

Blackhawk Ski Club Board Meeting

December 4, 2023 via Teams

Attendees: Todd Breiby, Joe House, Ellen Barbouche, Rick Hardy, Spencer Schumacher, Ken Matusek, Kelsey Berg, Amy Grunewald

Guests: Jen St. Clair, Rob Kudrle, Jen Dahlberg

Minutes

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

II. **Approval of meeting minutes from November 6, 2023.** Joe House moved to approve small change, Spencer Schumacher seconded, motion was unanimously approved.

III. **New Business**

- a. Making Snow – Fri night; then Sun-Wed. Very successful. New snowmachines worked very well. Only a few minor glitches. Volunteer carry over from last year were very helpful. Little uptake from new volunteers trained this year. High capacity well has proven extremely useful.
- b. Open for XC – Casey groomed loop – bottom of 2 to bottom of Leonard’s way. Temperature forecast is not favorable for pushing out snow before Friday this week. Targeting to get hill 2 to be ready for lessons Saturday so Ski Patrol can prep the hill Friday afternoon.
- c. Set up of safety equipment – plan for Friday afternoon.
- d. Small biathlon race scheduled for this Sunday, 12/10, weather permitting.
- e. BART is looking to use west hill on Tuesday and Wednesday (12/12 and 12/13 6:00-8:00PM) until Hill 5 and Leonard’s Way is ready.
- f. Snowmaking plan next week starting Tuesday 12/12 only at night 7-8PM due to temperature expectations.

- g. Open Skiing – possibly Saturday 12/9 and Sunday 12/10. Then start regular schedule.

IV. Follow Up

- a. CPR/AED/First Aid Training – delayed due to difficulty of trainer getting equipment to conduct training.
- b. National Ski Areas Association membership – lots of educational offerings for members – ski area management; legislation; ADA requirements; trade shows; some grant availability. Membership rate depends on many factors. Probably we'd fall into the minimum rate category, or \$200/year. Todd will request more info on Blackhawk's rate.
- c. Club Tours for New Members – Tours were well-attended and appreciated by new members. Rick conducted a couple tours before and after Thanksgiving. Ellen conducted another tour last week. Total of about 40 people.
- d. Rope tow monitoring sign up. Info going out this week to full access members.
- e. Ski jumping WIFI – installation moving forward.

V. Administrative & Finance [Paul]

- a. Treasurer's Report - \$280,000 in account; one large expenditure in November - \$14,600 final payment for pole cats. Kubota will be paid off in January (2 more payments). Nov Rev \$18K.

VI. Membership [Kelsey]

- a. Current Membership Count - 367
- b. Scholarship Requests – Paul Kulas will lead a group to put together a policy to consider scholarship requests.
 - i. Past recipient approved by Executive Committee – recent request approved for program attendance because of past family involvement.

- ii. UW Student – Amy Grunewald moved to approve; seconded by Andrea Dlugos; unanimously approved.
- iii. New Family of 7 – ages 3+ - tabling discussion until Rick learns more of the specific request.
- iv. Scholarship Policy – Ski Club pro does allow for discounts – maybe incorporate that into the policy.

VII. Master Plan

- a. Current Status – trying to recruit participants.

VIII. Communications [Rick]

- a. Dec. Newsletter – going out this week
- b. Welcome letter – should go out this week

IX. Programs [Amy]

- a. Start of Season – BART will start 12th and 13th.
- b. First Day of Alpine Lessons 12/9
- c. Outdoor Exploration – off to great start. Conducted 5 events so far. Family orienteering; Family night; camp out; parents night 7-9 Friday (goal to recruit more volunteers and new family members)

X. Facilities & Operations [Joe]

- a. Snow Making Schedule – Tuesday after programs; possibly Wednesday night – bottom of hills 1 and 2.
- b. Equipment Status – small leaks on Prinoth groomer being fixed with gaskets and o-rings; piston bully needs replacement solenoid; snowmobiles are running
- c. Projected Opening Date 12/9 for alpine skiing
- d. Casey & Mike have been doing a great job getting projects done.
- e. New lights on Hill 4.

- f. Plowing – Parker Bean will do plowing this winter for significant snowfalls. Casey and Mike for smaller snowfalls.

XI. Events

- a. Winter Carnival Feb 17
- b. Hugh Jass Feb 24
- c. Ninja Camps in 2024
 - i. June 1&2, Aug 17 & 18

XII. Calendar Updates & Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, Jan 8th, 2024, 7:30
- b. Todd Breiby is working on a project of impacts of climate change and specifically related to ski hills. He will have a report to share soon.
- c. Blackhawk featured

XIII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Ken Matusek, seconded by Joe House.
Unanimously approved.