

Blackhawk Ski Club Board Meeting

June 7, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

Attendees: Amy, Ken, Andrea, Joe, Spencer, Ellen, Arianne, Kurt, Kelsey, Scott, Rick (late arrival)

Agenda

Call to Order 7:30

Approval of meeting minutes from May 3, 2021 - Approved unanimously.

New Business

Covid update

Policy update proposed over email by Pat. Spencer made motion to adopt email recommendations. Approved.

Ken offered to make signs as needed.

Meeting format

When should we return to in-person meetings? Should we keep some virtual meetings? Advantages to both. There is interest in trying a mix.

Amy proposed 7/12 meeting be in-person. Approved.

Ecological Restoration [Joe]

Mellissa and Bob have been making some improvements to the Quonset hut to deter animals. Jill is looking at habitat restoration projects including planting bigger trees, native plants, and reducing invasives. Possible interest in doing memorial trees with plaques.

An invitation will be going out for a solstice 6/21 gathering.

Summer Accident Reporting [Amy]

Last Monday there was an accident on the connector trail. EMS was called and got a truck stuck in the mud at the bottom (after crossing the 60m outrun). What is our policy for accident reporting? There is a request that we develop a policy. Kelly files a report if something big happens in a lesson. Should we file reports like ski patrol? Ken would like to organize a Bike Patrol. Patrollers could get the easier "Outdoor

First" aid certification in 2 weekends. Before doing that, there is consensus that we need to understand any legal implications. Ken will be looking into this further for next year.

Additionally, we should consider having an advance rescue plan communicated with Middleton Fire/EMS so they know not to drive across swampy areas. That should include location markers. Ken will take this discussion up with Pat and the Biking Committee.

Snowmaking/Grooming/Maintenance/Admin Contracts at BH follow-up

Dan contacted Joe and expressed an interest in helping to train the next snow-making team. The board is open to this possibility but wants to monitor and keep on the right track.

Spencer made the point that our RFPs should be clearly separated.

Joe investigated insurance a bit and his agent seemed to conclude that the contractor designation may not be appropriate.

Are there outside snowmakers who would contract the job? Can we look at Tyrol or other local ski areas? What model do others employ?

We need to gather more info. Actions:

- Kelsey in Spencer to talk to local ski areas.
- Joe will contact Craig K who teaches MATC small-engine repair.
- Joe will reach out to Gogebic College (ski area mgmt. program in the Yoop)

Witek contract [Rick]

We have a 40K contract with Jeremy. He's done 21K work (paid). Prepaid 4k of the remaining 19k. Pat says there is easily 19k of trail work for him. We also have tow and snow projects that he would be useful on.

Budget

Rick has shared an updated annual budget. Minor amendments are included.

Scott made motion to approve the annual budget. Seconded by Spencer. Approved.

He is proposing that we make the bike membership annual. Keep the separate Winter Mtn Biking membership, but income will be minimal (make budget line item 40 \$0).

This is partly because this year we doubled the mountain biking membership price.

Amy notes that we still want to be able to track fat bikers for winter communication purposes.

Spencer made the motion and Andrea seconded. Motion passes.

Winter Member Survey [Arianne]

compiling responses. A little unclear since some Summer-only members responded to Winter questions...

Membership [Kelsey] - membership tags are available. Good progress on pickups. Distributed 1000 so far. Encouraging members to continue to pickup their tags.

Andrea created a QR code that links to a survey monkey. Posted at East Chalet. This is used for non-members on the property so we can get their contact information and send them info to join.

Andrea reports a larger than expected number of non-members riding at BH.

Member checks -- when to begin, frequency, who to conduct?

Do we need a more substantial barrier on the Erdman entrance? Bigger sign? Gate?

Kelsey can stock windshield flyers in the E. Chalet. Bike ambassadors and anyone else can do lot checks.

Main focus at the moment is implementing the hangers. Once we evaluate the impact we can revisit and see what more needs to be done.

Master Plan

Spencer would like to work on a Master Plan. He will start by talking to people from all the programs and discussing short and long-term goals. The board informally supports this.

Miscellaneous Updates from Amy:

Website/Email leadership: Katie Ginder-Vogel

Any June newsletter items? Send to Amy.

We still need a President Elect.

Capital Campaign

looking for leadership. Need to recruit a champion! Mention in newsletter

High Cap well

Joe is looking into possibility of reducing cost (per Dan's suggestion) by not abandoning test well. Might need pre-approval by the DNR. This project is dependent on the Capital Campaign and is largely on hold.

Club Manager Report

Via Rick. Preparing to wire pole cats. High voltage lines need to be trenched 2'. Preparing to wire that all up.

Location of Pole Cats

They are likely not in the optimal location. Should we move them before we run power?

Current location is reducing skiable area and might be better to move them further up the hill where they could blow on hill 1, and the top of hill 2. Ski Patrol considers the current location to be dangerous. Proposed location will require some tree removal.

Motion from Ken, 2nd by Joe:

Move the pole cats to a safer location to be determined by the Facilities Committee and reviewed with all interested parties. Approved.

Announcements

Biathlon Camp June 25-27 [West Chalet]

Jake at Trek is offering to do a bike demo. For member's only.

John A from CORP is looking for a fundraiser location. Possibly at the West Chalet.

Next Regular Meeting Date: 12, 2021

Adjournment 10:27PM