

Blackhawk Ski Club Board Meeting

January 8, 2024 via Teams

Attendees: Paul Kulas, Rick Hardy, Ken Matussek, Andrea Dlugos, Joe House, Todd Breiby, Kelsey Berg, Amy Grunewald

Guests: Mary Elizabeth Pollard, Jen St. Clair, Ben Walker, Jenny Dahlberg, Jennifer Hassrick, Rob Kudrle, Jenny Dahlberg

Minutes

I. **Call to Order 7:36**

II. **Approval of meeting minutes from December 4, 2023** Ken Matussek moved to approve as written, Joe House seconded, unanimously approved

III. **New Business**

a. Donations

i. Walt Meanwell – generous donation for snow making. Looking into some options that are focused on Nordic program. Also looking into replacing hoses.

ii. MTB donation – Estate of Dirk Racine.

b. Estella Hassrick – representing US in S. Korea in ski jumping for Youth Olympic Games. Featured on local news programs. Jennifer is joining us to talk about why a bigger jump is important to Blackhawk. Potential for producing high caliber jumpers here with bigger jumps – Jumpers like Estella Hassrick and Anna Hoffman must travel great distances to get to the bigger jumps. Blackhawk was founded by jumpers. Our club would not exist if it were not for the founding program.

c. Effect of Capital Campaign on Liability Insurance - insurance audit – premium is based upon Club income. Large capital campaign will affect premium. Rick will work with agent to see about minimizing

effect on us. (Will it be a one-year impact? Does liability insurance cover any incidents that may happen due to snow making activities.

- d. Partnership with Enjoy Winter retail store (across from CXC). Offering discounts (20% for members/25% for junior team members) for club members.
- e. Nominating Committee – Annual meeting planning. Need to get nominating committee on finding replacements for board members leaving. Ellen Barbouche will leave at the end of her term. Other member's terms are expiring (Andrea, Spencer, Tom & Paul). - Paul Kulas, Pat Remington, Ellen Barbouche. We know of some potential new board members. Other candidates can be forwarded to Rick who will pass along to the nominating committee members.
- f. AED units – suggest that we consider expanding our availability of units throughout the club property (Biathlon House; East Chalet; compressor building). Basic CPR course is available through American Red Cross and you can get trained on AED units.

IV. Follow Up

- a. National Ski Areas Association membership - \$232 annual fee. Could join early for 50%. Rick indicated that attending tradeshow was valuable. Ken Matusek moved that we join NSAA, Amy Grunewald seconded, unanimously approved.
- b. Rope tow monitoring sign up – seems to be going smoothly.

V. Administrative & Finance [Paul]

- a. Treasurer's Report - Dec 31 funds balance - \$235,400. Major expenses – ½ Instructor fees \$18,500; Taxes \$12,200

VI. Membership [Kelsey]

- a. Current Membership Count – 373 Full Access memberships
- b. Scholarship Requests
 - i. Scholarship Policy – Paul will take the lead on drafting a policy.

VII. Master Plan

- a. Current Status – Rick visited lessons and attempted to generate info about Master Plan. No response.

VIII. Communications [Rick]

- a. Jan. Newsletter
- b. Peter Berbee offered to put together adult learn to ski program on Wednesday evenings.

IX. Programs [Amy]

- a. Held Nordic race on Sat, Jan 6 – last-minute event to pick up race from another venue that didn't have sufficient snow to hold the event. Thanks to Joe, Amy, Chris and other volunteers, the event very well for the 145 racers participating.

X. Facilities & Operations [Joe]

- a. Snow Making Schedule – this year has been a difficult season and slow to get Hill 6 covered. Weather and equipment challenges led to the priorities set as they were. Focus in the coming days will be Hills 5 and 6. Natural snow this week will help.
- b. Discussion about additional signage that would be useful – Kelsey, Rob & Ken.
- c. Peter Berbee is going to do some work to the belts on the Hill 2 rope tow. This will help with the ability to pull more weight up the hill.

XI. Events

- a. Run the Hawk Event request for Aug 24, Ken moved, Joe seconded, unanimously approved.
 - i. Winter Carnival Feb 17 –
 - ii. volunteers
- b. Hugh Jass Feb 24

- c. Ninja Camps in 2024
 - i. June 1&2, Aug 17 & 18
- d. Ski Joring – Rick will check in with Guy
- e. Biathlon Race dates -
 - i. Jan 27/28 - Biathlon Regionals
 - ii. Mar 3 – Biathlon Club Race

XII. Calendar Updates & Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, Feb 5th, 2024, 7:30

XIII. Adjournment – joe moved, todd seconded

Blackhawk December Treasurers Report

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| December Operating Account | 2022 | 2023 | +/- |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| December 1 st Balance | \$138,600 | \$270,400 | \$ |
| December Income | \$6,100 | \$21,500 | \$ |
| December Expenses | \$143,660 | \$56,500 | \$ |
| December 31 Balance | \$1,000 | \$235,400 | \$ |



December Top Expenses/Income

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| Expense | Vendor | \$ Amount |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Coaching | 1 st half of contract | \$18,500 |
| Real Estate Taxes | State of Wisconsin | \$12,200 |
| Electricity | Alliant | \$4000 |
| XC Equipment | Out There Nordic | \$3000 |
| Income | Supplier | \$ Amount |
| Membership | 30+ Memberships | \$19,400 |
| Donations/Activities | Various groups | \$2100 |
| January Donation | Stacey and Walter Meanwell | \$7777 |