

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Web meeting via Skype  
March 24, 2020 4:30 PM-5:30 PM

**Present via phone:** Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Will Edwards, Charlie Ritter, Mike Graham, Rich Marusinec

**Next meetings:** April 14, April 28 as needed, likely via web meeting format.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of March 10 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate with the caveat that they represented the plans before the recent coronavirus pandemic and cancellation of meetings.

**Meeting Agenda:** The main purpose of this web meeting, which was set up by John M., was to discuss what our plan should be going forward in these uncertain economic and production times due to the coronavirus pandemic with input from everyone attending. These are the points made that were generally agreed upon as they were discussed by the group:

- Rich has requested more information from Pisten Bully regarding the possibility of early financing by the company until delivery of the machine and the possibility of moving the order deadline to a later date for now. He has received word that the manufacturing plant in Germany is shutting down early for their annual 3 week vacation closure with the hope that they will be able to resume normal production when they reopen.
- Will expressed concerns about future donations due to the economic impact of coronavirus as well as the availability of credit later in the year.
- Charlie noted that the fund-raising climate is not looking very favorable in the foreseeable future. He also thought that there might be the potential for more used machines becoming available or a possible manufacturer overstock, both due to economic fallout at some ski areas.
- Anne echoed Rich's sentiment that we should position ourselves to purchase when prudent.
- John recommended that Rich continue his work with Bruce Wydeven, Steve Joda, and Menards to evaluate the plans for the building to arrive at a final proposal to be ready for fall construction.

All agreed that we should continue to evaluate this fluid economic situation with watchful waiting and meet again in 2 to 4 weeks when more is known.

**Presentation to Lapham Peak Ski Club:** John M. has been asked to make a presentation from the snowmaking committee to the Lapham Peak Ski Club via a Zoom format for the end of season bash on March 27. Invitations will be sent from the club to all club members to log on and participate.

**FAQ Document:** Anne R. sent the latest version from March 11 to the group requesting quick feedback to finalize the document. Will E. will take responsibility for seeing that it is published appropriately.

**Insurance:** Will E. gave an update on his search for insurance coverage. The committee gave its approval for Will to use his expertise in this area and continue his search.

**Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek**