



# Blackhawk Ski Club

Minutes: Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday, May 3, 2004: 7-9 PM

1. The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

2. We discussed the proposed Nordic Event for January 2005 (see attached). The board unanimously passed the following motion: "Blackhawk will promote this event among its membership and encourages its members to volunteer their efforts to make this a successful event." The board was not able to commit to make snow for the event, given the limited facilities and volunteers.

### 3. Committee Reports

- Program Committees (Norby/Manley)
  - Mt. biking races for June 20<sup>th</sup> (Badger State Games) and July 17-18 (Mad Forks) were approved.
  - Time trials will begin 5/26/2004.
  - A proposal to develop a Frisbee golf course was discussed. The board does not support this at the present time, pending discussions about long-range strategic planning.
  - Steph Holmes attended the Lake Placid Biathlon promotion on behalf of the xc club.
- Facilities Committee (DuRose/Bible)
  - 3 work parties planned for this spring
  - Fill was added to hill #2. More is needed to create rolling terrain for snowboarding and biking
- Operations Committee (Osborne/Wylie)
  - Torresani discussed preliminary ideas for snowmaking, fund raising, and technical capacity. A subcommittee will meet and report back to the board.
  - There was strong support for the need to purchase new equipment for 1) mowing, 2) hauling, and 3) earth moving. More discussions are needed to determine how to meet these needs.
- Membership Committee (Hackworthy/Prey)
  - The Blackhawk Bash will be held Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Plans include having ski jumping, biathlon, and mt. bike races. A planning cmte will meet to plan this event.
- Administration Committee (Remington/Becker)
  - Pope Farm use was discussed. It appears that mountain biking is not allowed. A town meeting is pending to discuss this issue.

-Comments were received from John Taylor about club organization. These will be considered as the master plan is developed.

-The budget was discussed. Dave, Ken, and Dan will meet and bring a accounting proposal to help the budget process for the next meeting.

- Fundraising (Williamson/Hoffman)

-This cmte needs to hear from the planning cmte, so that fund raising can build upon a master plan.

4. Agenda for next meeting

-Review snowmaking proposal

-Revisit cmte chairs

-Elect officers

-Review budget

cc. Active members

## Comments received about a possible Nordic Event in January 2005

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Having participated in, and assisted with, similar events (Alpine rather than XC) I have witnessed the many benefits realized by local clubs and the participants alike. In short, I'm all for Blackhawk's enthusiastic support of the event. High-level races such as Nor-Am's are great for increasing awareness of the our sport in the local area and throughout the midwest. Plus, adding another mid-winter downtown spectator opportunity should be seen as a positive by the City, retailers, restaurants, etc.

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Nice to know the Club is being volunteered for something the Board has not discussed. I simply can not see how we can provide snow for this when most years we are barely open by Dec. 1.

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We'll have to discuss this and make sure we can get enough funding. I think they should plan on buying snow from Tyrol because our snowmaking is barely able to get most of Blackhawk running by mid January. We don't have any extra capacity for piling snow for this event.

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Personally I find these races outrageous!

As a Nordic skier, I am very aware of the affects of global warming. As an architect I am part of the movement seeking "sustainable" solutions for our buildings and technology. I can not in good conscience justify this kind of extravagant use of energy for what I see as a stunt. Cross country skiing has lost half of its soul by the loss of contact with nature. Our entire society suffers a form of dementia due to loss of grounding in the "land".

I sound old and conservative no doubt.

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Our first commitment is to the members of Blackhawk and what is our "mission". We now have a solid club that grows precisely by the act of serving it's members. They are served at our area and not on the capitol square. There are many many questions that I would need answered first. For starters; making snow for this event may have a negative impact on our own snow-making program. I have no problem with Yuri wanting to do something like this and if anybody can pull it off it is probably him. I will support it and him in this effort but as a member of the board my first loyalty is to the BHSC membership. At this point I am having a problem making the connection. It will be an interesting discussion!

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The sprints would be very cool. I'd like to race in them. But.....  
It may be hard to get the event permitted.

It would take at least 1500 tons (3000 cubic yards) of snow. That is just over 12% of our total for last season. Not so much of a big deal to make. Could be expensive to transport. A typical big truck would move 20 tons at a time. I'd rather have a course we could use all winter, rather than just one event.

There are contract service that will bring in snow machines and personal to make snow. It may be more cost effective to hire the snow making job out. The snow could be made in a pile downtown. No shortage of water or power downtown. Transportation would be much less expensive.

The snow would need to be groomed. It may be able to get someone to do the work for free with a demo machine. It would make a very cool promotional photograph for a equipment manufacturer.

Of course, the snow will have to be hauled away after the event and that is the sad part.