

Blackhawk Bowhunters
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Officers		Board Members			
x	Tony Bickel – President (1/2027)		Kurt Baus (1/2028)	x	Haden Hau (1/2027)
x	Dannielle Hendon – VP (1/2028)		Roger Fletcher (1/2028)		Jeff Schultz (1/2027)
x	Jerry Gleisner – Treasurer (1/2027)	x	Adam Gile (1/2028)		Jamie Zahalka (1/2027)
x	Sarah Donoghue – Secretary (1/2028)	x	Ann Gleisner (1/2027)		
Board Assistants					
	Sheryl Thompson (1/2027)		Lowell Olcott (1/2028)		Juan Spencer (1/2028)
	Jeff Button (1/2027)		David Schultz (1/2028)		Dan Borud (1/2028)
	Jim Burns (1/2027)				

April 6th, 2026 at 6:30pm at Blackhawk Clubhouse

- **SECRETARY**
 - Review minutes from March 2026 meeting
 - Jerry made a motion to approve meeting minutes; seconded by Ann; motion approved
 - Next meeting will be held May 4th, 2026

- **TREASURER**
 - Review the Treasurer’s report
 - Approximately \$140k cash on hand
 - Approximately -\$350 decrease from March 2025
 - Largest Expenses:
 - WI concrete coating \$9300 (floor sealing down payment); Entrance systems \$8250 (ADA doors down payment), Capital Tent Rental \$1425 (tent, tables, chairs)
 - Tony made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report; seconded by Haden; motion approved
 - Grants (DNR)
 - 2025 Grant: ADA compliant doors, two entrance doors and two bathrooms -\$16,300 (Ryan Maier will do the wiring), 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 (All targets have been received)– have to be completed in 2 years.

- **MEMBERSHIP**
 - Status Update
 - March 2026
 - 343 total members on 204 total memberships

- o 58 complimentary members on 39 memberships
 - o 285 regular members on 165 regular memberships
 - March 2025
 - 293 total members on 182 total memberships
 - o 56 complimentary members on 37 memberships
 - o 237 regular members on 145 regular memberships
 - Ann has mailed invoices to all members who still owe for unworked hours in 2025
 - Have been able to collect 140 unworked hours of the 176 total hours owed. Or \$2,380.00 for 2025 of \$2,992.00 owed. (collected 80% of 2025 unworked hours)
 - o Raised membership for the full year by \$10 for April 1st, 2026.
- **KITCHEN**
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- **MAINTENANCE**
 - o Replace practice bales and some wooden stands (Roger)
 - o New gate \$20k
 - o Two bridges
 - o Lighted sign for the club
 - Add to May agenda
 - o Wood chipper day schedule
 - o Wainscoating
 - o Etching the indoor floor range for new lines/sealing
 - Indoor range closed starting Saturday April 11th-April 18th
 - o Clean Up Day - May 16th
 - Rain day May 17th
 - o Door code was changed on February 14th
 - o Setting up 28 3D targets for April shoot on Saturday April, 11th. Sign up is online
- **TOURNAMENTS**
 - o Brush shoot feedback:
 - Number the targets.
 - o Raised the shoot fee from \$15/\$7 to \$20/\$10. Members rate \$15
 - o 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
 - o Big 4 / Tri-County 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
 - o 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 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 April 30th, ends Aug 6th**
 - 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 Ended 3/7
- o 119 signed up (120 max), beginner class full with 27 on waiting list

- **OLD BUSINESS**

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

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- 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.
 - One signed up, 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 Alex Yant group trainings
 - Women Who Explore SW WI - April 11th
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters - April 29th
 - 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
 - Monday nights (exact start date pending)
 - **\$40 special memberships for 6 months (non-working)**
- **ANY OTHER ISSUES**
 - **MOTION TO ADJOURN**
 - o Seeing no further business, Haden made motion to adjourn; seconded by Dannielle; motion approved.

Next board meeting will be on Monday May 4th at 6:30pm.