

MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF LAPHAM PEAK SNOWMAKING COMMITTEE

April 4, 2017 Delafield Library

6-7:55 PM Tuesday

Members present: Anne Riendl, Rick Bjodstrup, Mary Ellen Bruesch, Joanne Ziarek, John McCarthy, Charlie Ritter, Joe Stuber

Items discussed:

March 28 Minutes approved.

Snowmaking power pedestal circuits: (Anne) Need to determine capacities, need to know before April 25, and need DNR Board approval.

Trailing (note from Jim Bostrom): Trailer will cost \$400-\$600 one way, depending on features needed.

Discussion of snowcat-related costs: Group discussion of breaking out maintenance vs. repair costs, that expendable items are operational expenses and everything else is maintenance. Estimate is \$7k for electrical and \$8k snowcat annual cost operation and maintenance. Group reviewed snowcat-related expenses, whether/how to get the machine to MB or have them come to LP.

Discussion of newsletter content and format: (Anne) Suggestions to be sent to Kris.

Meeting with advisor about bikes in barn: (Anne) It's advisable to liquidate these. Some are being sold online for pick up at LP, others may be sold to a dealer to have fresh stock next year.

Work day is April 22: (John) Brief discussion and overview occurred. John noted that we have funding from Recreational Trails grant for seeds and hay, mulch and mat. He proposed using a portable boardwalk over some muddy sections as at some other State Parks.

Need to arrange for time to check electrical: (Charlie) Charlie knows of an electrician who can help if needed. John noted that there should be a report from Meyer Electric that has information about electrical capacities and other details. John will call them about it.

What to do about snow guns: (Anne) We'll decide next meeting.

Federal Recreational Trails grant application: (John) No update.

Approaching businesses regarding funding: John M wrote up a document talking up the benefits of Snowmaking for a grant request. Anne sent the document to Joe Stuber and Charlie Ritter during mtg.

How much to spend this year: (John) Proposed \$40k for snow guns and \$20k for snowcat repairs.
Increase capacity to eventually make more snow and cover 1K.

New technology for draining water away from trail surfaces: (John) John brought sample of material that can be used in trails under the snow to manage water.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Bruesch

Next meetings to be: April 25, May 16 May 30, June 6 and 27 Tuesdays 6 PM Delafield library

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