

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Hausmann Nature Center  
March 10, 2020 6:10 PM-7:30 PM

**Present:** Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Rick Bjodstrup, Mark Herr, Will Edwards, Charlie Ritter, Mike Graham.

**Next meetings:** March 24, April 14, April 28 at 6PM at Hausmann Nature Center. **Note that we will use the lower driveway door to enter and leave the building for all meetings.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of February 25 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

**Fright Hike Contract:** Anne R. reported that Angie Lorbach has signed the contract for Fright Hike 2020.

**March 4 Presentation to FLP Board:** John M. gave the results of their presentation to the FLP board. ---At that meeting Anne Korman gave the **OK for the Friends to purchase & own the snowcat and allow it to be operated on their property.**

---Plan is for **building construction in the fall of 2020.** Currently plans are being finalized for presentation to the DNR for their approval to accept the donation of the building in late May at their meeting.

---The board gave their approval to the committee's **choice of snowcat** machine as the **Pisten Bully 100** after hearing the reasons for that recommendation.

---**Financing** was proposed through a line of credit at Ixonia Bank using \$50,000 for the building and \$75,000 as a down payment on the snowcat. The board approved a 7yr loan @ the prime floating rate. Will E. is to contact the bank 60 days before the Friends need to purchase the snowcat. There are now two funding sources available and the FLP board is willing to sign the loan agreement when needed.

---**Insurance for the equipment and also for liability** will be clarified by Will E. & Mark H. It is likely that Inland Marine can provide the type of policy needed for the equipment only. The liability insurance is a specialty type of policy for general commercial liability that may be available from Covington Specialty Insurance Co. Both policies need to be in place before construction starts in the fall.

---At this point it looks like **all conditions** needed to sign the purchase order for a Pisten Bully 100 by April 6 **have been met.** The agreement to purchase can be signed at the April 1 FLP board meeting with delivery expected in November of 2020.

**Natural Resources Grants:** The committee thanked John M. for submitting and obtaining several grants in the past. An article in the recent edition of the Natural Resources Foundation magazine "Bridges" highlighted trail improvements in the Kettle Moraine State Forest unit at Lapham. This work was made possible in part by funds received from a 2019 Conservation Grant and the DeBoer Quiet Trails Fund.

**Future Events:** June 20, 2020, Summer Solstice. October 16-17, 2020, Fright Hike.

**Miscellaneous:** Business sponsor signs will be removed from the ski trails by March 15 by Charlie & Jim. Charlie R. and Mark H. are continuing to explore the possibility of replacing the existing kiosk near Evergreen shelter with updated maps, etc. similar to the one at WinMan trails. They have been in discussion with the DNR and local scout troops. Rick B. will replace the topo map in Evergreen.

**Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek**