

MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF LAPHAM PEAK SNOWMAKING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Members present: Sandy Sugden; Anne Riendl; Rick Bjodstrup; Kris Maki; Carol Doebler; John McCarthy; Theresa McDonald; Bob Goswitz

Thank you, Sandy, for a wonderful party/meeting at your home.

Items discussed:

- 1. Finances.** Kris said that the Treasurer's report shows \$57,721.04 in our account + \$5,737.23 for ski league and Loppet. After new donations and more ski league money is deposited, we should have \$64,795.67 available to spend. Expenses for the last two months include a We Energies bill for \$4640.55 and culverts for \$360 to avoid flooding over and under the snowmaking ski trail during thaws. Our Pump Campaign which started in June yielded \$34,486.95. See John McCarthy's comments re: pump purchase.
- 2. Contest for first snowmaking day** was won by Jason Tenge who received a wax kit from Wheel & Sprocket and Benjamin Hansen who will get a Hot box from Bike Doctor.
- 3. Christmas Mailing** Kris reported that only about 15 letters came back. She mailed out ones with corrected address if they came back before Christmas.
- 4. Vertical Response:** Anne, Theresa and Carol sang the praises of Vertical Response. They want Kris to learn how to use it. Kris is okay IF emails are kept secure and not overused.
- 5. Pump according to John McCarthy:** John met with Rich Marusinec re: the pump as he works for Cooper Industries and may have a lead on manufacturer's of the pump + volute that we need. We also need to purchase the system with variable speed drive and a concrete collar and anchor bolts to hold the pump in place when it is running. John is checking on the components that Torrent (Michigan co. with pumps their specialty) and Watertronics (local co. with irrigation their specialty) can provide; he will check to make sure the project has what we really need. Then, it will be 8-12 weeks until the pump is installed.
- 6. Bike swap** packet was distributed by Carol and Theresa. Many questions have been addressed in emails but others need to be discussed.
Bob Goswitz will distribute flyers to the schools as he has done in the past. Kris noted that one flyer did not have the time of the swap on it. (Later she noted that the \$5 admission fee was also omitted)
The Banners were unfurled and should be a good draw for the swap. Bob will get them up at LP asap and ask when he can post it at Cushing School.
Bake Sale Kris and Rita will handle the bake sale.
Insurance Kris contacted Louise, President of the Friends, who said the Swap was included in our insurance package; however, the swap would be charged for the specific amount designated for it.
Coffee Sandy will supply grounds and contact the Coffee Trader. Kris will get cups and creamer and sugar for the event.

Swag Bags Carol decided not to have swag bags this year. Paul will supply some park literature and Kris will get some Smokey Bear items that entrants can pick up if they wish.

Helmets No one knows if there are helmets left from last year. Kris did find the contact from Habush, Habush and Rottier and sent a letter (thank you) and letterhead to Carol.

Corral Anne will handle the corral. She has signage to direct folks to it.

Advertisement Chris Totzke posted a good announcement of the swap in the Index and Lake Country Reporter

Photo Tom Davenport will try to take pictures if he is in town.

Signage We will need good signs and a human greeter to direct traffic.

Easels **We need about 4 easels.**

Vendors We need to discuss vendors trying to negotiate prices with us and we need a map of the school gym so we can place the vendors correctly.

7. **Ski the Peak** had 21 participants this year. Jay Caviani is confident that the event will grow next year and be a better moneymaker for him and the park.

Next meeting is February 25th at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Maki