

Blackhawk Bowhunters
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Officers		Board Members			
x	Tony Bickel – President (1/2027)	x	Kurt Baus (1/2026)	x	Haden Hau (1/2027)
x	Dannielle Hendon – VP (1/2026)	x	Roger Fletcher (1/2026)	x	Jeff Schultz (1/2027)
x	Jerry Gleisner – Treasurer (1/2027)		Adam Gile (1/2026)		Jamie Zahalka (1/2027)
x	Sarah Donoghue – Secretary (1/2026)	x	Ann Gleisner (1/2027)		
Board Assistants					
	Sheryl Thompson (1/2027)		Lowell Olcott (1/2026)		Alex Binter (1/2026)
	Jeff Button (1/2027)		David Schultz (1/2026)		Dan Borud (1/2026)
	Jim Burns (1/2027)	x	Juan Spencer (1/2027)		

February 2nd, 2026 at 6:30pm at Blackhawk Clubhouse

- **SECRETARY**
 - Review minutes from January 2026 meeting
 - Roger made a motion to approve meeting minutes; seconded by Jerry; motion approved
 - Next meeting will be held March 2nd, 2026

- **TREASURER**
 - Review the Treasurer’s report
 - Approximately \$140k cash on hand
 - Approximately \$5k increase from January 2025
 - Largest Expenses:
 - Insurance, Targets (will get \$15,961 back from DNR), Subs/Awards/Food/Beer
 - Tony made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report; seconded by Roger; motion approved
 - Grants (DNR)
 - 2025 Grant: ADA compliant doors, two entrance doors and two bathrooms -\$16,300 (to be done by our electrician and an outside firm), Replace the 2 bridges on the 3D course - \$9,720 (to be completed by member volunteers), 20 - 4x4 block targets - \$11,500 Reinhart 3D targets/inserts - \$9,515 ()– have to be completed in 2 years.

- **MEMBERSHIP**
 - Status Update
 - January 2026
 - 436 total members on 287 total memberships
 - 58 complimentary members on 39 memberships
 - 378 regular members on 248 regular memberships

- January 2025
 - 469 total members on 284 total memberships
 - 64 complimentary members on 40 memberships
 - 405 regular members on 244 regular memberships
 - Ann has mailed invoices to all members who still owe for unworked hours in 2024
 - Have been able to collect 202 unworked hours of the 227 total hours owed. Or \$3,530.00 for 2024 of \$3,859.00 owed. (collected 90% of 2024 unworked hours)
 - Raise membership by \$10? Hasn't been increased since 2011, could use as an incentive to renew before March 3/31 - Rates raise on 4/1/26 (all annual working and non-working memberships)
 - Tony made a motion to approve raising membership rates; seconded by Haden; motion approved
- **KITCHEN**
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- **MAINTENANCE**
 - Replace practice bales and some wooden stands (Roger)
 - Wood chipper day schedule
 - Clean Up Day - May 16th
 - Rain day May 17th
 - Roger will add painting concrete and wainscoting to the list of potential projects
 - Roger will also look into a lighted sign for the club
 - Roger has a new gate/door code. This will be changed on February 14th
- **TOURNAMENTS**
 - Raise the shoot fee from \$15/\$7 to \$20/\$10? (April shoot is \$20 and Brush shoot is now, too). Discount for members \$15?
 - Roger made a motion to approve raising the shoot fees; seconded by Haden; motion approved
 - NYE shoot 23 shooters, Gross \$153
 - Mexican Fiesta Trad Shoot - August 8 & 9 2026
 - Juan Spencer will run this year's shoot
 - Advertisement in WBH magazine summer issue
 - Will be in the April & July issue WTA magazine
 - Will have novelties: catapult shoot and moving targets, as well as Mexican food
 - \$20 one day/ \$25 both days
 - Approved
 - Big 4 3D Shoot
 - Each shooter has to shoot at 3 out of 4 participating clubs' shoots for a chance to win a cash drawing.
 - We paid \$150 Pay out is to 3 random shooters, draw from the pool of shooters (not just the highest scorers) (\$600 in total prizes paid out)
 - Blackhawk has requested the April 25/26th shoot
 - 2026 Shoot calendar
 - Brush Shoot - February 28th, 2026-March 1st, 2026
 - Outdoor 3D - April 25-26th, 2026 **Big 4/ Tri-County 3D Shoot**
 - Culver's NFAA Spot Shoot - May 23rd, 2026
 - Outdoor 3D - June 20-21st, 2026
 - Mexican Fiesta Trad Shoot - August 8-9th, 2026
 - Blackhawk/Vortex Open - August 15th, 2026
 - Coordinator - Haden Hau/ Asst: Ryan Gresmer

- Registration \$35 adult (with shirt as long as you sign up before July 1), \$20 youth
 - 182 (2025), 172 (2024)
 - Online sign-up
 - Jerry filed the grant with Verona chamber - pending
 - Toys for Tots - December 6th, 2026
 - New Year's Eve Spot Shoot and EAT - December 31st, 2026

