

**Minutes of the Snowmaking Committee of The Friends of Lapham Peak
Hausmann Nature Center
December 12, 2017
6:00-7:45 PM**

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

Reminder--Next meetings to be (Anne): December 19; January 16, 30; February 6, 27; March 13, 27. 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 and Charlie): We assembled the holiday card mailings. Charlie and Anne will each take a pile to seal, stamp and mail.

Minutes from November 7 approved (Anne).

Minutes from November 21 (Anne): Minutes will be posted with minor edit to freight cost for SMI.

Website – Mary Ellen has published pictures of recent snowmaking on the “News” page of LaphamPeakSnowmaking.org.

More pictures of Snowmaking (John): John has these, will send to Mary Ellen to post to News.

Pay Pal link (Anne): The link is now on the Donate page. Anyone using Active.com link will arrive at an error message as that is no longer in use.

ROA Meeting (John, Anne): DNR and Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking were present and expressed concerns. John will bring paper copies of survey to the next meeting.

Snowmaking (Rich): Whales were made and levelled and are being tilled. A small loop could be available by Friday. Warmer temperatures over the weekend will not facilitate further snowmaking. The new Snowguns seem more efficient. 811,000 gallons of water have been used so far in snowmaking this season.

The Snowcat seems to be working OK. Beattle and Mark Janis are running the Snowcat.

14 volunteers have been trained with 11 at the ‘helper’ level and 3 at the ‘operator’ level, which means they can set up, start, monitor and shut down the guns and are familiar with the pumphouse. Rich is tracking hours. They have prepared a checklist to be used as a guide.

Miller-Bradford Invoice (Anne, for Joe): M-B has advised not to pay this yet (although the invoice indicates payment overdue). Joe will talk with them, possibly have the invoice adjusted, and let us know.

Penguin Pal (Charlie): Joe and Charlie attempted to find a way for the envelopes to be distributed at the front gate but this activity may slow the line. Discussion is ongoing related to finding a way to distribute envelopes and collect donations at window and also other ways to distribute and collect envelopes.

Charlie has spoken with some businesses about sponsoring a penguin, but there is concern about professional appearance.

Businesses have also provided input about window stickers.

Envelopes are coming in with donations.

Ornaments (Charlie): Charlie will interface with businesses who have the 18 remaining ornaments, and place them on the tree in the office for sale, and touch base with John Hallett.

Snowmaking demonstration (Anne): Anne will invite donors to observe, possibly on the 22nd or 23rd in the evening. Rich will incorporate this invite into his email.

Chip spreading report (Mary Ellen): This spreadsheet with brief summary was sent to Louise via email.

Treasurer's report (Anne): Ending balance was \$59,643.45. The Snowcat invoice is not included in this figure.

DNR MOU (John): John has been talking with Jason. There has been discussion that a variance process may be possible instead of amendment process.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ellen Bruesch