

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Hausmann Nature Center  
December 18, 6:15-8:15

**Present:** Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Will Edwards, Joanne Ziarek, Charlie Ritter, Rich Marusinec, Rick Bjodstrup, Joe Stuber, Beattle Adelmeyer.

**Next meetings reminder:** All 2019 meetings at 6:00 PM (except March 5) all on Tuesdays at **Hausmann Nature Center:** January 8, February 5, March 5, 6:15PM, March 26, April 16.

**Minutes of November 20, 2018, approved:** Joanne Z. will notify Mary Ellen B. to distribute and post the minutes to the website.

**Donation to NRB:** The pictures taken at the Oct 24 meeting have been posted to the Friends website. <http://www.laphampeaksnowmaking.org/news/>

**Snowmaking report to FLP board:** Each month John M. presents a written report on snowmaking activities to the board. These will now be published on the website and circulated to members of the committee.

**LUA:** Anne Korman informed the FLP board at the Dec 12 meeting that Kathleen from the DNR office forgot to mail us the two copies signed by Ben Bergey. We will continue to wait for official copies. Whenever the digital copy of the corrected final copy is obtained it will be sent to Brian Madigan at Potawatomi State Park as was agreed at our Nov 20 meeting.

**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:** Return envelopes have been coming in. A key point of this fundraising campaign is the matching funds from an anonymous donor for new donors up to \$10,000. A "thermometer" visual has been posted on the website for members to see the total donations from new donors as they come in. Charlie R. & Jim B. have been contacting businesses to sponsor Penguin signs on the ski trails again this year for a minimum donation of \$300 with the goal of at least ten signs. As another way to raise awareness for donations Charlie R. moved the DNR sandwich board sign from the Hausmann Center and will provide signage requesting donations to ski on the trails and will decide on optimum placement of the board. Anne R. will also place some notices on the donation tube.

**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.

**Recognition for Season Donors:** This type of program will be deferred until next year so that thank you letters can be sent out in a timely manner. One suggestion was offered by Barb Schueler who has access to Dermatone tins that could be given to donors. Charlie will contact her.

**Demo Snow Gun from SMI:** Rich M. reported that SMI will be providing the park with a prototype of a sled type of snow gun for trial use this season.

**Ski Rack Near Trail Head:** There has been much positive feedback on these welcome additions.

**Fright Hike:** Still waiting for final financial reports as well as insurance payment clarification.

**Nordic Ski Rental at Lapham:** Anne Korman has announced that Nordic Specialists will be providing ski rentals at Lapham Peak this season. The information is posted on the Friends website.

**Snow Making Process so far this Year:** Beattle gave a detailed presentation covering issues with the snow cat including damage from mice, electrical issues, intermittent oil leakage, and concerns with delays in getting mechanical help if our current nearly 40 yr old snow cat has mechanical problems. Beattle will be working and learning about grooming for approximately six weeks in Colorado and expects to have a lot of useful tips when he returns. After much discussion the recommendations are to continue to monitor the current machine for any problems and to locate a local mechanic who would be available to help. They will also contact sales people to notify us of any available used machines that might come on the market. Will, Rich, and Charlie will check leads for a mechanic as negotiations with Tyrol Basin and Miller Bradford have not worked out. The power outlet near the trail head has been installed and it may be a convenient place to park the snow cat during the season. Joe & Rich will work on getting more volunteer snow makers.

**Leads for Back Up Snow Cat:** Charlie will talk with Dennis Evinrude at Ausblick ski area to see if they could provide a back up snow cat in an emergency if ours breaks down.

**WINN:** Anne R. gave a brief report from the annual board meeting Dec 17 of the Wisconsin Nordic Network. She also circulated the Lapham Peak Ski Club schedule of activities for the season.

**Treasurer's Report:** Plan is to switch to QuickBooks soon. The September 30, 2018, end of fiscal year documents have been published. Joanne & Anne will meet Dec 19 to update the snowmaking income master list.

**Legislative Support:** Charlie reported that there is continuing progress in the support from local legislators for funding for snowmaking at Lapham Peak.

**ROA and SCORP:** Both documents are available on the DNR website

**Spring Trail Work and Construction of Phase 3C:** Committee members should bring their calendars to the January 8 meeting to determine availability for construction and trail work in June, 2019. If/when we rent heavy construction equipment before August of 2019 Dan Wiley is willing to ask West Bend Insurance to provide coverage of them with the money we have already paid even if the machines have different serial numbers than those of the machines we had in October of 2018.

**Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek**