

Minutes of the Snowmaking Committee of The Friends of Lapham Peak
Hausmann Nature Center
November 21, 2017
6:00-7:45 PM

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

Reminder--Next meetings to be (Anne): December 12, 19. Note the location is Hausmann Nature Center and the time is 6:00 to 7:45 PM. <http://www.laphampeaksnowmaking.org/calendar/>.

Holiday Card (Anne): We discussed wording and modified a version of the poem written by Kris M to fit into a card that Charlie will have made. Charlie will obtain quotes for black and white and also color and order 225 accordingly to send to donors. This card will not be part of the Penguin Pal campaign but will simply thank donors and allow for the same type of donation towards snowmaking in general.

There are no Minutes from November 7 to approve. (Anne, tabled).

Volunteers for snowmaking (Joe): 28 people have volunteered to help with snowmaking during the 1st and 2nd shifts. DNR will handle 3rd shift. Joe has written and will send a letter to the volunteers asking them to sign up for shifts starting on December 4.

Scheduling of work will be handled by the week and canceled as needed, noting that when the snow is made it must be spread.

A 2-day window of favorable conditions will be used. Drier snow is a goal. Charlie will ask Alpine Valley for technical assistance regarding making drier snow.

There will be trainings on November 27 (9 AM, DNR) and 28 (6PM, Joe and Rich).

Snow guns (Joe): Snow guns will need maintenance (oil change on compressors) and were tested on November 21, revealing a wiring problem that DNR will fix.

Donation Box (Joe): The donation box will be painted red and placed at the trail head to raise awareness about the need for donations and to facilitate more donation collections.

Invoice for Snowcat (Joe): Although the initial estimate was \$10,000, the invoice for the Snowcat is requesting payment of \$19,000. The expense grew beyond the estimate because of add-ons that had not been expected. The M-B Board will review this and adjust if possible. Payment will be held until any revised invoice is issued.

SMI, CET, Anhalt invoices, LF George (John): \$375 CET - Treasurer has already been informed this invoice for transporting the snowcat home is approved for payment. \$25,000 to SMI Balance due on 2 snowguns approved. \$4265 to Anhalt approved to pay for work done to analyze capacity problems with well and improve flow by about 15 gpm. \$325 to LF George approved for chipper rental used on the work day when many trees were removed. Wood chips were placed on trails. John will approve \$464.64 for freight for SMI.

DNR Labor data (John): Our task is to determine how much time is spent on snowmaking so that an extrapolation and estimate can be prepared to reflect how much time a LTE would spend on snowmaking for expanded snowmaking in Phase 3. Alternately, the number could reflect how much volunteer effort would be needed. This figure needs to be in the strategic plan.

Penguin Pal campaign (Anne): See also October 3 Minutes for the same topic. This past Saturday a stack of about 100 flyers with envelopes was delivered to the Park Office by Anne R. Since DNR staff indicated it would be difficult to have the flyers at the window they were left on the counter in the center of the entrance room. It was mentioned by DNR staff that many people come into the office to buy their annual stickers and trail passes, so they could see the flyers when they come in. Since we had planned with Brett J, that the flyers would be handed by DNR staff, to those purchasing stickers and trail passes at the window starting Dec 1, 2017, Joe and Charlie will check with Anne K about handling of the flyers, now that Brett J. is not here to implement the plan we made with him.

Charlie will be the Penguin Pal coordinator, processing payments and sending Thank You cards to donors. He will handle the existing Pay Pal donations using phone and email as needed. He will keep records of who he sent stickers to. He will coordinate with Kris M.

NEW TOPIC TO ADD TO THE MINUTES BY ANNE

Brett Johananen has taken a job working for the WI-DNR at Mirror Lake. His last day as Property Manager at Lapham Peak was November 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ellen Bruesch