

Blackhawk Ski Club Board Meeting

November 6, 2023 via Teams

Board Members attending: Rick Hardy, Joe House, Paul Kulas, Kelsey Berg, Andrea Dlugos, Spencer Schumacher, Todd Breiby, Ellen Barbouche, Ken Matussek

Board Members absent: Tom Griesheimer, Ben Walker

Guests: Jason Valerius, Jen St. Clair, Rob Kudrle

Minutes

I. **Call to Order 7:30**

- II. **Approval of meeting minutes from October 2, 2023.** Changed how meeting attendees are presented. Added missing attendee. Motion to approve as amended by Joe House; seconded by Spencer Schumacher; unanimously approved.

III. **New Business**

- a. National Ski Areas Association membership – Todd Briebby will research benefits of joining.
- b. Skijouring request – Request from Guy Perez to use trails for skijoring at the club. Discussion about allowing a once-weekly evening. Require membership to participate. As long as ski deck is firm and must have direction of travel approved. Propose to follow Sunday Nordic Kids programming. Joe moved to allow a Sunday evening event for skijoring for members to come out with individual dogs to skijor on manmade loop if conditions are acceptable. Spencer seconded. Unanimously approved.
- c. Club Tours for New Members – weekend of November 18; December 2-3; Ellen could do mid-week after Thanksgiving.

- d. Welcome Letter – Amy forwarded last year’s letter for review; consider letter for MTB members and Fat Bike members. Provide any input to Rick before the end of this week.
- e. Volunteer needs for Winter Carnival & other events, rope tow monitoring, mailing car tags, Outdoor Exploration assistance.
- f. Rope tow monitoring sign up – set up Sign-up Genius
- g. Holiday Hours –
 - i. Regular hours through December 19
 - ii. Dec 20 - Dec 23: 12-5PM.
 - iii. Christmas Eve: noon-4PM
 - iv. Christmas Day: Closed
 - v. December 26-Dec 30: 12-5PM
 - vi. Dec 31: noon-3PM
 - vii. Jan 1: noon-3PM
 - viii. Jan 2 noon-5PM
 - ix. January 3 returns back to regular hours.
- h. BART & BNST workdays – BART weekend of 11/10

IV. **Follow Up**

- a. CPR/AED/First Aid Training – **6:00-8:30PM 12/5/23**
- b. Fundraising Seminar - **11/14/23 at 8:00AM**
- c. Removal of Insurance requirement on account set-up

V. **Administrative & Finance** [Paul]

- a. Treasurer’s Report - Current cash balance - \$301K; Oct Income \$74K and Expenses roughly \$75K. Some significant insurance payments in October.

VI. Membership [Kelsey]

- a. Current Membership Count – 351 Full Access Memberships

VII. Master Plan

- a. Current Status – Rethink scale of Master Plan. Look for more volunteers to help organize the process for developing Master Plan. Need someone available to plan meetings, take notes, summarize and distribute. Amy will send notes from groups that she has participated in.

VIII. Communications [Rick]

- a. Nov. Newsletter- Draft written

IX. Programs [Amy]

- a. PSIA Grant Request – Professional Ski Instructors of America.
- b. Year End MTB Report -
 - i. Youth programs had a successful year. All lessons were at capacity and additional sessions added.
 - ii. Ninja Camps – two well-attended camps; October session was canceled for weather, but were not filled, so Ninja will request only 2 sessions in 2024.
 - iii. Bike Patrol – logged 300 hours across 150 days with only 4 documented incidents.
 - iv. Trail Work Days – Two general member trail work days; one NICA focused work day and one Boy Scout day – successful days with much progress each event.
 - v. Fat Biking season will result in reroute trails for winter season once snow hits.

X. Facilities & Operations [Joe]

- a. Snowmaking Test run on 11/1 - no sand in the system.

- b. Snowmaker Training on 11/4 - 20 members attended; Rick making sign-up sheet in Google Docs.
- c. Make-up snowmaker training on 11/18
- d. Follow Up
 - i. Lighting: new lights mounted and wired
 - 1. Rick and Justin McNamer walk though
 - ii. New Tow Ropes spliced
 - iii. Contract plow/sand companies for next season
 - iv. Ski Patrol is requesting to put toboggan on old wax shed deck.
 - v. Spreader scheduled for installation
 - vi. Scheduled Use of Hill 4 for Nordic Team Practice – Hill 4 will be closed at 6PM on weekdays and will not be used for alpine lessons at that time.

XI. Events

- a. Winter Carnival
 - i. Proposed date for Feb 17.
 - 1. BART races on Jan 20-21 & Feb 3-4, Feb 24-25
 - 2. BNST Races every weekend through Feb 10-11
- b. Hugh Jass Feb 24
- c. Proposed Dates for Ninja Camps in 2024
 - i. June 1-2 and Aug 17-18 – Ken Matusek moved that we approve Ninja Dates and Andrea Dlugos seconded. Unanimously approved.
- d. **Calendar Updates & Announcements** – Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, Dec 4th, 2023, 7:30

XII. **Adjournment** - Ken Matusek moved to adjourn, Joe House seconded

