Prairie Striders™ Running Club
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Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Noon, Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave., and via Teams at:

Present: Dave Graves, president; Randy Hanson, vice president; Jay Larsen, treasurer; Dave Bartling, Matt Buenger, Chuck Tiltrum. Present via Teams: Shari Landmark, Kati Markley.

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

2. D**iscussion regarding use of First Bank & Trust investment funds** — Jay Larsen

   Background: In 2014, Reed Hart gifted the club with $20,000 from his estate to promote running and encourage the next generation to participate. The funds are invested through First Bank & Trust. Through the years various purchases have been made from the funds, but there has been no dedicated plan for the investment proceeds.

   In addition, the club received a qualified charitable donation of $4,674 from charter member John Iverson in late 2025.

   Jay proposed the following annual spending plan for the investment proceeds:

   1. SDSU Briggs Library Adopt-a Collection for $250.
   2. Two scholarships for $300 each for one female and one male Brookings HS track/cross country athlete graduating senior. The scholarship suggested name is the Prairies Striders John Iverson and Russ Strande Scholarship. Both men were charter members of the club and were long time BHS track and cross country coaches.
   3. Discretionary funds for $150 for special requests as approved at a meeting.

   After discussion, a motion was made to drop item #3 and increase the scholarship amount to $500. Motion approved on unanimous voice vote.

Recipients are to be chosen by the coaches if they are willing. Otherwise, the BHS Scholarship Committee process can be used.

Follow-up note: Jay contacted Prairie Strider Chris Gruenhagen, who also is the BHS cross country coach. He said he would work with track coach Jason Sebern to make selections for 2026. The scholarship is designed for a graduating distance runner who has shown positive leadership and strong sportsmanship.

A preference would be given to seniors who plan to attend SDSU. If no one qualifies, the funds would remain in the account. In case there are multiple equally qualifying recipients, an exception could be made to award both athletes in one year.

The $1,000 transfer from FBT investment funds would be managed through the Prairie Striders checking account. The Reed Hart and John Iverson funded account will currently provide $1,000 from annual earnings.

Race director reports

- **Arbor Day 5K** — April 24 — Dan Radtke — Not present, no report.
- **Harvey Mills Longest Day 10K** — June 20 — Jacob Mills — Not present, no report.

Miscellaneous

1. **Newsletter update** — Dave Graves — Was mailed last week.
2. **Update on club's 5**01 (3) c status — Steve Britzman— No report.
3. Photo backdrop support purchased & was displayed at today's meeting.
4. **Spring CPR courses** at Miller Wellness Center's large conference room. **Every two years, the club funds the cost of** American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED training for race directors and any volunteers wanting the training.

Remaining dates for this semester:

- March 26 at 3 p.m.
- April 8 & 30 at 6 p.m. April 14 & 22 at 3 p.m.

Members are encouraged to pick a date and take advantage of this training, with the club reimbursing the cost. Sign up closes one week prior to each class.

More info: https://www.sdstate.edu/university-wellbeing/adult-first-aid-cpr-aed-certifications

Note: please notify** Courtney.Forrette@sdstate.edu **with your class choice. You will then be registered through the Wellness Center and the club will receive one bill from the center.

5. During informal discussion, it was agreed that the Prairie Striders Fall Challenge would continue for those competing in any version of the Jack 15 (Sept. 19) , the Brookings Marathon (Oct. 2-3) and the Hobo Day 5K (Oct. 24).

Next meeting – No April meeting. Next meeting: Noon, Tuesday, May 5, at Mills Construction, 1311 S. Main Ave., and via Teams.