

June, 2004 Blackhawk Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Dan Osborne Jim Bible, David Norby, Stan DuRose, Jeff Prey, Hans Pigorsch, Pat Remington, Pat Hackworthy, Rollie Williamson, Ken Matusek, Peter Berbee, Don Wylie, Paul Manley, Steff Holmes.

Minutes from the May Board meeting were approved. See the web page.

Update on the Master Plan Discussion from Jeff - A Mission Statement was distributed. Only minor changes were made.

Snow making proposal (Don Wylie) - An outline of the major reasons for expanding snowmaking was distributed. More equipment is needed because we can't satisfy our current needs for snow on all venues in a reasonable time. Some part of Blackhawk has not been snowed in each of the last 3 years and some programs have not gotten snow until the season is one half over. A goal of snowing all venues by Christmas was proposed along with being able to treat all programs equally eliminating the need for a priority list of who gets the first snow and who has to wait. The system needs to be simplified to take advantage of our volunteer labor and parts of it could be automated using recent equipment for a reasonable additional cost. Equipment has been discussed in committee by the principal snow makers but the selection of equipment and a plan for staged upgrades will not be made until we know what funds are available. Cost estimates range from \$250,000-375,000 depending on equipment. (We have about \$200,000 invested in our current system.)

A 2nd beginner's slope has been discussed in committee but not proposed to the Board because more information is needed on the limits of our current slopes and our ability to provide snow for it. Stan pointed out the possible need for more water if a large pump is installed. This is will be a minor cost item of the proposal. (Stan and Don noticed our spring has returned, Saturday, which is a cheap source used in the past). Peter is checking for possible consultants to advise us on snow systems.

The next step will be to meet with Walter Meanwell and a representative of the funding organization to discuss the availability of funds and their desire to involve disadvantaged youth at Blackhawk. The plan for disadvantaged youth needs to be developed with other groups with experience in these activities.

Review of officers and committee chairs (President) - The current organization chart was reviewed and discussed. We have major problems with the Facilities and Operations committees. Club members have by passed the chairs of these committees taking requests to other club members to get quick action. Dan has fielded most of these problems in the last year and is overburdened coordinating most of the operations in addition to his Treasurer responsibilities. There is a strong need to get the club to use our organization structure in these two areas since it has worked for the other committees. There also is a strong need to find Board members willing to take over

these committees that can put in the time and energy to run them. Restructuring of the committees along with Blackhawk officers will be discussed in the July meeting, since no resolution was decided. An additional officer of Assistant Secretary also was proposed which will be discussed at the next meeting.

A task tracking system for maintenance was proposed but not acted on.

Subcommittee chairs for vehicles and electric also are needed.

A report from the National Biathlon meeting at Lake Placid, 23-24 April, was presented by Stephanie Holmes. The national organization welcomes the addition of Blackhawk into their youth program. They asked informational questions about club organization and coaches.

Budget Review (Dan) - A review of the budget is started by Dan and has had little input from committees on their needs for the next year. Without committee input, Dan is forced into guessing. A further discussion will be held in July.

Stan DuRose donated \$5,000.

A question was made on "should we raise fees?" considering that a raise has not been made in several years. Also the fees for non-tow users has been questioned since cross country skiers are using man made snow. All of this will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Motion was passed to purchase a Quick Book accounting program.

Upcoming Events:

13 June 13, 2004 (Sunday) - work party noon - 4 pm.

20 June, 2004 (Sunday) Badger State Games mountain bike race.

27 June, 2004 (Sunday) work party.

12 July (Monday) NEXT BOARD MEETING AT BAYMONT.