

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Hausmann Nature Center
November 20, 6:15-8:00

Present: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Will Edwards, Joanne Ziarek, Charlie Ritter, Rich Marusinec, Karl Timm, Rich Bjodstrup, Jim Bostrom

Next meeting reminder: December 18 at 6:00 PM at Hausmann Nature Center. Anne R. would appreciate help setting up if anyone can come early.

Minutes of November 6, 2018, approved: Anne R. will notify Mary Ellen B. to distribute and post the minutes to the website.

Donation to NRB: The Natural Resources Board accepted our donation of \$116,000 in infrastructure plus a new snow gun on October 24, 2018. We are awaiting a copy of the picture taken that day with DNR officials and snowmaking committee members in attendance. The certificate of acceptance of this gift is hanging on the south wall in the Evergreen Shelter. Anne Korman will provide the committee with a picture of the plaque so that it can be used as a point for fundraising as well as being posted on the web site to inform our donors.

LUA: No response from any DNR personnel since the two signed copies were left at the front desk in the DNR building in Madison on October 24.

Requests for Information: Brian Madigan wants to start a non-profit organization that will provide down hill skiing at Potawatomi State Park. He has asked both Missy Vanlanduyt and Anne R. for a copy of our LUA. After discussion the committee agreed to this request and Anne will notify Missy of our decision. The Wausau ski club at Nine Mile Forest is planning to do a feasibility analysis for snowmaking and have requested copies of our strategic plan as well as park attendance data. The committee agreed to provide the draft of our strategic plan while Anne R. will refer the question regarding park attendance numbers to Anne K.

Grants: Joe S. is working on details of timing and payment schedule for the Enhancement Grant for Trail Repair. John M. will complete an application for funding from the Weizenicker Endowment Fund for State Parks. This application is due February 1, 2019.

Into the Woods Fundraising Campaign: The initial mailing of over 500 letters has been sent. Cole R. recruited a group of Peak Nordic students to help with the envelope stuffing and Charlie R. mailed them. A key point of this fundraising campaign is the matching funds from an anonymous donor for new donors up to \$10,000. To expand the campaign beyond our current donor list Charlie R. will contact Cole R. for the e-mail list through Team Snap for the high school Peak Nordic families and Rich M. will contact the middle school families. Charlie R. has been checking with Ben Popp to obtain a list of the southeast Wisconsin Birkie skiers. He is also considering contacting some nearby ski clubs such as Lodi and Madison for their member lists. Charlie R. & Jim B. are contacting businesses to sponsor Penguin signs on the ski trails again this year for a minimum donation of \$300.

Lee Borowski Memorial: Lee's family generously suggested donations to snowmaking in his memory and some donations have already been received. Many are "new" donors so their money will be matched.

Delafield Tourism Council: They approved a donation of \$2500 to snowmaking which should be available in January of 2019.

Arm Bands for Season Donors: Will E. & Charlie R. presented some ideas for ways to recognize donors on the trail for this season. Charlie reported that Hidden Bay Graphics can make armbands with any logo we want and will contact them to obtain pricing. The specifics and distribution process were discussed with the consensus that a minimum of \$50 would be required and that the donors could bring a copy of their thank you letter to pick up their arm band at the DNR office once details are worked out. Another suggestion to reward donors was offered by Barb Schueler who has access to Dermatone tins. Anne R. encouraged Barb to follow up with a plan for a distribution process if this is feasible.

Ski Rack Near Trail Head: These have been placed near Evergreen and will be moved to the trail head when the season starts. There has been much positive feedback already.

Fright Hike: The event was well attended and financial information will be available soon. Anne R. met with Angie for a wrap up meeting and the sub committee plans to meet in January for de-briefing and planning for 2019. As a side note Anne R. noted that due to her involvement in Fright Hike she will not be available to coordinate an outdoor fun fest in the spring. More discussion will be needed to see if the bike swap should continue.

Nordic Ski Rental at Lapham: Anne K. has been in discussion with possible vendors to take this over.

Volunteer Snow Maker Scheduling: Rich M. & Joe S. are working on updating the Snowmaking Best Practices file and training materials for a planning meeting with DNR staff on November 26. If the weather cooperates the plan is to start making snow on December 3. Volunteers are particularly needed for late second and third shifts.

Snowmaking Prep Work: Rich M. & Joe S. completed checking all hydrants and pedestals on November 20. Beattle, Rich, & Joe placed all the 24" trail markers and the snow guns are now on the playground area. The new snow gun wiring was modified to match our plug and receptacle wiring for proper rotation and was then tested. A meeting was held with DNR staff on November 11 to discuss their schedule and availability in December. We are looking forward to another season of great cooperation between the DNR staff and our snowmaking volunteers. There was also a suggestion to send an e-mail blast to this year's donors to let them know when the loop is ready for skiing.

Wrap up on October, 2018 Construction (Phase 3B): John M. gave a Powerpoint presentation to the NSCM meeting last Friday. John Hillmer has requested photos and movies be submitted to him on flash drives so that he can create a video to be published on You Tube.

Loaner Snow Gun: Our "loaner" was picked up by Tyrol Basin. The maintenance person from Tyrol, "Brock", helped Beattle fix the fuel problem in our snow cat via telephone for free. He is interested in supporting us in the future at a reasonable fee as he is very familiar with the LMC snow cat and also Pisten Bullies. Rich M. & Beattle plan to visit Tyrol Basin in January. Charlie R. provided contact info to Rich M. regarding a pump expert who would be willing to help with any future needs.

Treasurer's Report: Rich M. provided comments to Karl T. regarding the September end of the fiscal year report for some needed clarifications. The next report will be issued as of the end of November.

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek