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Revised November 2003 Minutes

Committee Reports

Biathlon (Mark Torresani) - there will be a work weekend to finish trails on 15-16 November.

Facilities (Mark) - The well for snowmaking water has been ordered and a contract signed with the well driller. A pump and pipe also have been ordered. The pump will be sized to deliver 50 gpm keeping this well in the small capacity category. The well will be located near the snowmaking pump building.

Snowcat (Dan and Jeff) - The Piston Bully 100 has arrived. The dealer, Trak Corp., is looking for a tiller that could be mounted on this cat. It is expected to cost between \$3 and \$10 K. This cat will be stored in the bay of the compressor building formerly used by the Tucker.

The Solair Compressor (Stan) - Jim Mahaffey is completing the electrical installation. It will be ready for operation very soon.

West side Restrooms (Stan) - Mike Huston is completing his renovation.

60 m jump summer plastic (Rollie) - this project is about 1/2 completed. The major dirt movements are completed. The remaining work is smoothing the dirt to the accurate profile and laying the foam and mats. We will work as long as possible this fall and finish in the spring. Also, the 60 m outrun needs to have good grass on it, so we are seriously blocking all bike and vehicle traffic from it. Bikers have gone around these barricades all summer. Larger fencing is needed. However, in the winter, the snow cats will need to access the outrun from the base of the hill.

First and 2nd Flight (Dave Norby) - Lindsey has organized 19 instructors. She is in the process of forming groups which will determine the number of kids that can be accommodated. She expects to accommodate most of the older kids on the waiting list. But will have a waiting list for pre-flight kids (5-6 year olds that need assistance riding the tow) since requests have always outnumbered instructors. A clinic for instructors will be held on 8 November by Kris Kruse-Elliott.

The 2 and 1/2 flight on Saturday morning will be run by Joel Dykman and Mike Huston.

Operations (Don W.) - snow making priorities were set from our meeting. The meeting report is attached. First priority is hills 1 and 2 for First and 2nd Flight. Second priority will be the small jump landing hills, their outruns, and the X-C course along the base of the hill. This priority differs from

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prior years in which hill 5 was given 2nd priority. The change was made because of the larger number of skiers and volunteers in the biathlon and jumping programs and the apparent lack of volunteers from the racing program.

A grooming schedule is also set with each hill being groomed before each skiing event. The work load will be shared by at least four drivers.

Mark Van Hierden will return as a contractor. Dan Osborne is negotiating his contract. Mark desires a shorter contract that concentrates on snow making leaving most of the grooming to others. Marks points of contact in Blackhawk will be Dan Osborne for grooming and Don Wylie for snowmaking.

Snow plowing (Dan) will as Dave Sinberg if he can do this again.

10 hoses have been ordered for snowmaking along with couplings, but we will have to mount the couplings ourselves.

Vehicle Maintenance (Peter) - Peter Berbee proposed having people assigned to individual machines to take care of maintenance. A list of all Blackhawk machines was distributed and we are searching for volunteers.

Dan will make a space in one of the buildings for storing manuals and maintenance records. The manuals have previously been kept in Stan's study.

A discussion on club provided tools was held. We need to decided what special tools will be own by the club and how they will be stored.

Bash Report (Sharon) - around 500 people attended and \$3,500 were raised. The exhibitors and vendors want to do this again.

Newsletter (Sharon) - an issue will be published in November. It will list needs for volunteers along with everything else you need to know. This issue also will have advertisements from useful vendors.

Website: Hans and Pat Remington are exploring additions and enlargements and automated features. It has been run for several years by Jeff Prey who has made all changes manually. It has become the major source for club information.

Tax Assessment (Rollie) - Steve Tumbush, attorney, will review the necessary procedures for appealing our rejection of our request for a property tax exemption.

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Club organization chart (Pat R.) a current version was distributed. A request by X-C coaches to paying for access to Blackhawk was discussed without resolution. Our 501(c)3 status has to be considered before any contractual arrangements are made.

Mountain Biking - a general discussion was held about two problems: 1) some bikers have used the furniture from the Ventures course for fun obstacles which is a violation of our agreement with the Ventures course, and 2) some bikers may not be Blackhawk members. We need to demand that all bikers display their yellow cards in a uniform place.

Badger State Games Mtn Bike race will be 26 June 2004.

Ski Patrol (Ken Matusek) - the annual refresher was held on 3 November, 2003. Three patrollers have dropped from the active operational shifts while two others have joined from other hills. Father Lawrence Kieffer has resigned from patrolling after 28 years due to health reasons. The patrol desires to honor Father Kieffer in some way. A suggestion is that the Board also give him an honor of some kind and it be presented at the Carnival or the Steak Fry. Father Kieffer is 79.

In attendance were Don Becker, Pat Remington, Deb Peterson, Jim Bible, Peter Berbee, Stan DuRose, David Norby, Jeff Prey, Mark Torresani, Dan Osborne, Rand Schott, Sharon Hoffman, Ken Matusek, Paul Manley, Rollie Williamson, Hans Pigorsch, Pat Hackworthy, Don Wylie, and Mark Kramer. Mark Kramer is a new member that came to volunteer using his extensive mechanical experience.

Operations Committee minutes, Oct. 20, 2003

The operations committee met at the west chalet Monday night, October 20, to address the following agenda:

- Snow making priorities
- Criteria for making snow
- Scheduling and shifts
- Volunteers
- Grooming, Groomers

The following attended:

Ron Poff	Don Wylie	Don Fariss
Galen Kenoyer	Dan Osborne	Walter Meanwell
James Bible	Peter Berbee	Greg Jones
Rollie Williamson	Mark Torresani	Yuriy Gusev

Decisions were made by consensus, with no dissenters.
Snow making priorities

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- 1) Hills #1 and #2 in preparation for first flight on Dec. 2
- 2) 15M and 30M jumps and connecting parts of the cross country trail
- 3) Hill #5 to minimum tiller depth and start on middle of #6
- 4) 60M jump
- 5) Hill #5 to finished depth and remainder of #6
- 6) Hill #4 and terrain on #2; also widen #2 and extend #1 around tow

sled

Hill #3 was not included in priorities because of encroaching trees and work needed to make it groomable.

Criteria for snow making

The temperature should be 25F or less with minimal humidity and suitable winds

Don Wylie will provide an alert for snow making by noon to give time for helper contacts.

Shifts

The minimum needed for startup is 5 people.

The minimum for each shift is 3 (2 on the guns and a crew chief at the compressor shed).

We will try to arrange 3 hour shifts and will initially set up a one week schedule. This should allow people a chance to schedule several shifts well in advance. Shifts will most likely start at 6PM and end with shut down 6-9AM.

Volunteers

Those attending will get their lists of volunteers to Ron Poff along with phone numbers and e-mail addresses ASAP. Poff will make initial contact well before the snow making season to alert volunteers to our plan, etc.

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Grooming Schedule and Groomers

The tentative grooming schedule is as follows:

Sunday - prior to opening - Jim Bible

Monday - prior to opening - Peter Berbee. Evening - Mark Van Keuren

Tuesday - evening - Mark Van Keuren

Wednesday - afternoon - Peter Berbee. Evening - Mark Van Keuren

Thursday - Morning - Mark Van Keuren

Friday - may not be necessary

Saturday - prior to opening (by 8AM) - vacant for now

Contractor Contacts

Snow Making - Don Wylie

Grooming - Dan Osborne

The group agreed that no one else should be contacting our contractor on these matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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