

**Minutes of the Snowmaking Committee of The Friends of Lapham Peak
Hausmann Nature Center
August 8, 2017**

Present: John McCarthy, Rick Bjodstrup, Anne Riendl, Mary Ellen Bruesch, Rich Marusinec, Joe Stuber, Joanne Ziarek, Charlie Ritter, with guests Stacey Balsley, Ken Neitzke

Next meetings to be (Anne): 8/22, 9/12, and 9/26. Note the location is Hausmann Nature Center and NEW time as of August 8 is 6:30 to 8:30 PM. <http://www.laphampeaksnowmaking.org/calendar/>.

July 18 Minutes approved with edits.

State Trails Council (News from Stacey and Ken): We heard a brief presentation about mission and activities of the State Trails Council. Snowmaking is newer trail use activity to STC. Federal and state funding disappearing and public-private ('friends' groups) partnerships a potential solution. The revenue that snowmaking brings to the park is of value to the park and the surrounding community and Friends of Lapham Peak is recognized by this group for having a great track record. Stacey briefly described the DNR realignment: there will be a section chief who will act as liaison between DNR and other government agencies and friends groups, in order to listen to the needs of the friends groups. The group discussed that Ben Bergey's team to meet with select members of Friends of Lapham Peak and discuss concerns, including MOU.

Agreement between DNR and Friends of Lapham Peak and Snowmaking Committee MOU (Anne and John): We reviewed the proposed MOU document that John has written with Anne making edits as the group provided suggestions. Anne will send the edits to John, who will incorporate the edits and then send out to the Committee for review.

Introductions occurred so Ken and Stacey could meet group members and learn their roles within the Committee.

Miller-Bradford (Joe): This is in progress with some minor problems having been encountered as M-B began to repair the Snowcat.

Treasurer's Report (Anne): There was no time for this report so it will be presented at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Ellen Bruesch.