

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Delafield Library
August 14, 2018
6:00-7:45 PM

Present: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joe Stuber, Will Edwards, Charlie Ritter, Joanne Ziarek, Jim Bostrom

Next meetings reminder: All meetings at 6:00 PM at Delafield Library - August 28, September 25, October 16th, November 6th, November 20th, and December 18th.

Minutes of July 10, 2018, approved: Jim B has notified Mary Ellen B. to distribute and post the minutes to the website.

Potluck Meeting Held July 24th: 21 people attended. Next year interested spouses will likely be invited.

DNR Natural Resources Board Meeting: We originally planned to attend the meeting on September 26th. Anne R. reported that the DNR suggested that the October 24th meeting in Madison is a better option. Anne Korman talked with Missy and has informed us that two Diane's are actively working on our MOU. Anne K. informed Anne R. that the snowmaking committee can move forward with ordering the pipe at our own risk. The group discussed and agreed to place the order for the pipe as soon as possible. Anne K. wanted to be sure to mention that a clause will be placed in the MOU stating DNR has the right to allow for camping. Anne K. says this is unlikely to actually happen but needs to be written in. Anne R. to get Anne K. exact value of snowgun and pipe.

Pipe and Electrical Planning: Rich to meet Al the electrician on August 20th. Al is available the week of October 29th.

Cindi Duchow Meeting: Charlie reported the meeting went well. Cindy considers Lapham Peak a "gem" and that Cindy will be able to support our and the DNR's efforts by helping to push work on the MOU and potentially offer financial support. A discussion was had about writing in \$20,000 per year into the state budget in the form of a bill. This money would go towards snowmaking operations and maintenance. Cindy mentioned approaching the Milwaukee Bucks for financial support. The ROA was discussed and we emphasized that more trails and more skiing were noted responses.

Delafield Tourism Council: Charlie noted a discussion with Debbie at the Delafield Tourism Council. He learned that in 2017 the hotel tax allotment split between the City of Delafield and the Tourism Council was flipped to now direct 70% to the Delafield Tourism Council and 30% to the City of Delafield. The Delafield Tourism council considers Lapham Peak the #1 tourist attraction in Delafield. It is likely that a portion of \$202,000 will be available to help support snowmaking at Lapham Peak. Also, our "Into the Woods" brochure is in their tourism packet. We meet with the Tourism Council on September 11 at 7:30AM. Anne noted the address is now correct on our "Into the Woods" flyer.

Accounting/Financial Controls/Procedures: Will stated that we are at a point where the Friends of Lapham Peak should be sure to be using proper controls (annual audits, two signatures on checks, embezzlement coverage, etc.) in order to protect ourselves and to assure larger donors that their donations are protected.

Phase 3b+: John explained the Phase 3b+ map that was created in detail. Joe mentioned that Barb Schueler was kind enough to provide an estimate through her contact for the pipe, however the estimate was higher than our estimate from our local supplier HD Supply/Core & Main. Core & Main will also supply fittings, fabrication and pipe fusing.

Possible source to borrow snowcat: Charlie R. reported that he talked with Rob Norris of the Heiliger Huegel ski club near Holy Hill to ask if it would be possible to borrow their snow cat if ours had issues. They will get back to us on that.

Prowl The Peak: We had 200+ participants. The profit, which was earned by Peak Nordic Ski Club, is expected to be about \$2,500 or so.

Culvers/Dairy Queen: Michele Scacco will arrange date/time for us to all eat at one of these places. The business will share some of the income from that timeframe with The Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Project.

Treasurer's Report: Dated July 31, 2018 v2 – a v3 will likely be made – Highlights: \$1,151.89 - Summer Solstice approximate profit. \$8,160.84 - Ski Trail Series with Loppet 2018 Profits - moved into "Snowmaking" column. \$83,130.86 Is Current Balance in "Snowmaking" column. Points to remember: \$14,000+ is balance due(w freight) on ordered SnowGun – will be paid in Nov 2018.

Also, the DNR sold the old pump for \$900 on GOVDEALS.com The 3 snow guns for \$500 each – a total of \$1,500 which went to Snowmaking.

Charlie reported that no scouting group has gotten back to him on building the ski racks so he will contact Theo Abrahamson to accept his offer to build them.

The DNR now has a credit card machine on site. They will try it near some bike trail this summer/fall and move it to just inside the park just past the entrance office in the winter.

Enhancement Grant: A stretcher, orientation sign at the entrance, and ski trail grading/repair are the three (of 5) Enhancement grant requests submitted by FLP that are to be funded. The grading/repair won't happen until next year.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Bostrom – with some minor edits by Anne Riendl