



Blackhawk Ski Club

Board Meeting

November 2, 2020

(Virtual Meeting)

Minutes

Board Members present: Amy Grunewald Mattison, William Lorman, Ellen Barbouche, Kelsey Berg, Scott Ulrey, Rick Hardy, Ken Matussek, Arianne Neigh, Joe House, Chad Oistad, Griff Madigan, James Friedman, Arianne Neigh

Others Present: Kurt Stein, Mark Torresani, Kelley Linnan

Agenda

I. Call to Order 7:30

Meeting called to order by Amy.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from October 5, 2020

Motion to approve minutes by Ken Matussek seconded by James. Approved unanimously.

III. New Business

a. New Jump update [Kurt, Scott]

- Jeremy Witek will be doing welding of new in-run that will save the season. Fabrication has started.
- Plastic landing surface work almost finished and rope tow work has started. Volunteer and other work will keep things on schedule for season start.

b. COVID update and review of policies

- Policy and signage tasks are in progress.
- Chalet bathroom policy is for seek out patrol sort of emergency use only. Working on getting a portable toilet. Comments that toilet is small space with virus risk. Current monthly bill for portable toilet is \$75 per month with periodic cleaning cost n/a. Rick is calling Bucky's to confirm our understanding of the services and schedule. Also consensus to rent slightly

more expensive handicap type portable. Consensus to place in first stall by the gate.

- Chalet will be cleaned twice a week but general policy to not use the building remains.
- Consensus for east of chalet lot for instructors and patrol only.
 - c. Event Membership established (see notes in blue in minutes from 10/5/2020)
 - d. Request for purchase of biathlon rifles [Mark T]
- \$5000 request for more youth/club rifles. 16 –18 year olds need rifles. Rifles will be leased @ \$250. It gets the fit the kids need and encourages responsibility. Currently 6 rifles are being shared by 13 kids.
- Motion to approve request by William, seconded by Scott approved unanimously.
- New item from Ken: We are down two patrollers from last year. This might add challenges for the idea of more open skiing hours. Consensus to start and close earlier to aid patroller scheduling. Also consensus to eliminate open skiing Thursday if it aids scheduling. Monday and Wednesday 3 to 6 open skiing, and Friday open skiing 3 to 8 PM. Consensus to start Saturday open skiing at 1 PM but many stay on from last lesson – risk of no patroller coverage. Define 12:30 to 1 PM lesson cleanup. Weekend open skiing consensus is 12:30 to 6 PM.

IV. Follow Up

- a. Fall Work Shifts [Kurt, Kelsey]
 - Kurt update. A larger crew for east entrance is needed and Kurt has more small tasks. Tree cleanup on east road is requested.
 - Need to repair bike part structures. I believe this was referring to alpine ski boxes, rails, etc?
- b. All Club Safety Check [Kelsey]
 - i. Dates and leadership [see Xcel file, Hill Walk Through]
- Kelsey has remaining tasks in shared spreadsheet and we need to keep at the list.
- c. Ash Tree Removal update [Joe House]
 - Only a few membership trades might not get enough tree removal. Joe is not comfortable “asking for something with nothing”.

- Joe House raised concerns and emotions on MTB program and suggests closing Howling Wolff while the tree issue is addressed. Joe will present bid for removal of trees along roads (to 30 jump and along main road) and jumps. We can then present the options for improving safety to MTB trail committee mid November and make decisions at Dec board meeting.
 - d. West Chalet donor recognition. [Kelsey, William, Griff]
- Griff and William will volunteer. Kelsey posted in Teams 11/4 a draft letter to reach out to donors.
 - e. Drainage District meeting [Mark T.]
- The board wishes to assess fees.
- Dane County is already doing a study.
- The board has a proposal to assess fees up to \$150,000 and Blackhawk assessment would be \$5000.
- The historical record back to 1913 shows no attempts to fix has been successful.
- Mark T, Dane County and City of Middleton suggested disbanding the board. One private firm has a lawsuit to disband the board.
- It is likely we'll be assessed for a study that will cost around \$75,000.
 - f. West Chalet parking lot improvements & trail location [Kurt] Angled parking in two rows on north side (needs logs or other marking) and one row of angled parking on south side with one way flow through lot. East side of building reserved for ski patrol, instructors and coaches. Needs signage and put in newsletter/programs info.

V. Administrative & Finance

- a. Treasurer's Report & Registration Update [Rick H.]
 - \$305,000 in bank now.
 - Full access is at 300
 - 109 new members and that tops an 85 record.
 - Request to donate a complimentary membership for the recent wood donor.
 - Request from Rick for motion to allow club treasurer to sign bank documents related to loans seconded by Chad. Approved unanimously.
- b. Resolution to allow Rick to sign bank loan documents

- c. Review By-Laws [see mark-up document sent via teams from Ellen & James]

- Draft file is in Teams for analysis and action at next meeting.

VI. Communications

- a. Calendar [Griff, Kelsey]

- Calendar now has winter items.

- b. SCP and all-club emails [Amy]

- i. November newsletters

- 1. Clothing orders (run as a test 11/4)

- 2. Winter Prep (volunteering, new jumps, COVID review, others?)

- Amy is preparing mailings soon. Please submit any info that should be sent to members.

VII. Executive Planning Meeting Report

- a. Club manager annual review process [Amy]

- Exec committee steps are done and will meet with Kurt.

VIII. Program Updates

IX. Club Manager Report [Kurt]

- Progress is happening with electrical work.
- Rope tow construction is progressing.
- Mini excavator breakdown is a problem but Jeremy W is donating his for some tasks.
- Kurt's biggest concern is parts – challenges to get all sorts of parts are a problem this year and it creates delays.

X. Facilities & Operations

- a. Snowmaking installation update [Kurt]

- b. Volunteer recruitment & training [Kurt]

XI. Membership

- a. Membership Verification Policy & Checking Days [Griff, William]

- With summer expiration date, do another membership check.

XII. Calendar Updates & Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, November 30 or December 7, 2020?

- b. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Ken approved unanimous.
- Next meeting (December meeting) Monday November 30.