

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Hausmann Nature Center
November 6, 2018
6:00-8:00 PM

Present: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joe Stuber, Will Edwards, Joanne Ziarek, Charlie Ritter, Rich Marusinec

Next meetings reminder:

Tuesday Nov 20 – 5 PM set up – Meeting time 6PM to 7:45 PM – Hausmann Nature Center
Tuesday Dec 18 – 5 PM set up – Meeting time 6 PM to 7:45 PM – Hausmann Nature Center

Minutes of 10-16-2018, approved:

Meeting Minutes for Nov 6, 2018

1. **WI Natural Resources Board Meeting:** The Board accepted our donation of \$116,000 dollars of infrastructure on Oct 24, 2018 for phase 3BC snow making trail. John McCarthy spoke eloquently and a picture was taken of our group with Mr. Meyer and Terry Hilgenberg (Chair of Natural Resource Board). Present were: John McCarthy, Sandy Sugden, Chuck Jorgensen, Cathy Esselstyn, Susanna Rosario, Anne Riendl, Jason Fritz, Janet Hutchens. We received a plaque from the WI Natural Resources Board for this donation and it will be located in the Evergreen shelter.

Charlie plans to contact Cindy Duchow this next week and provide information on this donation and provide a picture of the plaque, link to Johns presentation, and picture of the Snow Making group with the plaque at the meeting. Charlie will continue to ask Cindy to support obtaining funding for the operational costs of snowmaking as a line item in the budget. He will also emphasize that the LUA was signed and highlight the funding information in it.

At the meeting Anne was handed a signed agreement between the Friends of Lapham Peak and the DNR which was then given to Louise

2. **LUA:** No response from Anne Korman nor Missy Vanlanduyt since the 2 signed copies were left at the front desk in the Madison DNR building Oct 24, 2018. Anne plans to add the following addendum to the report “Both Missy Vanlanduyt and Anne Korman assured us that the DNR would never put the Friends in a position where they would have to dissolve because of the indemnification requirements of the LUA.” These statements were made by both DNR representatives.
3. **INTO THE WOODS Fundraising Campaign:** Printing of 550 Brochures (2 sided) and 550 letters done by Larry Nicholson. Return Address labels (over 1,000) and Address labels (511) with street addresses of past donors printed by Anne Riendl – after help from Rick Bjodstrup, Reto Fries and Joanne Ziarek. 11donors have not given us a street address – but we have emails on them. Half sheets asking for email address are ready to be placed in those envelopes going to donors we need email addresses from. Charlie is coordinating mailing of these letters and brochures within the next

week. A week or two after the mailing we plan to send out a reminder email to all contacts with emails. This will take the place of the Christmas Card that we typically send.

4. **Fundraising Sub-Committee** – Discussion on possibly having a more formal subcommittee for Fundraising which would report out to the Snow making main committee as appropriate. Discussion on this topic to occur in the upcoming months.
5. **Delafield Tourism Council:** Charlie informed us that the Delafield Promotion and Tourism Commission will donate \$2500 this year. We will place a sign on the trail for recognition of this money and their support.
6. **Arm bands for this season donors.** No progress to date. Charlie plans to contact the Birkie office for information on their source of armbands.
7. **Ski/Clothes rack near Trail Head.** Completed. Charlie indicated they look great!
8. **Fright Hike** – Final Financial information should be available soon. The event was a success.
9. **Nordic Ski Rental at Lapham for 2018-2019 season** –Anne Korman says discussions are in progress with alternative interested parties (Wheel and Sprocket will not rent at Lapham in the future). She will announce when finalized.
10. **Hauling snow vs expansion of underground pipe review:** A high level discussion was held on snow options. Preference is to continue underground piping due to our efficient and cost effective solution. We may have a demo sled gun this January to try on the 3C section from SMI.
11. **Wrap up on Construction preparations Oct 18 to 24 and completion Oct 24th -Nov 1**
 - a. Rich will work with Beattle to extend a thank you to Miller Bradford for the free use of the skid steer and discount on the back hoe.
 - b. We will also extend thanks to Rick Hasse on transportation of the skid steer.
 - c. We should also extend thanks to Core and Main for their dedication and efficient work.
 - d. Joe is getting additional bales of hay for a few areas of the trail.
 - e. Rich is ordering locks for the pedestals.
12. **Lower Lake Michigan ROA:** Remains in Draft form online:
<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/reanalysis/documents/LowerLakeMichiganDraft.pdf>
13. **Insurance on the Back-Hoe:** We requested cancellation of the back-hoe insurance since we have returned it. Anne R received an email that stated borrowed/rented/leased items added to the policy must remain on the policy until the renewal term was provided. Plan to investigate this further.
14. **Enhancement Grant for Trail Repair.** Joe Stuber discussed the Trail Grant that was awarded for work next year on the trails. Matching funds of \$6490 would be provided from this grant. Joe plans to check with Ann Korman to determine if we can extend this work past the typical end of May date for these grants. Beattle will be out of the area until June so we may need to find an alternative for equipment operation depending on when we start. John McCarthy mentioned Brian Menning may

be an option since he completed work on Phase 2 of our trails in the past. Anne plans to attend the January Friends Board meeting to request that the Friends budget cover the matching funds since most of this work will not occur on snowmaking trails. If not then we would need to support this from the snowmaking budget.

15. **Phase 3C Timing in 2019:** Beattle will not be available until June due to travel to work on Phase 3C. In the upcoming meetings we will want to review key team member availability starting June to discuss possible starting dates.
16. **SnowCat Repairs:** Anne R. gave Beattle the ok to get assistance for the Snow Cat fuel problem. Charlie will make follow up calls to a few ski resort locations for contingency use of a snowcat in case we have a major issue during snow making.
17. **Pre-Snowmaking Activities:** Joe and Rich are updating training materials for snowmakers. We also plan to meet with the DNR in the next few weeks for our planning details and discussions on modifications to the Best Practice document and snow making new topics/changes/updates. Also we received the new Snowgun (#6) and will prep it for work this winter. Some trail prep work also remains.

Submitted by Rich Marusinec