



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Noon, via Zoom link:

<https://sdstate.zoom.us/j/93999104829>

Present: Dave Graves, president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; John Blatchford,
Steve Britzman, Rod DeHaven, Randy Hanson

Business Items

1. Approve **July 14 minutes** for posting on website.
2. Consider **donation from Cami Powers for Hot Hockey Nights**, a fundraiser for Brookings Ice Skating Association. Event is Oct. 8. Last year gave Prairie Striders gear and glasses. Motion was approved to donate unused race gear or drinkware as a silent auction item. Jay is coordinating. Race directors should get items to Jay by Sept. 17.
3. Plans for 2020 **Hobo Day 5K** (Oct. 31) with parade and football game now canceled. Steve said he leaning toward going ahead with the race using online registration, gathering at Taco Johns, but not having on-site registration.
“I don’t see a reason why we can’t carry on with the race,” Steve said. He anticipates a \$25 entry fee and using Race Entry as the online registration site. He expects half the usual numbers, 250 at most.
Randy said that TJ Carlson expects that the FCA huddle at SDSU would be available for volunteers. Randy asked about possibility of promoting Halloween costumes also. He and Steve will discuss this. Steve said some type of wave start will be held also.
4. Should the club purchase **thermometer guns for temperature checks** for Jack 15 and Hobo Day 5K or see if we can borrow them? Note from Matt Bien — “Around \$40-50 for a decent infrared.” — The consensus was to try to borrow the guns for these races.
5. **Sept. 25 SDSU Classic** — The SDSU Athletic Department is allowing the cross country team to work with an open event as along as SDSU isn’t associated with it.
Prairie Striders will serve as the official host organization with sponsoring through USATF.

The Prairie Striders Cross Country Challenge will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a 6k for women, followed by a 6:15 8K for men.

Rod DeHaven is organizing, though Peter Claussen is listed as race director. Runners must pass a temperature check and masks will be required before warmup and after cool down. No team camps. Sanction through USATF, manual timing. 75 men and women runners each expected.

The race is listed on the USATF Dakotas website and will be on the Prairie Striders website. Rod expects runners from the University of North Dakota, Augie and Nebraska-Kearney as well as SDSU. The course is the back nine of Edgebrook Golf Course. A high school meet will be held there the day before.

Registration is at Athletic.net. Rod estimates expenses of \$800 with a \$10 entry fee and \$2 credit card fee. Track team members and coaches will serve as volunteers.

Rod said he might try another event in late October.

6A. Dennis Barker talk Oct. 2. Should we try to do something virtual, go ahead with an in-person talk or just let people connect to his talk through his Festival of Books link?

After some discussion, it was decided to pursue an in-person talk providing Dennis is willing to travel and the athletic department would allow us to host the event in the S-Jack using the five sets of four-row bleachers, Dave is to check with Christi Williams in the athletic department and Jennifer Widman with South Dakota Humanities Council.

If this doesn't work out, we will just let people connect to his talk through his Festival of Books link.

6B. On a unanimous voice vote, it was agreed to make a \$50 appreciation donation to Festival of Books for including running authors in the festival when in Brookings every other year.

Miscellaneous

- **Newsletter update** — post Jack 15
- **Turkey Day run** — Swim club plans?? Dave to contact Becka Foerster to see what she has heard about Brookings Swim Club plans for the event.

Next meeting – Oct. 6

Race directors reports:

- Predictor Mile — Aug. 5 — Matt Schreiber — small turnout but event went well.
- Oakwood Lakes Trail Run — Aug. 8 — Andy Carlson — 69 finishers, up about 20 from 2019.
- Brookings Marathon, Half and Relays — Sept. 12 – Matt Bien — Course record may be up for grabs, also a 13-year-old is aiming for a world age-group record in the half marathon.
- Jack 15 — Oct. 3 — Dave Graves 38 individuals, 16 teams, 83 participants