

Blackhawk Board Minutes - 1 November, 2004

First Flight Update (Dave) - Lindsey has met with instructors.

3<sup>rd</sup> Flight (Mike) has 30 kids and Kris Kruis will assist. 3<sup>rd</sup> flight is also thinking of joining the WIJARA racing league next year. The schedule for 3<sup>rd</sup> flight will be 10-12 on Saturdays and 6-7:30 on Mondays. They need a power drill for setting gates.

Nordic and Biathlon (Mark Torresani) - Biathlon is looking for someone to lead the program. Yuri will head a nordic combined (jumping and X-C) program which will meet on Thursday evenings.

MOTION - The Board gives permission for the nordic group to contract a Nordic Youth Program Instructor which will be funded from program fees.

Family Ski Lessons (Don W) - the number of requests has been small, three families. Don will work with them on an individual basis.

Badger State Games (Jeff) - Board approves hosting the BSG mountain bike competition on 25 June 2005.

Membership (Pat Hackworthy) - 210 families have joined. We will accept 15 more.

Groomers (Dan) - Polk Diesel tore apart the PB270 engine and found major rust damage from the oil in the water. The cost of a rebuilt engine is \$20-30 K. Used parts are in demand and expensive. A used engine has been located and it would cost ~\$10 K to install. There is no warrantee. Dan has been searching for a replacement machine. Track Inc. has three options:

- 1) PB200 1997-98 model with 3,300 hours and a yr. 2000 tiller available from Track Inc. It was previously used as a rental. The cost is ~\$75K with 4 year no interest financing.
- 2) PB 200 yr. 2000 for private sale in New England. Cost is similar but there is no financing. We would have to pay all up front.
- 3) PB300 for \$80 K. This is a larger machine and may be a problem.

Leasing a PB would run \$30-40 K/yr. New machines are around \$175 K. Dan recommends the first option. Track offers several maintenance plans. Their schedule B would suit our needs and costs \$2,500/yr.

MOTION - Board authorizes Dan to pursue option #1 from Track Inc.

Work Priorities were distributed by Dan. Please sign the hours in the tractor log book after using.

Mtn. Bike Student memberships were discussed. They pay the non-tow membership. Further discussion is deferred to this spring.

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Bash Report (Sharon Hoffman) - we had lots of donations from ski hills. Expenses were less than last year. The Bashed netted ~ \$17 K.

Board thanks Paul and Sharon Hoffman for holding another great Bash.

MOTION - Blackhawk will sponsor the Madison Capitol Sprints on 15-16 January 2005 organized by Yuri by making our groomers available as back up equipment and advertising this event in our news letter and web site. Piston Bully is providing the primary groomer. We expect Blackhawk members to help as volunteers.

Programs within Blackhawk (Pat Remington) was discussed. We have 13 programs and they all are differently structured with little in common. A policy for these programs needs to be developed that is compliant with our 501(c)3 tax status. This policy will consider how the program fits the mission of the cloud, benefits it provides to our members, what resources are required from the club, and insurance. It will be discussed in a later Board meeting.

Next meeting is 6 December 2005 at the Baymont.

Attending were Mark Torresani, Dan Osborne, Stan DuRose, Don Becker, Deb. Petersen, Pat Remington, Jeff Prey, Peter Berbee, Ken Matusek, Mike Huston, Dave Norby, Pat Hackworthy, Sharon Hoffman, Yuri G., Don Wylie, Paul Manley, and Pat Slattery.