

MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF LAPHAM PEAK SNOWMAKING COMMITTEE

January 10, 2017 Delafield library

Members present: Anne Riendl, Joe Stuber, Kris Maki, Brett Johansen, John McCarthy, Kris Maki, Mary Ellen Bruesh

Items discussed:

1. **Finances** The latest Dec 2016 treasurer's report lists \$70,000.56 in our treasury. Kris reported that we had received over 50 donations from snowmakers since the Christmas card/newsletter was sent. Many of those will be added to the next Treasurer's report for Feb/March 2017.
2. Anne introduced Mary Ellen Bruesh, a "recreation specialist", whom she met at the Jan 1st skiathon. Mary Ellen would like to help with our website. We all welcomed her.
3. **Snowmaking update:** Brett gave a report on the underground water leak caused by a valve failure (2008). HD Waterworks repaired the problem near the pond/pumphouse area. Thanks to Beattle Adelmeyer and Super Excavators who supplied the equipment.
4. **Wednesday Night Ski League;** Kris noted that we had 55 adults and 35 young folks ski in the 8 degree temps of the first event. Rangers and volunteers made snow and we had a .7K course. There promises to be at least a 1K course for Jan 11th.
5. **Making Snow:** Joe said he has learned that "It's more an art", echoing what Ed Muzik always said about snowmaking. Sign up Genius seems to be working for volunteers; 10 people have signed the waiver. (Keith "Beattle" Adelmeyer, Sam Edwards, Mike Koester, Mary Dodd, Richard Fries, Joseph Stuber, Charlie Ritter, Joel Lammers, Scott Faland, and Rich Marusinec)
Joe commented on how the pump was running; making snow did deplete the pond and snowmaking has to pause until the pond refills.
6. **Meeting** with Paul Decker, the County Board Chairman, was fruitful. Anne and Joe met and he wants to help us. He had good ideas for generating support for snowmaking. He said we need businesses on our side for govt to listen to us. The coffee shops, ski shops, restaurants, and hotels all benefit from snowmaking. Pro Health, Aurora and the orthopedic Clinic all promote health. XC Skiing is so beneficial for the health of individuals. We need written letters from businesses to go to Rep. Kapenga and Cindy Duchow. Joe and Anne want to contact the DNR department managers re: our project. Brett explained the hierarchy. Our former property manager Brian Hefty is now a start. "We have something no one else has" in WI. Elm Creek is a mecca of skiing in MN with funding from the city, etc. They, however, have far fewer skiers in a ski league than ours. We need to document the number of people who use our manmade trails.
7. **Skiathlon** had 174 skiers who skied the .72K course 2244 times on Jan 1st.
8. **Bold (Blind Outdoor Leisure Development)** skis at Lapham every other Saturday.
9. **Fat Bike Race** on March 4th needs permission to use our manmade snow. Brett will seek permit.
10. **Bicycle Doctor** has changed beginner lessons from Tuesday to Thursday.
11. We need a person to tend a tree in Evergreen with our Wish List for the Nov-Dec 2017 season.
12. **Videos** are needed for the TV in Evergreen. Who has them????
13. **Survey Monkey** Charlie reported that only 13 completed the Survey Monkey survey; Kris will send to all donors in an email if Charlie cannot restart the survey online.

Respectfully submitted, Kris Maki

Next meeting dates: January 24th, Feb 14th and 28th; March 14th and 28th