

Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Meeting Minutes February 5, 2019

In attendance: John McCarthy, Rich Marusinec, Beattle Adelmeyer, Anne Riendl, Charlie Ritter, Joe Stuber, Will Edwards, Rick Bjodstrup, Jim Bostrom, Chris Peske

Dates – Time – Place for next Snowmaking meetings: All at Hausmann Nature Center

Tuesday evening 6:15 PM to 7:45 PM Mar 5, 2018 (DNR mtg before us)

Tuesday evening 6 PM to 7:45 PM Mar 26, 2018

Tuesday evening 6 PM to 7:45 PM Apr 16, 2018

Meeting called to order 6:12 PM.

Minutes from last month approved.

Existing Snowcat and Potential New Snowcat Discussion Lead by Beattle

Beattle presented on our current snowcat. Currently it is in for repairs and there may be additional items that need to be fixed (bogey wheels, sprocket possibly). Looking into hydraulic leak. Can't find it. Dec 10th leak went away. 106 hours used this year. Mark used for 4 hours and only lost 4 gallons. We need to find a mechanic with rapid response. Beattle was in Colorado for a month and ran a Pisten Bully. Beautiful machine. Next year in December need a PB100 here. The 100 may be too small- we would like to try here. 2016 PB has new emissions standards. 2013 PB has the higher horsepower. (160some horsepower). \$260,000 for new 2019 model. 200 or 400 may be too wide for our woods.

Example of used PB from city of Aspen- City of Aspen traded in a 10 year old Pisten Bully for \$68,000. Pisten Bully then puts about \$10,000 of work into it. Pisten Bully then sells for approx. \$100,000.

Our repair costs on the current machine is about \$30,000 for the past 2-3 years.

We also need a quality shed for storage of any new snowcat. Or a better idea would be to reserve space inside one of the DNR maintenance buildings.

Look at securing financing now so we are in position to get a new Pisten Bully.

Should we look at diverting donated funds from the trail expansion to focus more on the snowcat?

Cindi Duchow's Staff Called Charlie

Al (Cindi Duchow's staff)(Town of Delafield - Assembly District 99) called Charlie and said budget comes out in 2 weeks. They will ask for \$25,000 budgeted per year for our snowmaking operation.

Barb Dittrich (Oconomowoc- WI Representative for Assembly District 38) is also a voice that is helping us.

City and Town of Delafield is very supportive of our operation. They donated \$2,500 and it feels like the relationships are growing.

We will get updated car counts etc. from the DNR.

Raising enough money for snowcat and completing phase 3C- need to begin discussions with the Friends Board.

More Snowcat Discussion

Financing \$100,000 would cost \$9,112 for 36 month loan at 5.75% interest. Monthly payment would be \$1,449 per month.

Need budget type meeting on this issue with a smaller group.

There was more discussion on delaying and/or modifying the 3C project. There is disagreement in if the DNR would be able to allow this change in plans.

Group is split as to what our priorities should be. Good discussion with healthy disagreements were debated.

Scribe: Jim Bostrom