



Prairie StridersTM

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Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

Present: Dave Graves, president; Justin Bonnema, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Steve Britzman, Lyle Claussen, Becka Foerster, Shari Landmark, Chuck Tiltrum.

Old Business

1. **June 2 minutes** were approved on unanimous voice vote for posting on website
2. Dave Graves reported that the books and magazines that formed the **Prairie Striders library** were carted in 75 boxes and taken to the Briggs Library in mid-June per the agreement approved at the June meeting. The collection is being catalogued and is being housed as a group on the lower level. Catalogue information will be available via the Internet. Some material will go to archives.
3. Matt Bien reported via email on **storage options**. He said we won't need to move from our current storage shed until October. The price for our 10x10 shed is \$41/month. The new facility being built by Access Storage will be the same price; a 15x15 shed would be \$85. Our shed is virtually full now and doesn't include the clock, battery and PA system, which had been at 411 Main St.
A climate-controlled option would be a 10x10 storage unit in the 1921 Building (former middle school), which rents for \$60/month. The availability of those won't be known until late August/early September. A key will be how accessible the storage unit is. Bien plans to report back at the Aug. 4 meeting.
Comments at the meeting included: "Will the current size be large enough when the items at 411 Main Ave. are added to the storage?" "Are there Prairie Striders items in storage that don't need to be kept?" "What besides the clock would need climate-controlled storage?" "It would be nice to keep items together."
4. None of the nine people contacted about being a **race photographer** for Prairie Striders expressed an interest. The board granted Graves permission to go back to individual photographers and offer a \$50/race stipend to shoot pictures. An

additional fee could be negotiated for the marathon.

New Business

1. **A \$250 donation to honor Tom Woodall**, the 80-year-old former SDSU cross country coach and founder of the Jack 15 road race, was approved. The donation was requested by a group of alums at Eastern Illinois, where he was the long-time coach. A \$20,000 effort is underway to rename a running trail at the school in Woodall's honor. A gift from the Jack 15 race account is also to be considered.
2. There was an open-ended discussion on the need to **develop new race directors**. Becka Foerster volunteered to work with Steve Britzman and Kurt Osborne on the Hobo Day 5K. Each race director is encouraged to develop an apprentice or a co-director. Shari Landmark said she would create a generic time line/planner that could be used by any race director. Matt Bien earlier sent an email about online certification available through Road Runners Club of America. It was also suggested that the need should be stated in the newsletter.
3. By unanimous voice vote, the board approved spending up to \$500 for **transcribing results of the Longest Day/Brookings Marathon** so a history book could be created similar to what the Jack 15 has. Lyle Claussen said he would contact someone who might be interested in doing the work, which Bien estimated at \$10/hour. The aim is to have the book ready by the 50th in 2018.

Miscellaneous

1. **2016 race calendar**. Due in late August for chamber of commerce. (triathlon April 30). Please get your rates to Dave Graves if you haven't already.
2. Jen at Britzman's Law continues to update the **Jack 15 history book**. All entries by time are done and she is now working on entries by last name.
3. **Top Ten Sports display** of Prairie Striders. Shari is to contact the store in regards to acrylic holders that the club purchased and aren't being used by the store.
4. Foerster reported there was good input by the public June 24 on the proposed **Indoor Rec Center** that the city is studying. At this time an indoor track seems like a likely option should the project come to fruition. City council is to receive a recommendation from the study committee in November or December. A letter supporting an indoor track sent June 23 by Graves.
5. **Next newsletter** – late August? Submit story ideas to run@prairiestriders.net.

Race director reports

- Longest Day 10K, Friday, June 19 — Rod DeHaven
- Predictor Mile, Wednesday, Aug. 5 — Matt & Matt
- Jack 15, Saturday, Sept. 26 — Dave G & Paul Ekern

Next meeting – noon, Aug. 4 at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church