

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Hausmann Nature Center
July 9, 2019, 6:05 PM-8:20 PM

Present: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Will Edwards, Joanne Ziarek, Rich Marusinec, Rick Bjodstrup, Jim Bostrom, Jay Abts and Bruce Wydeven of Wydeven Architects LLC

Next meetings: July 30th at 6PM. Location TBD. Snowmaking/Board Picnic July 23rd.

Minutes of June 25th Deferred minutes for the 25th. More work is needed on these.

FLP Snowmaking Graphics at Summerfest: Graphics were up and noticed at the main stage at Summerfest and was received well. It is great to see our logo at large events.

Snowcat Building: 3,4,7 building locations are the best locations per Jay. Brian likes location 7. We want to avoid the shanty town look. Rich noted that it would be good to build in a location and plan for expansion. We discussed location 4 at length as it is hidden well by trees, centrally located for operations, and easily accessible. Site 4 seems to be the current favorite.

A discussion of heating, floor drainage, electric, and infrastructure for future water supply was had. Layouts presented by Bruce were discussed. 42' x 30' layout A was discussed. Floor drain will likely be a long center drain. Snowguns are 8'-6" wide x 9'-6" long and triangular shaped. It would be nice to be able to fit all snow guns into the building for storage in the off season. Building B is 42' x 42' and has a drive through for the Gator and the Gator and snowcat will not interfere with each other. Need to develop a site plan, get quotes, discuss with Anne Korman, and eventually put the plan in front of the Natural Resources Board.

Bruce to work on preliminary plan with a goal of completion by July 22nd. Jim and Rich to do a field layout to get a feel for equipment size, turn radius of equipment, etc.

Trail Restoration of 3B and 3C Areas: Trail restoration in 3B is mostly complete. Restoration needs to continue on 3C. Much chip spreading is needed across the trail. Work to continue two times a week until complete. More volunteers needed.

Snowcat Purchase: Will E. asked for clarification/reassurance that we have decided to buy a snowcat to replace our current one. Consideration will be given to choosing an optimal date to kick off the fundraising campaign.

Mission Statement: We will discuss further development of a mission type statement. Rough draft is "Provide high quality reliable skiing and daily conditions update for 85 days each season". Be thinking about how it can be improved.

Newsletter: John and Joanne reviewed the snowmaking newsletter that Rich wrote. We are ready to send it out.

Donor Plaques: Mary Ellen has been working on updating donor recognition plaques. They are looking good so far with more work to come. Corporate listing needs updating. Some donor levels are now too numerous to provide plaques.

State of Wisconsin Legislative Joint Finance Committee Request: We asked for \$25,000 annually for the 2 year budget period – for a total of \$50,000. Cindi Duchow put this in front of the Committee. The Committee decided not to fund our request via the State of Wisconsin Budget.

The State Budget did provide an increase in funds for the WI-DNR which we will be investigating.

Respectfully Submitted: Jim Bostrom – With A few modifications added by Anne Riendl at the July 30, 2019 Meeting.