efforts.
5. **Table at Brookings Hospital's SuperHero race Sept. 29** 7:30-10 a.m.

The hospital has offered the Striders a free table at its health fair in conjunction with its 5K at the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex. It would be an opportunity to share information about the club and its races. A volunteer is needed. Otherwise, Shari Landmark said we could put information on the Wellness Center table.

Miscellaneous

1. **Librarian's report** — Bob Bartling reported he has completed recording SDSU wrestling results. Every State wrestler who wrestled even one match is now recorded in files kept at Briggs Library Archives. This dates from 1956 to present. He also is indexing 23 years' worth of Ultra Running magazine. He has one year completed. Library staff has printed out an article he shares on the library tour.
2. **Newsletter** — Sometime later this fall.

Race director reports

• **Beef and Eggs 5K** — July 14 — Kevin Bjerke supplied the following written report. Everything went smooth minus the low turnout (97 runners). We WILL rectify that for next year! We just need to get on things sooner and do a little more grass roots recruiting/advertising. Had we gotten 30 more runners (equaled last year) we would have finally finished in the black. Instead, we'll be \$500 in the red. This is the fifth year in a row we have lost money though. So that cushion in the bank from profitable years is now under \$1,000.

We did write a check to the Boys & Girls Club for \$250 this year. We had not donated to them over the last 3 years and they have always been a great help for us so we dug deep to provide them a donation this year.

We paid out 1-2-3 on the men's side, and 1st on the women's (\$900 total) which also hurt us a bit (but hey, that's half the reason we put it on, so happy to get some runners some cash!). I think last year we only paid out \$500.

We already have one new sponsor on board and hopefully can retain our other ones.

• **Predictor Mile** — Aug. 1 — Matt Schreiber supplied the following written report. There were 4 participants in the 400m, 3 in the 800m, and 10 in the mile. There seemed to be a fair number of conflicts with the date this year. The weather was perfect. I think everyone's predicted times were based on 95° heat as everyone ran 20-30 seconds faster than predicted. We had a late add from Ayub Kassim, who ran a 5:01 after predicting a 5:05. He won the mile event. It's sure fun to get the kids involved and would be nice to get that portion of the race to grow some.

NOTE: The Predictor Mile will be revisited at the October or November meeting to discuss ways to increase participation. One idea was moving to a Saturday. Another possibility is to tie the event to a city rec program.

• **Oakwood Lakes Trail Run** — Aug. 11 — Andy Carlson — 34 entries. Income was \$510 with expenses of \$328, including USATF insurance. All comments were positive.

• **Jack 15** — Sept. 22 — Dave Graves — 42 individuals, 21 teams entered to date.

• **Hobo Day** — Oct. 13 — Steve Britzman. Registration underway. Mugs to be ordered this week. Format will be the same as past years with registration at Taco John's.

Next meeting - noon, Oct. 2 at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church