

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Delafield Library
March 27, 2018
6:10-7:55 PM

Present: Anne Riendl, Rich Marusinec, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Rick Bjodstrup, Joe Stuber, Susanna and Cris Rosario, Will Edwards.

Next meetings reminder: April 24, May 8 and 22 at Delafield Library; June 12 at Hausmann Nature Center, June 26 at Delafield Library. **Note the locations: at the Delafield Library, 500 N. Genesee St. in Delafield EXCEPT for June 12 at the Hausmann Nature Center and the starting time of 6:00PM.**

Minutes of March 13, 2018, meeting approved. Joanne Z. to notify Mary Ellen B. to distribute and post to website. It was agreed that the person taking the minutes at each meeting should enter the names of attendees and time spent into the Google sheet to document volunteer time. All members are encouraged to document their time spent on planning/volunteering for snowmaking-related projects.

Introduction of new member: Will Edwards was introduced. As an active skier and a strong supporter of cross country skiing and snowmaking at Lapham Peak Will is interested in helping with the fund-raising aspects of the committee. We welcome his ideas and assistance.

Expense planning: Rich M. presented data and suggestions for an estimated budget for this year and also Oct 2018-Sept 2019. To do this we need to determine priorities for the next 1 to 2 years and estimated costs for each. Ideally, we would then create a budget which shows these prioritized expenditures in the projected months they will occur and how that affects the overall P/L statement for Snowmaking. This process also helps us approve what activities we will complete in the next 6 months to prepare for next season which is important to decide by May. Much discussion focused on items to consider in the budget and how to prioritize them and which we would soon start. His data summaries of the past seasons are very useful for this process and will also help the fund-raising subcommittee. Rich will send the pertinent prioritization list and information to the committee members for review and further discussion at our April 24th meeting.

Enhancement project proposals: It was decided to submit application forms for available funds from the DNR as noted at the February 28, 2018, DNR Regional Partnership meeting by Ben Bergey. Anne R. will provide the application forms to Rich M. and Joe S. Rich will submit a request to cover needed relocation/repair of several of the electrical receptacles along the trail for improved skier/hiker safety. Joe will submit requests for drainage improvements not covered by the trails grant and for payment of one year's electrical costs for snowmaking. We may submit one for ski racks by the new start area and will discuss this with Charlie Ritter at the next meeting.

MOU: Clarification is needed on data provided by Missy VanLanduyt. John M. proposed that he and a few members of the committee (Anne R., Rich M., and Joe S.) arrange a meeting in Madison with Missy in April to discuss the region's ROA results, the resolution of the campground issue from original park plans, the business plan for snowmaking needed for the MOU, and the possibility/ramifications of the Friends running snowmaking as a concession.

Fundraising awareness: Charlie R. has contacted L.L. Bean and continues to work on obtaining financial support from them. Will E. suggested a brainstorming meeting with some key active and former skiers

who could be very helpful with fund-raising. Some ideas to stress to potential donors are wellness, quality of life, possibility to set up matching funds from larger donors. **The fund-raising subcommittee of Cris & Susanna Rosario, Charlie, Will, Chris Peske, and Anne Riendl will meet April 10, 2018, at 6:00PM at the Nordic Specialists store, 1217 W. Wisconsin in Oconomowoc.**

End of ski season newsletter: Besides posting it on the website a link will be sent to donors who have e-mail addresses on file, Lapham Peak Ski Club, Wednesday night ski league and Lapham Loppet participants, Friends of Lapham peak members, Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee, and Peak Nordic families.

Trails Grant: John M. reported that we have received the Recreation Trails Grant Acceptance letter and will sign and return it to DNR soon. This will allow us to begin work that can be reimbursed by the grant. The 50 percent matching grant amount of \$8953 will fund repairs to the Evergreen Shelter and remediation of select trail segments with erosion and drainage issues.

Sale of older pump: Joe S. has been in contact with a potential buyer and will give them a deadline as it needs to either be sold to a buyer or advertised on the DNR webpage where the WI DNR sells equipment.

Outdoor brochure holder: Rich and Joe will return the one borrowed off season from Summer Stage.

Bike Swap: Date is June 2 at the Mike Fort shelter and Trekker Lodge. Anne showed samples of the brochures from Theresa M. and Tom D. Many volunteers are needed to help co-chairs Theresa M. and Carol D. make this a success.

Fright Hike: The possibilities for continuing this event are being explored with the FLP board, Angela Lorbach, and IATA Waukesha/Milwaukee chapter with input from Anne Korman.

Snowmaking committee member list: Joanne Z. proposed updating the committee member list on the letter head and newsletters. After a brief discussion it was decided to add Chris Peske, Cris & Susanna Rosario, Cole Roecker, and Will Edwards as active members and switch the advisor from Brett J. to Anne Korman. This will be done when the master file document is located.

Thank you e-mails/receipts: Charlie R. and Chris P. will split the list of e-mails provided by Anne R. and send them out. Many more e-mail addresses are needed.

Social pot luck with FLP board: Joanne Z. will pick a date in July, reserve the Mike Fort shelter, and coordinate the event.

Issues Remaining for Future Meetings: Fright Hike, Bike Swap corral helpers and other volunteers, Holiday Card coordinator, Ornaments (current inventory being stored at Charlie R.'s home), Barb Schueler's connection for pipe resources, possible route for additional trail covered with man-made snow, recruiting volunteers to help with some of these needs.

Respectfully submitted by Joanne Ziarek