- **LEAGUES**
 - o *Organizers: Jeff S, Jeff B, Roger, Jim B, Haden, Tony, Jaime Z*
 - o Awards: 20% or less of collected league fees (cash, FSC, or trophies)
 - o Fall Trad League Thurs 630: Tony B Sept 4th/14 people signed up/paid
 - o Fall Hunter League: Wed 7 PM Jeff Schultz starts Sept 10th/ 30 people
 - o Youth Beginner Class - last week will be March 7th due to conflict with Brush Shoot Feb28-March 1
 - o Family League (Winter): Mon 8 weeks Roger Fletcher **starts Jan 12th, 2026 (\$56/\$72)**
 - Roger suggested potentially lengthening this for next year.
 - 28 shooters
 - o Tuesday Hunter League (Winter): 12 weeks Haden Hau **starts Jan 6th, 2026 (\$70/\$90)**
 - 12 shooters
 - o Wednesday Hunter League (Winter): 12 weeks Jeff Schultz **starts Jan 7th, 2026 (\$70-\$90)**
 - April 1st, 2026 make update
 - 32 shooters - FULL
 - o Thursday Trad League (Winter): 10 weeks 5pm Jim Burns **starts Jan 8th, 2026 (\$50)**
 - 6-8 shooters
 - o Thursday Spot League (Winter): 13 weeks Jeff Button **starts Jan 8th, 2026 (\$60/\$84)**
 - 28 shooters
 - o Summer League: 12 weeks Jamie Zahalka **starts Thursday May 1st, ends Aug 7th**
 - Off 6/19/26 (3D shoot), 7/4/26 (4th of July)
 - 66 shooters

- **MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS**
 - o The monthly "Nocking Around II" newsletter went out
 - o Photos from all shoots to be posted on the website and Facebook
 - o Add photos of shoots, leagues, and youth classes to the website

- **YOUTH/BEGINNER PROGRAM**
 - o 119 signed up (120 max), beginner class full with 27 on waiting list
 - o Roger suggested we consider another time to run the beginner class, Adam Giles may want to help with this as well

- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - o Legacy Donation Program
 - Create tab on Blackhawk website with information

- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - o High School classes

2/16 Day 1 No School	2/17 Day 1 8:30-10:10 Knecht/Jefferson 10:20-12:00 Knecht/Jefferson 1:15-2:50 Knecht	2/18 Day 2 8:30-10:10 Knecht/Gibson 10:20-12:00 Riley/Wepking 1:15-2:20 Riley	2/19 Day 1 8:30-10:10 Knecht/Jefferson 10:20-12:00 Knecht/Jefferson 1:15-2:50 Knecht	2/20 Day 2 8:30-10:10 Knecht/Gibson 10:20-12:00 Riley/Wepking 1:15-2:20 Riley
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- o Food Plot Day; Sunday April 12th 12:30pm-2pm
 - Free training and advice as well as seed availability
 - Carl Johnson with Eagle Seeds will be at the Blackhawk clubhouse for a Food Plot Seminar, discussing all of the options that Eagle Seeds provides and talk about various food plot strategies.
 - No sign ups yet, Tony will get an email out and a poster
- o Hunter Safety Dates
 - March 30, 31, April 3, 4 - Saturday is Test Day
 - August 17, 20, 21 (5-9pm), 22 - Saturday is Test Day.
- o **Grant for ADA gate access - grant wasn't approved (est \$20k)**
 - May want to investigate options for programming the gate before deciding on the exact budget; keeping the gate open for leagues or tournaments, closing at pre-determined times, etc
 - Haden made a motion to fund this project ourselves; seconded by Ann; motion approved.
- o Raised at Full Draw - Field to Fork Bowhunting Pilot
 - Program - A Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Learn to Hunt PARTnership
 - The Raised at Full Draw Field to Fork Bowhunting Program, in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), is designed for adults with no prior hunting experience who wish to become self-sufficient bowhunters
 - Participants will gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to ethically harvest, process, and prepare wild venison using compound bows. The program combines weekly archery practice, online learning, hands-on field activities, and mentored hunting throughout Wisconsin's early archery season
 - By the end of the program, participants will:
 - Develop proficiency as ethical archery hunters
 - Learn deer biology, conservation, and hunting strategy
 - Gain field dressing, butchering, and wild game cooking skills

- Hunt independently and safely under Wisconsin's hunting regulations
 - Duration - 6 months (June - December 2026)
 - Audience - Upper teen - Adults with limited or no hunting experience
 - Class size - 8-10 participants per site
 - Mentors/Instructors: minimum of 5 per site (more preferred)
 - Program launch: Pilot in 2026, expansion in 2027-2028
 - How much should we charge for memberships/discounts?
 - **\$40 special memberships for 6 months (non-working)**
 - Danielle made a motion to approve \$40 for special memberships for the RaFD program; seconded by Jerry, motion approved

- **ANY OTHER ISSUES**
 - o Alex would like to do a beginning archery lesson for ~15 women who want to explore southwest WI
 - He will charge, per usual.
 - April 11th, will use the indoor range
 - o Alex would like to do a Big Brothers, Big Sisters event as well
 - Indoor range
 - April 22nd or 29th (Alex can choose and will let Lowell know)

- **MOTION TO ADJOURN**
 - o Seeing no further business, Danielle made motion to adjourn; seconded by Jerry; motion approved.

Next board meeting will be on Monday March 2nd at 6:30pm.