

**Minutes of the Snowmaking Committee of The Friends of Lapham Peak  
Hausmann Nature Center  
July 18, 2017**

**Present:** John McCarthy, Rick Bjodstrup, Anne Riendl, Mary Ellen Bruesch, Rich Marusinec, Joe Stuber, Joanne Ziarek, Charlie Ritter, Sandy Sugden, Chuck Jorgensen, Brett Johansen

**Next meetings to be (Anne):** 7/25 (potluck). 8/8, 8/22, 9/12, and 9/26. Note the location is Hausmann Nature Center and NEW time is 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Anne will confirm room availability with Louise.  
<http://www.laphampeaksnowmaking.org/calendar/>.

**June 27 Minutes approved as-is.**

**Manmade loop (Rich):** Based on input from or about various user groups, Rich has prepared a report with recommendations. He has also drawn a map of potential loop design. Jim has scanned it. The same map will be used to show electrical and lighting. Rich and Brett will walk the proposed loop and discuss details. Rich will email the report with recommendations to Brett.

**Snowmaking well investigation (Joe):** Last season, intermittent low flow was noted so a well contractor was consulted to analyze pump capacity and performance along with the aquifer capacity. The outcome was that the well contractor (Rick) proposed breaking up aquifer to improve water availability, replacing pipe and replacing pump and will also analyze situation by testing amperage. He will provide a report to Joe, who will report to Committee next meeting. Preliminary cost estimate is \$10-\$20 k.

**Woodchips (Charlie):** Charlie contacted Erin Hills about their excess woodchips that we could use to repair our trails. He noted the Black trail is in need of some chips. The chips would be available to us for pick up. Brett advised we can get chips delivered from one of several local contractors as-needed, and that they should be applied to the trail soon after delivery (not left in piles). John has mapped where chips are needed on the trails.

**Repairing SnowCat (Joe):** The Snowcat is in the Shop. Rick or Brett will pick up the Bogie wheels. Fall Line and Remote Access have been paid.

**Agreement between DNR and Friends of Lapham Peak (Anne):** Agreement between DNR and Friends of Lapham Peak (Anne R): On 7/5/2017 Anne Korman sent the template the DNR now intends to use for all agreements with all Friends groups, to the members of the Board of the Friends of Lapham Peak. Anne R. has published the current Agreement (2008) and the Master Plan (1989) on our LaphamPeakSnowmaking.org website. Mary Ellen will format the page. Anne R will send the template to all who are present at this July 18 meeting. John McCarthy offered to bring a draft version of a possible Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the WI DNR and The Friends of Lapham Peak, relating to Snowmaking at Lapham Peak, to our August 8th Snowmaking Committee meeting for all to give input. This Committee hopes to have the MOU in place as soon as possible so we can put pipe in the ground in the Spring of 2018.

**Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin (Anne):** John M will work on application for DeBoer funding.

**McFadzen visit (Charlie):** Charlie is working on this.

**Donation Tube (Charlie):** An envelope and brochure has been developed to be distributed to skiers when they arrive at the entrance, in order to collect a snowmaking user fee to help cover operation and maintenance costs. Those who pay will get a penguin sticker. There will also be woodcut-outs for the tube itself to make it more visible and better communicate need for donations. Brett will work out details with staff who work at the entrance and cautions this is a new activity that they will need to do along with others. Design of brochure and any other outreach will depend on what will not conflict with Park message.

**Bike Swap (Anne):** Theresa sent a summary report that Anne presented.

**Treasurer's Report (Anne):** There is no report today. There will be a report on August 8. Aplos will not be used. Excel will be used. Payments for two ornaments came in in response to recent invoice.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Ellen Bruesch.