



Prairie StridersTM

Running Club

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Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015

Noon, Mission Coffeehouse meeting room

Present: Dave Graves, president; Justin Bonnema, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Matt Bien, Steve Britzman and Trevor Penning.

Old Business

1. Approved Sept. 1 **minutes** for posting on website
2. **Storage** — As of Sept. 26, all club property is now stored in a 7-x14-foot storage unit in the basement of the 1921 Building, Dave Graves reported. Contact Graves or Bien if your race needs equipment. There is an access code for the building and a padlock on the Prairie Striders unit. Space is tight but adequate.
3. **Prairie Striders race team** – Three runners represented Prairie Striders at the USATF Dakotas cross country championships in Aberdeen Oct. 31. There were only six entries and no full teams. Prairie Striders was represented by Matt Fideler, Michael Hoffman and Don Larscheid, recent grads from Dakota State and Morningside College. Race director was Kevin Bjerke, Northern State coach.

New Business

1. The club discussed a **location for the 2016 Frostbite Frolic** social run and awards potluck. We no longer have access to the community room at the Innovation Village Apartments. It was decided to rent the Alumni Center if it is available on Jan. 30. (Editor's note: It was.)
2. There was discussion of creating an **electronic payment account** for PS dues. The consensus was to ask webmaster Kevin Smith to provide a written report for the board to act upon at the December meeting.
3. **2016 Season Kickoff**

- i. All current officeholders were nominated for their respective positions in 2016. Members will be notified through the December newsletter with a vote on the nominees at annual meeting Jan. 5, when other nominations can also be made.
 - ii. President — Dave Graves
 - iii. Vice President — Justin Bonnema
 - iv. Secretary (and webmaster) — Kevin Smith
 - v. Treasurer — Jay Larsen
- vi.
4. Members discussed ordering a **Prairie Striders window decal** for 2016. Dave Graves is to inquire about costs.

Miscellaneous

1. Members were reminded to be thinking of **Friend of Running** nominations, which will be due in early January with the announcement at the Frostbite Frolic.
2. A collection of **shirts from long-past Prairie Striders races** will be available for the taking at the Frostbite Frolic. **Notice:** The club also has a collection of shirts and singlets that were ordered for the race teams when they were more active. The women's collection is fairly extensive and many with the tags still on them. At some point, we will need to decide whether to hold onto them or give them away.
3. With Prairie Striders now a tax-exempt organization, it was decided that **receipts would be sent for gifts** of \$100 or more, or less if requested by the donor.
4. Graves asked members to brainstorm **goals for 2016** and share them in December.
5. A **thank-you** from SDSU track scholarship recipient Connor Branick was read.
6. The SDSU Foundation reported that the club's **scholarship fund** stood at \$25,600 on June 30, 2015. The Run4Phil race expects to contribute \$2,500 to \$2,800. The Jack 15 hasn't finalized books for 2015, but also will be making a contribution.
7. Graves requested that the **cost for rental of race equipment** be raised from the currently \$50. After some discussions, it was decided to recommend \$75 for Prairie Striders and non-Prairie Striders race whether using just the clock or other equipment. The increase will be presented for a vote at the December meeting.
8. Please send story ideas for the **newsletter** to Dave Graves (run@prairiestriders.net) It will be published as a print version with membership renewal card in late Nov. or early Dec.
9. The assembling of information for **Jack 15 book** is nearly complete. Only the 2015 information still needs to be added. Dave Graves will contact a printer to get some general cost information. There also is interest in having an election version.
10. Bien noticed that some of the **race equipment**, including the battery pack charging connector, is in need of repair. Graves is to ask Bonnema to examine.

Race director reports

- **Jack 15**, Saturday, Sept. 26 — Dave G reported 197 total participants with 83 in the individual run, which is the most since 1984. Prize money is to be increased in 2016.
- **Run4Phil**, Saturday, Oct. 3 — Rod D., Chris G., Cami Powers. The race struggled for numbers — about 30 — but it did well financially thanks to sponsor donations.
- **Hobo Day 5k**, Saturday, Oct. 24 — Steve B reported 394 entries, the highest count since the record 436 in 2012. The event went smoothly with timing by Lyle Claussen and Bob Bartling and ample help along the course from Jackrabbit FCA, the race beneficiary.

Next meeting – noon, Dec. 1 at Mission Coffeehouse, First Lutheran Church