

March 2009 Blackhawk Board Meeting Minutes  
3/2/2009

Members Present: Pat R, Mike H, Ken M, Mark T, Sharon H, Deb, Dave N, Steve C and Don W. Also present for part of the meeting: Rand S and Joel D.

February Minutes approved as submitted.

**Programs:**

**BART:**

- The BART team took 4<sup>th</sup> place overall of 13 teams this year. They accumulated 7 trophies overall. The team experienced growth up to 30 kids.
- The proposed 2009 report for the program was provided.
- 2 Kids made the Junior Olympic team: Justin Gotlieb and Alley Dykman. Morgan Dykman was also chosen as an alternate for the team.

**Jumping:** (Rand S)

- 8 new kids made their initial jumps off of the 60-meter jump this year.
- The jumping program is active 2 nights a week, 40 weeks a year.
- We had 88 kids participate in the winter tournament.
- Blackhawk hosted the 08 Women's Training Camp and will do so again in 09. 24 kids attended the 08 camp, 7 of them were Blackhawk kids.
- The plastic mats on the 15, 30 and 60-meter hills were flipped and cleaned.
- Equipment issues are a recent focus as more kids begin to jump off the 60-meter hill.
- The group utilized a silo filler this year to help snow the 60-meter jump. It worked well and there are plans to extend the piping to the top of the jump.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to authorize \$5,000 for the removal of the existing wood surface from the old 60-meter jump. Motion was made by Mike H, seconded by Steve C and passed unanimously.

**Nordic:** (Mark T)

- The Nordic programs are winding down for the year.
- The Outreach program enjoyed strong support from the volunteers who could make it each week. 3 of the 8 meetings were cancelled because of weather related issues. Steve C suggested alternative activities be arranged as a back up when weather conditions are not favorable.
- Pat R asked to board to officially recognize Louise's efforts with the Outreach program.

**Biathlon:** (Mark T)

- The Town of Middleton has now provided the club with their position on the issued of a shooting range. A conditional use permit will be necessary. We would also need to let the Town know when there will be activity at the range.
- A plan should be established which will address safety concerns as well as insurance concerns.

- At this point the facility would be primarily for practice and would not host events.
- A 50-meter range is being considered in the area, which used to hold the climbing area. It would include a 9-meter berm. A roof over the shooting area would include. It would be limited to standard velocity 22 caliber shells.
- Only one neighbor would be potentially concerned and he has been supportive of the idea in the past.

**MOTION:** Approval to pursue the plan to develop the biathlon range. Made by Dave N, seconded by Dan O and passed unanimously.

Telemark: (Dan O)

- The Telemark program experienced a very good year.
- Steve L has provided lessons for free to those interested.

Facilities: (Dan O)

- Everything is still in pretty good condition.
- Rope on hill 2 was fixed and is working.
- Flags and fencing needs to be picked up before it gets warm.
- Don W provided a snow making report. Good conditions resulted in good quality and quantity of snow this year. The need for a new pump is coming and will be an issue to be considered in the budget.
- Alliant Energy officials have been out to the club to review the club's energy uses and potential efficiency improvements in services.
- The cost for electrical improvements are in and have been in the budget. Financing for these issues could likely come from membership revenues.

Ski Patrol: (Ken M)

- Ken had estimated 77 days of skiing this season and reports it will likely be over 80 days in reality.
- Goal for 2009 is to buy 2 new toboggans.
- Blackhawk had 24 different patrollers work this year.

Membership: (Sharon H)

- The Web page has been working really well for bringing in income in a quick/efficient manner.
- Approximately \$3,000 in membership fees have come in Feb.
- The newsletter was recently published.

Social Activities: (Deb)

- All of the scheduled events have gone well this year. Good support from volunteer members.
- The 09 Carnival was very good.

Active/Voting Member: (Pat R)

- About 20 members went from being active members to not being members of the club.

-Potential new active/voting members should be suggested to the board. A list of the current members will be sent out.

-The annual meeting notice will be emailed to all active/voting members. The dinner is at 6:00pm with the meeting starting at 7:00pm.

Nominating Committee: (Dave N and Pat R)

-Four names were discussed as potential board candidates: Steve C, Mark T (both existing) and Joel Dykman and Christine Gessner (potential new members).

-Deb and Sharon have asked to step back from board participation.

By-Laws: (Pat R)

-Pat discussed renaming the Life Member category to Ex Officio, which would categorize these folks as non-voting members of the board.

-Term limits for board members should be reviewed.

Annual Meeting is set for April 20 in lieu of the regular April meeting date.

Motion to adjourn made and passed.