

Blackhawk Ski Club Board Meeting
February 7, 2022 via Teams
Minutes

- I. **Call to Order 7:30.** Attending: Amy Grunewald, Ken Matussek, Ellen Barbouche, Kelsey Berg, Rick Hardy, Spenser Schumacher, Jill Stephensen, Joe House, Andrea Dlugos, Kelley Linnan, Arianne.
- II. **Approval of meeting Jan 3, 2022 minutes.** Ken M moved; Andrea seconded. Unanimously approved.
- III. **New Business**

Nominating committee – Arianne will reach out to a couple people about participating in the committee and will try to get a couple nominees for Scott’s board position.
- IV. **Follow Up**
 - A. Winter Carnival – Spencer has accumulated about 8 people willing to help. Andrea and Rick will also be able to help.
 - B. Activities – Spencer will organize games and activities
 - C. Food – Decided against food. May provide hot chocolate.
 - D. Volunteers – Need to get some social media about the event
- V. **Committees’ Reports**
 - A. **Administrative & Finance** [Rick H.]
 - i. Treasurer’s Report –
 - a. \$50,000 raised in capital campaign; reached BART matching amount for \$5,000. Next good chance for donations is when people receive their annual bonuses.
 - b. \$167,000 in bank now. \$100K budgeted outflow, with \$67K remaining.
 - c. No special projects with outside contractors
 - d. Anticipated expense for Prinoth because treads need to be replaced
 - ii. Other money raising options
 - a. Events
 - i. -running race
 - b. Raising dues – could generate \$20K income

- c. Consider having members pay to opt out of volunteer commitment
- d. Rick will put donor list for Prime the Pump on the Director sharefile.

V. **Membership [Kelsey] –**

- A. Andrea is sending tags monthly to new members.
- B. No reciprocal membership between the two facilities.
- C. Blackhawk XC users need to be cognizant of the two-way trails and pay attention to signs on how to get back to BH.
- D. Need to have an on-person membership identifier this summer. Maybe a rubber or Tyvek wristband. Next budget year.

VI. **Communications [Katie] –** great feedback thanks to Katie's work with social media.

- A. Feb newsletter items?
- B. FB/Instagram/website updates [Kelsey]

VII. **Executive Committee Meeting Report [Amy]**

- A. Casey Bingham to stay on as Lead Snowmaker/Groomer and Facilities Manager for 2022-2023. Need to negotiate what that looks like – expectations, title, etc.
- B. Snowmaking transitioning to employee-operated
- C. Groomers required to complete on-line training course

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

- A. New furnace – need to keep thermostat low. May be a leak on the gas tank. Need warmer weather to locate and fix.
- B. Issues with the overhead door.
- C. Prinoth will require major head gasket service. There is an oil leak.
- D. Tow Rope inspection [Amy, Kelsey] – awaiting date for inspection.
- E. Tow Rope improvements [Amy, Ken] – Hill 5 tow rope bolt is loose. Need warmer day to fix.
- F. Casey is compiling a list of maintenance items that will help improve snowmaking for next year. Burying water lines-decreases labor of hauling and thawing hoses; keeps more terrain open for skiing.
- G. Tow monitor requirement –

- i. need someone to sign in and should be available to stand by the tow. Don't want to rely on ski patrol on a regular basis. Ken reports that it is very beneficial to have the monitors. Especially on Hill 5 it could be important to have someone at the top and the bottom.
- ii. Issue on Hill 5 with skier's hair caught in twisted rope. Monitors should ask skiers with long hair to tie hair back and tuck it.
- iii. We should consider purchasing the higher quality nylon rope (rather than poly propylene), it's also easier to repair.

IX. Club Events [Spencer]

- A. See Follow-Up for Winter carnival Feb 19&20
- B. Fall Running event/fund raiser

X. Programs [Amy] – nothing to report. Meeting in March.

XI. Hiking/Nature Exploration [Jill] – Plan for series of programs in the spring that people will pay for to cover budget and more. A couple of episodes where people are supposed to be.

- A. Jill would like to propose a winter hiking trail where snowshoes are not required.

XII. Mountain Bike Trails [Andrea]

- A. Expansion of Youth Lesson Program and Adult offerings - Kelley Linnan proposal and budget attached. Discussion was about possibly scaling proposal back to a mid-range option. Kelley will submit a revised proposal. Debrief at end of season
- B. *Enhanced signs for MTB trails for directions and safety (\$2,000) – motion made to pre-authorize sign for next year's budget – can order now. Motion made by _____ and seconded by Joe House Unanimously approved.
- C. Memberships for local bike shops – directors were in generally opposed. Andrea will put together a list of benefits for Blackhawk to offering a discount. Tabled for next meeting.
- D. Deferred to next meeting:
 - I. Update on naming for NICA Race Team. Did not discuss
 - II. Request for complimentary MTB memberships for MTB Ambassadors (in lieu of \$50 gift cards last year) . Did not discuss
 - III. Special Events – did not discuss

- IV. Request for Enduro type MTB event - discussion about feasibility - not making official request at this time. Tabled
- E. Hugh Jass reminder - 2/26 – Question raised how we were going to handle event membership? Andrea will look into and organize with Rick.
- F. Ninja camps - returning for 2022 - already discussed/approved

XIII. **Nordic Ski Committee [Jill]**

XIV. Ken Matasek – New Ski Patrol Director – Rob Kudrle

XV. **Calendar Updates & Announcements**

- A. Next Regular Meeting Date: March 7, 2022
- B. Feb events:
 - I. Feb 19, 1-2:30 Intro Adult Jump class
 - II. Feb 19, 1-3, Family Nordic Ski Clinic (maybe, needs volunteers)
 - III. Feb 19-20 Winter Festival 12:30-3
 - IV. Feb 20, 12-1:30 Junior Ski Team race (xc trails)
 - V. Announcements

XVI. **Adjournment** – Ken moved; Spencer seconded. Unanimously approved.

[-] denotes Task that needs leader(s) or committee.