



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021

Noon, Mission Coffee House, First Lutheran Church

Present: Dave Graves, president; Nancy Scholl, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Bob Bartling, Steve Britzman, Randy Hanson, Harry Mansheim, Brett Pettigrew, Chuck Tiltrum.

1. Approved **Aug. 3 minutes** for posting on website
2. **Consider donation to Hot Hockey Night/Brookings Ice Skating Association**
It was agreed to donate leftover shirts, socks, mugs, etc. for their silent auction. Jay Larsen will deliver them to Cami Powers Oct. 1. Race directors are asked to get items to him prior to Oct. 1.
3. **Discuss purchase of timing system (\$5,000)** — Jay Larsen
Jay's recommendation: The [RACE RESULT - Timing and Scoring of Sports Events](#) is to me the easiest set-up, use, and value.
After receiving a bid of nearly \$1,500 to time the Hobo Day 5K, Jay Larsen initiated research to purchase a timing system. At the meeting, he handed out a table comparing Innovative Timing Jaguar Timing and Race Results.
Race Results is a more simple system using UHF transponders rather than radio frequency ID. That also makes it less expensive with fewer extras required. Both would require a laptop, which the club also would need to buy.
Jay noted that Race Results rents out its equipment and they are then used by nonprofessionals.
It was agreed that the club should consider renting the system for a trial run before purchasing for \$5,000. Buying two systems was discussed to provide a starting chip time or used as a back-up system at the finish line. Jay agreed to help implement the system and asked for two volunteers familiar with software set-up/testing and data management. **Please contact Jay if you're interested.** Randy Hanson also said he would check at the FCA office for a volunteer.

At this point, the aim is to try the system at the Hobo Day 5K Oct.23 while also using manual timing.

4. **Discuss communication of running events**, additional options to Facebook posting and online calendar — Mass email? What about for nonStrider events

Nancy Scholl agreed to beef up our use of the Prairie Striders Facebook page. No decision was made about also using that page for non-Strider events. Currently, that is not done, just a listing on our race calendar.

5. **Discuss continuation of Indoor 5K** —Dave Graves

This was brought to the floor to determine interest in continuing the race as participation hasn't multiplied. Jay provided numbers since its start in 2015: 52 in 2015, 55 in 2016, 35 in 2017, 25 in 2018 (weather), 37 in 2019, 48 in 2020, no race in 2021 (COVID).

Jay said he was 100% in favor of continuing, noting we're the only club that can offer such an event in the winter and it has never lost money. The consensus was to continue. Dave Graves will contact SDSU track coach Rod DeHaven to get permission to host the race preceding a January indoor track meet.

Miscellaneous

1. **Librarian's report** — Bob Bartling noted two student workers from the track team should soon be identified to digitize file card information. Also, his list of 30 articles that best describes ultrarunning has already been distributed to two people.
2. **Newsletter** — Next issue — Emily Berzonsky — publishing format?
3. **Updated version of the Jack 15 book for 2022??** — Dave Graves noted that next year will be the 60th running of the Jack 15 and wondered if that would be a good time to produce the next book. The last edition went through 2015. No decision was made. Forward comments to Dave Graves. It would require some to oversee design. Thanks to Jen Kastner, the statistics has been kept up to date.
4. **Friend of Running plaques** — DG needs to get copy to Randy Hanson.
5. **Park & Rec brochure ad** — Quarter page, comes out Sept. 20. Jay asked that the ad include the Indoor 5K and obtained an extension to Sept. 8 to submit the ad.

Race director reports

• **Predictor Mile** Aug. 4 — Matt Schreiber. Reporting in Matt's absence, Jay said there were four individuals and four children from two families who participated. Publicity was lacking this year, it was noted.

- **Oakwood Lakes Trail Run** Aug. 14 — Andy Carlson. Reporting in Andy's absence, Dave Graves said there were 28 in the 4-mile run and 18 in the 7-mile run, which was new this year. Weather was good. No word on profit or loss.
- **Group run** Sept. 2 — Andy Carlson. Canceled because of rain. It was the last one of the summer.
- **Elementary cross country series??** — Sept. 9, 16 & 23 — Andy Carlson. No word has been received on this and it is believed it won't be happening.
- **Jack 15** Sept. 25 — Dave Graves said as of today were 120 entries with 43 individuals and 25 teams. Shirts were ordered for 170.
- **Hobo Day 5K** — Randy Hanson said online registration has opened and mugs have been ordered.

Next meeting – noon, Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church

