

MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF LAPHAM PEAK SNOWMAKING COMMITTEE

May 16, 2017 Delafield Library

6-7:55 PM Tuesday

Members present: Anne Riendl, Rick Bjodstrup, Mary Ellen Bruesch, Charlie Ritter, Joe Stuber, Rich Marusinec, Jim Bostrom

Items discussed:

Next Meetings: Availability of Library and wifi capabilities of Hausmann still uncertain, so July meetings are TBD. May 30, June 6 and June 27 are next meeting dates.

April 25 Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Snowmaking Priorities (Joe): Review and discussion of draft prepared by Joe occurred. The group had worked on this document last meeting, and sent further comments to Joe via email after that. These comments were incorporated into the working draft. Anne updated the document as edits were agreed upon.

Some action items resulted from this discussion:

- Rich will follow up with WE and Brett regarding possibly grant to help cover electrical costs.
- Joe will follow up regarding well draw-down, possibility of removing meter from pump to improve flow.
- Joe and Rich will look into measuring flow rates at hydrants.
- Group discussed need to decide which of the old SMI 320 guns to use and where to use (safety considerations). Decisions will be made with/by DNR staff as they have done the work of cannibalizing some to keep others running.
- Ongoing discussion about tilling needs to continue. Anne emphasized the need for the tiller to be used at optimal frequency to keep the surface of our man-made snow at optimal consistency, so no skier is faced with an unsafe block of solid ice to try to ski on. All agreed we do not want a surface of 'mashed potatoes' either.
- Joe will lead small group to discuss and develop equipment practices.

Also related to this discussion, Anne reported that John and Louella Lupo donated \$1000 for new dual-head aerator for Lupo pond.

State Trails Council meeting (Charlie): Charlie attended recent meeting in Sheboygan and discussed Lapham Peak trails and their use and benefits with that group. The group had some ideas for FLP related to funding. Their November meeting will be at Lapham Peak.

Treasurers Report (Anne): Our current balance of just under \$85k will support the purchase of snowguns (\$41k) and Snowcat repair (\$10-20 k).

Discussion about:

Birkie has asked John for advice about snowmaking. Anne, Joe and John will prepare FAQs for them.

Joe will contact M-B to follow up on Snowcat quote.

Bike Swap (Jim): Discussion about advertising the event, locations for event, timing of event, adding activities such as a race for kids. Carol and Theresa can continue to provide guidance but a volunteer is needed to lead the activity.

May 24, 2017 Natural Resources Board Meeting (Anne): Members are needed to attend to receive plaque, and one member will need to speak for 3 minutes. We're on the agenda for the afternoon.

Ornament Sales (Mary Ellen): Doc will continue to offer several for display and inventory the rest and send payment or remaining ornaments. He has been invoiced. The other outlets each have one ornament or \$20 outstanding that has or will be requested, and will be collected.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Bruesch

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

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