

Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Meeting Minutes March 5, 2019

In attendance: John McCarthy, Anne Riendl, Will Edwards, Rick Bjodstrup, Jim Bostrom, Joanne Ziarek

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

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 6:15 PM.

Minutes from last month approved.

Tactical Plan for Next 2 Years

We will build off existing strategic plan made September 2018. Will Edwards would like to see grooming action mentioned- such as Snowcat (Pisten Bully or other brand), review grooming staffing, best practices, spending priorities, public reporting system, building snowmaking team of volunteers (recruiting), future plans of two tier, building for snowcat storage, more robust fundraising team. Will E. will review the existing strategic plan and come up with a draft for a 2-year tactical plan.

Snowcat Repair Update

Anne explained that repairs are now up to about \$8,000 and will likely continue to go higher but they are nearing completion.

New Snowcat Search Update

We need to get started on our initial search of available used snowcats from Pisten Bully to get a feel for how much we will need to borrow.

DNR Attendance Counts

Jay completed DNR attendance counts and we can now estimate February attendance. February estimate of 36,995 people attending the park (48,860 January, 42,455 December).

Expenses for Phase 3B and estimate for 3C

\$57,305.99 current Phase 3B actual cost.

\$39,771.72 current Phase 3C estimated cost.

Preliminary Plans for 3C

We are considering a valve in 3C near Hoot Owl and we need it accessible which is a challenge. Valves are nice to be able to shut down a segment. We can delay this decision until we install Phase 4 and save about \$1,000 now. The group agreed to delay the purchase of the valve at this time. John will order the needed pipe and other fittings.

Into the Woods Fundraising Campaign

Continue to build Fundraising team. Continue to explore ideas to increase donations.

TV with Donor Names

We want to have this TV at the Lapham Peak Ski club end of year bash. Jim to get all advertiser signs put into video to send to Anne.

Grants

We are waiting to hear on grants- Anne is waiting to hear from Anne Korman – name of Trail expert in South Kettle.

LUA

Anne R needs to send to Brian Madigan at Potawatomi who had requested it earlier.

Miscellaneous

Jim to send Anne list of sign donors. Anne/Charlie to confirm payment.

Notes taken by Jim Bostrom.