

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Hausmann Nature Center  
May 28, 2019, 6:05 PM-8:20 PM

**Present:** Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Will Edwards, Joanne Ziarek, Charlie Ritter, Rich Marusinec, Rick Bjodstrup and guest Angie Lorbach.

**Next meetings:** June 11, June 25, July 9 at 6PM at Hausmann Nature Center

**Minutes of April 16, 2019:** Approved as modified. Anne R. will notify Mary Ellen B. to distribute and post the minutes to the website. Note that the May 14 meeting was canceled.

**CXC Snowmaking Plans:** John M. sent a copy of the LUA to Yuri at CXC which is talking to the city of Madison about an expanded snowmaking system.

**Fright Hike Planning:** The first hour of the meeting was dedicated to Angie Lorbach's presentation of plans for the 2019 Fright Hike on October 18 & 19. Angie will again be coordinating this event. She is looking for about 20 groups to provide skits and asked anyone with a group in mind to contact her. They can use more materials for props such as old baby dolls, old sheets, old paint, old clothes, and newspapers to make papier mache'/ epoxy pumpkins. Anyone having any of these materials to donate should contact Angie. Her phone # is 262-290-8710 and the e-mail address is [frighthikepeak@gmail.com](mailto:frighthikepeak@gmail.com). One source of information about the event is to "like" Lapham Peak Fright Hike on Face Book. Another option is to log on to the web site at [www.frighthike.org](http://www.frighthike.org). This is where people can purchase tickets and also sign up to volunteer. Angie has confirmed that the IATA will again handle the concessions for both nights. She has designated 11 areas that need team captains who will be responsible for handling the details and volunteers for those areas. Five team captains have volunteered so far: Rita & Paul Keber for Set Up/Clean Up; Charlie Ritter for Security; Will Edwards for Parking; John Hillmer for Voting/T-Shirt Sales; and John McCarthy for Environmental/Waste Management. Captains are needed for six more areas: Make Up/VIP Tent, Shuttles, Tickets, Line Control, Sponsorships, and Post Party for Volunteers Sat. Night. Please contact Angie if willing to help. Help will also be needed for set up on Oct 16 & 17.

**Legislative Support:** Charlie R. reported that there is continuing support from local legislators for including funding for snowmaking at Lapham Peak in the state budget. Of note, the tourism budget has been increased by 1.8 million dollars so far as the budget process continues. We await word on possible funding for snowmaking.

**Expenses for Phase 3C:** John M. presented figures showing that the final cost for Phase 3C was close to \$38,000. This comes out to about \$34.50 per foot of trail.

**Recognition of In-Kind Donations:** Rich M. will create certificates of thanks for Rundle-Spence, Core & Main, and Miller-Bradford & Risberg companies for the service discounts they provided during Phase 3C construction. He will ask the committee for pictures and to critique the certificates prior to sending.

**Snowmaking Implementation Plan:** John M. presented the updated plan showing income and expense trends that can be used as a worksheet for future planning.

**Building for Snowcat:** One of the next capital expenses will be to provide a building to house the snowcat. John M. presented some very preliminary information stressing that input will be needed to determine the function, location, and type of building before any plans can be made.

**June 25 Listening Session for Snowcat Building:** It was decided that the June 25 snowmaking meeting will be dedicated to gathering input from all interested parties and discussing options for the building to house the snowcat. This meeting will be at the Hausmann Nature Center. Once details are resolved invitations will be sent to all interested parties, such as Wednesday Night Ski Series Skiers, Members of the Friends of Lapham Peak, Peak Nordic Ski Club Skiers, Lapham Peak Ski Club Skiers, Snowmaking donors and whoever else might wish to give their input.

**Enhancement Grant:** John M. provided an outline of the proposed trail rehabilitation projects for the 2019 Enhancement Grant noting that we need to spend \$12,980, either in cash or volunteer labor hours, to then receive a 50% match. These projects include placing mulch, seed, and straw where needed, trail realignment, tree removal, grading, placing fill and rolling dips to slow run-off and direct it off the trail, and rental of the necessary equipment. He also noted that he has prepared a document that describes the scope of the trail rehabilitation plans that is to be sent to Janet Hutchins during the current fiscal year as part of the requirement of this grant.

**Trail Restoration of 3B and 3C Areas:** John M. is requesting help in restoring the trails that were impacted during the Phase 3B and 3C construction. His plan is for volunteers to meet at Evergreen midweek (generally on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:30) and on Saturdays from 9:00-10:30 for several weeks until work is completed. He will send out a notice/reminder the day before. Beattle will complete the final grading once the area has dried out sufficiently.

**Snowmaking Income:** Anne R. showed a summary chart of income by categories since snowmaking started noting the increase by individual donors over previous years. Since October 1 of 2018 we have received \$70,000 from 335 donors, including 92 new donors. Our overall income so far this fiscal year has reached \$100,000, which is double the amount from past years. Our donors have been very generous and supportive!

**Fundraising:** Charlie R. and Will E. plan to focus on corporate donors as we move forward.

**Annual Picnic with FLP Board:** July 23 will be the date for our fourth annual picnic, cook out, social event with the FLP Board at the Mike Fort Shelter. Joanne Z. will send details to all later.

**Miscellaneous:** John M. announced that he had found a snowcat for us and proceeded to show us a very fine Lego model snowcat that he had put together. It came complete with adjustable blades, a miniature "Beattle" in the cab with his coffee cup, and a snowgun on the back. He demonstrated how the gun could shoot "snow" pellets which we then had a hard time finding on the white tile floor. To solve the problems of a building for the snowcat we could just use a small cardboard box! If only everything would be that simple. It was a light-hearted way to end the meeting.

**Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek**