

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Hausmann Nature Center
July 30, 2019, 6:05 PM-8:00 PM

Present: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Will Edwards, Joanne Ziarek, Charlie Ritter, Rich Marusinec, Beattle Adelmeyer, Bruce Wydeven

Next meetings: August 13 and 27, September 3 & 17, October 8 & 22 at 6PM at Hausmann Nature Center.

Approval of Minutes. Minutes of June 11 and July 9 approved. Anne R. will notify Mary Ellen B. to distribute and post the minutes to the website. Minutes of June 25 open listening session need final consolidation of input from all present that evening before being presented for approval.

Proposals for Building for Snowcat: Site #4 was selected as the best location for the building and much discussion followed. Beattle A. showed photos of a snowcat building at Snow Mountain Ranch in Colorado that had drywall, insulation, dropped ceiling, heaters, and a long drain 6-8 inches wide in the center of a pitched floor. John M. showed the site plan for the building and will do the site survey work. Bruce W. showed the initial building plan for a 42 x 42 building which would likely have enough room to house the snowcat and all of the snowguns plus have room for maintenance work on the equipment. Jim B. & Rich M. took measurements of the space needed for nested snowgun storage. Will E. ran some figures on a building cost estimate computer program for some rough figures in the \$60,000-\$80,000 range depending upon how many internal options will be chosen.

Next Steps for Snowcat Building: There was discussion about how much work volunteers might be able to do in the interior once the building was up. Beattle will check with Sean ____ about doing the site work including the concrete pad. Anne R. will ask Anne Korman about the possibility of submitting a capital request to the state for funds for a portion of this project. Bruce W. will prepare drawings in order to obtain a quote package. He will present these at the August 13 meeting. Rich and Bruce will spend additional time after August 13 on electrical panel location and details.

Fundraising Committee: Will E., Charlie R. and Chris Peske have been meeting to plan the fundraising kick off campaign for a newer snowcat to begin in September. Charlie R. will contact Charlie Dee, ABSF board member, for access to his e-mail list of skiers for our area for the fundraising campaign.

Trail Improvement at Top of Tail End: John M. has obtained the Geo textile fabric, will order a load of stones, and will have the DNR staff do the grading of that area. Rich M. and Anne R. will locate the underground electrical wires and mark their locations before the work begins.

Request for Snowmaking Volunteers: Rich M. reported that he had received responses from 5 new volunteers so far to run snowguns in response to the recent request in the snowmaking newsletter.

Thanks for Mailing List Help: Anne R. expressed thanks to Susan Nakigane who used the information from our Excel spreadsheets to compile a working list of donor e-mail addresses which was used by Anne R. for the recent snowmaking newsletter e-mail. Of the 420 e-mail addresses on file only about 30 were undeliverable. Susan has volunteered to help with processing future donations and sending thank you receipts to donors. This offer is much appreciated.

Bicycle Liquidation: Rich M. & Charlie R. will take pictures of the remaining inventory of bicycles later in August and provide this information to Theresa M. as well as plan to post on FaceBook Marketplace.

LUA Draft: John M. had sent this document to committee members for comments. Rich M. offered his suggestions. John will send the completed document on to the DNR as required.

Mission Statement for Snowmaking: Ideas were proposed for wording to be included in a mission statement for the snowmaking project: "Provide reliable, high-quality Nordic skiing at Lapham Peak for skiers of all ages and abilities. Publish daily condition updates all season." "Create and maintain a reliable, best-in-class man-made cross country skiing trail which can be used by skiers of all ages and experiences for at least 85 days per year." "Facilitate a healthy lifestyle environment, community involvement, and outdoor physical activity for family and friends in the winter." "Delight the customer."

Snowmaking Balance: As of the end of May 2019 version one of the Treasurer's report there was a balance of \$58,000 in the snowmaking portion of the Friends treasury.

Embezzlement Protection: The FLP board has been discussing the need for a Fidelity Bond to safeguard our funds. Anne R. will check into the cost and requirements for this type of bond and report to the FLP board and our committee.

Donor Recognition Item: Charlie R. will check with his contact to see if we want to revisit the idea of giving an arm band as a visible sign to donors who give \$100 or more in the coming season. He will report on the cost and time frame. Anne R. may also have a person willing/able to make them.

Recognition and Thanks to John McCarthy: The committee expressed thanks to John M. for leading the trail restoration efforts after construction for Phases 3B and 3C. These areas are now in better shape than before construction started. John recruited volunteers to help twice a week for about six weeks spreading mulch, raking, seeding, and dispersing brush piles. He spent a lot of additional time on his own putting the finishing touches on many of the areas.

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek