Prairie Striders™ Running Club
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Noon, Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave., and via Teams at:
Present: Dave Graves, president; Randy Hanson, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Brett Pettigrew, Chuck Tiltrum. Present via Teams: Matt Bien

1. Approved **March 3 minutes** for posting on website.

Race director reports

• **Arbor Day 5K** — April 24 — Dan Radtke was out of town, but Dave and Jay reported there were 120 finishers with 145 registered. Timing via Webscorer was a challenge with so many finishing at once, Jay noted. There also was an issue with the lead biker taking a wrong turn, so the top four finishers had their time adjusted to account for their shorter route. Overall, the race went well with strong numbers again.

• **Harvey Mills Longest Day 10K** — June 20 — Jacob Mills reported that online registration should open soon and new adult and kids shirts have been ordered. The course is the same but a greater effort will be made to promote the relay option. Timing options — Webscorer vs. chip timing — were discussed.

The transition of race directors from Derrick Powers to Jacob and Tara Mills seems to be progressing well. Jacob noted that a list of resources for new directors would be helpful.

• **Run for Fun Brookings** — July 8, 15, 22, 29 — Katie Jones/Kati Merkley — No report

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — An e-newsletter is planned; to be completed later this month. Send any news to run@prairiestriders.net.
2. **Update on club's 5**01 (3) c status — Steve Britzman— No report
3. **Strande-Iverson Scholarship update** — Jay Larsen reported that the inaugural recipients are Maya Hansen and Marco Springman. The award goes a male and female Brookings High School distance runner and honors

former BHS track coaches Russ Strande and John Iverson and pioneering members of the club when it was formed in 1969.

4. **Update on membership renewals** – Jay Larsen reported it has been an extraordinary year for one-time gifts and seven new life members ($125) have been added. Overall, $6,860 has been added since the dues notice went out in early March with $1,125 as dues, $1,520 for the club scholarship, $2,205 as donations to the club, and $2,000 for other.
5. **Battery replacement for timing clock** — Jay Larsen noted that a battery is to arrive this week. For future years, the clocks will winter in the Graves' basement to avoid winter battery drain. The current battery didn't recharge for the Arbor Day 5K, so the clock had to be plugged in.

Next meeting – July 7. No meeting in June