

## Blackhawk Ski Club Board Meeting

February 5, 2024 via Teams

### Attendees:

Board Members: Spencer Schumacher, Ken Matusek, Paul Kulas, Todd Breiby, Kelsey Berg, Joe House, Amy Grunewald, Rick Hardy

Absent: Ellen Barbouche

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

### Minutes

#### I. Call to Order 7:32

#### II. Approval of meeting minutes from January 8, 2024 – Ken moved, Joe seconded, unanimously approved.

#### III. New Business

##### a. Set date for annual meeting

- i. Proposed week of Apr 15. Last year, meeting was held on Monday Apr 17, 2023. - Need to send meeting notice to members 1 month in advance along with an agenda. After next Board meeting.

##### b. West Chalet chimney cleaning – recommended that we put a cap on the chimney – prevent access by animals. Kelsey will add a sign to the damper control. Future schedule will be to have the chimneys cleaned annually in May. Fire Marshall also requested that we add a screen to the fireplace opening at the West Chalet.

##### c. Blackhawk Birkie – Casey suggested having Blackhawk Birkie if Birkie is canceled this year. **Sunday, Feb 25. 8AM – 10AM.** Joe suggested we have a kids race and adult race. Todd says Biathlon has timing equipment. Web Scorer – iPad compatible.

- d. Mountain Bike Registration
  - i. Membership: April 1
  - ii. Lessons: April TBD, open lesson sign-up a few days after memberships – Rick will work with Kelley on Lesson schedules.
- e. Social Media – Jen St. Clair will take over ownership of social media posts for the club – website, Facebook and Instagram. [jen.stclair@blackhawkskiclub.org](mailto:jen.stclair@blackhawkskiclub.org).
- f. Up Hill Skiing – Telemark, XC skiers, Biathlon – document defining where and when uphill skiing is permitted. Goal to avoid potential collisions with DH skiers. Ken Matusek moved that board approve the draft document presented by Rob and asked that it be posted in all the chalets after review by Kelley Linnan; seconded by Joe House. Unanimously approved.
- g. Rope Tow – Ski Patrol requests wording added to the website providing guideline of types of equipment is required for using tow rope (ski brakes, leashes). No XC skis. Snowboards must have one foot in a binding.
- h. Hill closing – conditions – usually decision made between Rick, Joe and Casey.

#### **IV. Follow Up**

- a. National Ski Areas Association membership – comped membership for the rest of this year.
- b. Winter Carnival – 2/17 - 12:30-3:30 – games, food. Kelsey is recruiting some high school instructors to help run games. Jen St Clair will set up activities for Nature Conservation Program.
- c. Rope tow monitoring sign up – going well; requires frequent reminders from Kelsey.
- d. Nominating Committee – Mary Elizabeth Pollard, Paul Kulas, Pat Remington and Ellen Barbouche.

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

- a. Treasurer's Report -
  - i. January 2024 bank balance \$37,400
  - ii. January large expenses: Alliant Energy - \$4,500; Ferrell Gas: \$3,000; Payroll: \$4,000;
  - iii. Big Feb expenses: 2<sup>nd</sup> half instructor fees;
  - iv. Well Usage: 9,500,000 gallons
- b. Scholarship process – still being considered.
  - i. What about a member committee approval process?
  - ii. Demonstrate financial need
  - iii. Other factors – medical issues; family constraints
  - iv. Membership only
  - v. Criteria to follow
- c. Budget inputs – targeting getting budget together April 6, 9-11
  - i. More AEDs
  - ii. Envelopes and date stickers – Andrea will get pricing to Paul and Rick.

## VI. **Membership** [Kelsey]

- a. Current Membership Count
  - i. Full Access Family 375 – deactivated on SCP

## VII. **Master Plan**

- a. Current Status

## VIII. **Communications** [Rick]

- a. Feb. Newsletter – Rick will coordinate getting announcements to Katie GV for the February Newsletter.

**IX. Programs [Amy]**

- a. Held Biathlon race on Jan 27-28

**X. Facilities & Operations [Joe]**

- a. Snow Making Schedule
  - i. Sometime during week of Feb 12-16, weather dependent
  - ii. Ski jumps. Focus on smaller jumps and tow ropes
- b. Grooming – requests to salt the hill to help freeze up the hill. Snow in tow path that can be pushed into the hill. Will talk to Casey about salting.
- c. Hoofers snow request: denied

**XI. Events**

- a. Ski Jumping Tournament: Feb 11.
- b. Winter Carnival: Feb 17
- c. Hugh Jass: Feb 24
- d. Ninja Camps in 2024
  - i. June 1&2, Aug 17 & 18
- e. Run the Hawk: Aug 24

**XII. Calendar Updates & Announcements**

- a. Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:30

**XIII. Adjournment** – Ken Matussek moved and Joe House seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

