

Minutes of the Snowmaking Committee of The Friends of Lapham Peak
Hausmann Nature Center
September 26, 2017
6:30-8:30 PM

Present: Rick Bjodstrup, Anne Riendl, Jim Bostrom, Mary Ellen Bruesch, Rich Marusinec, Charlie Ritter, Joe Stuber, Joanne Ziarek, Brett Johanen

Next meetings to be (Anne): October 3, 24; November 7, 21; December 12, 19. Note the location is Hausmann Nature Center and NEW time as of September 26 is 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

<http://www.laphampeaksnowmaking.org/calendar/>.

September 12, 2017 Minutes (Anne): Approved as-is and Anne will send to Mary Ellen for posting when available.

Penguin Pal Campaign: (Charlie): This is in progress. 5 large wooden penguins will be available for businesses to sponsor. Amounts and numbers of businesses sponsoring a single penguin to be determined. There are also fundraising flyers from Jackie and matching envelopes. Anne will bring envelopes to the next meeting so we can stuff the flyers into them for mailing.

Attendance numbers (Anne, Charlie): There was discussion about the data from DNR reflecting the numbers of cars through the gate, the number of people this is equivalent to, how these numbers compare to other parks. Brett provided some clarification. Lapham is in the top 2 for January. Charlie will use this data in his fundraising presentations. Anne and Rich will work on pie charts showing expenses and income.

Trail passes and stickers (Anne): Anne asked Brett for numbers of trail passes and stickers for 2015-2016. The number is 211,000. December 1 2015 through November 30, 2016.

Conversation with Missy from DNR re: Agreement and MOU (Anne): Her role is external relations and partnerships. Janet will work with the Friends of Lapham Peak Board on the Agreement. It may be possible to finalize for Missy to sign. Agreement between DNR and Friends of Lapham Peak and Snowmaking Committee MOU can be done in parallel. She has the Master Plan. She thinks she can use the Snowmaking Committee draft for the MOU. She will come to the October 24 meeting.

MOU (Anne, John): Discussion of MOU content. Anne incorporated comments into most recent draft. John will send revised draft to group.

Snowcat (Joe): The group agreed to spend \$500 on unexpected repair and maintenance due to problem with bearings, having the work done now will prevent down-time to repair this in winter.

Snowmaking well investigation: (Joe): Work on the well is scheduled for Monday, with 4 volunteers plus DNR.

Snowmaking trails (Anne): We briefly reviewed additional proposed trails.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Ellen Bruesch.