

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Web meeting via Zoom  
April 21, 2020, 6:10 PM-7:35 PM

**Present via Zoom:** Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Will Edwards, Charlie Ritter, Mike Graham, Rich Marusinec, Beattle Adelmeyer, Mark Herr, and Colton Kelly, Advisor.

**Next meeting:** May 5 via Zoom

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of March 24 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

**Approval of April 6, 2020, Zoom meeting report:** Ten attended: AnneRiendl, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Charlie Ritter, Will Edwards, Mike Graham, Mark Herr, Jim Bostrom, Rich Marusinec, Beattle Adelmeyer.

Discussion regarding our presentation to the Board of Directors of the FLP was held.

The loan, which is now available from a leasing company, was noted. More detail regarding both liability and INLAND MARINE insurance coverages for the Snow Cat has been made available to us by Will Edwards.

All agreed on what the document we will send to the Board of Directors of the FLP will say. It was agreed Anne Riendl would contact the officers and have telephone discussions with various board members to come up with mitigation for their concerns. After concerns are resolved then Anne Riendl will ask for a date/time for the FLP Board of Directors to have a virtual meeting to decide about signing the “Agreement to Purchase” a Pisten Bully 100 4F Snow Cat and send in our deposit. **This report was accepted as presented.**

**Approval of April 10 FLP Zoom Board Meeting:** The FLP Board appreciated all the work that has been done. The motion to sign the Agreement to Purchase a Pisten Bully 100 4F snow cat and send in the \$50,000 deposit passed. **This report was accepted as presented.**

**Current Snow Cat status** – The signed Agreement to Purchase and the \$50,000 deposit were sent via FEDEX on Saturday April 11. VIN number was sent to us on Monday April 13 by Paul Scanlon. [Deposit check cashed April 15, 2020.](#) The goal is still to have the snow cat delivered by November 1, 2020, and to secure the remaining \$200,000 balance to be paid on delivery. Once the state has approved the plans for the Winter Storage building and everything is in order construction can begin in the fall in time to have the building completed to house the new snow cat.

**Stewardship Friends Grant:** John M. announced that the Friends have received a \$20,000 grant from this fund to use toward the cost of the Winter Storage building construction. It will be matched with cost of materials and volunteer labor hours.

**Announcement of Snow Cat Order Placed:** This announcement has been sent as an e-mail to all donors, published in the Friends newsletter and on Face Book, and posted on our website.

**Donor Commitment:** Anne R. noted that an anonymous donor has signed a pledge to donate \$50,000 in November toward the purchase of the Pisten Bully snow cat.

**Publicity:** Will E. and Charlie R. will work with Paul Scanlon on an informational campaign regarding the status of the snow cat delivery. They are considering sending out bi-monthly updates on the status. The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation also sent out a press release about the snow cat purchase.

**Insurance Coverage:** Will E. gave an update on the liability and equipment policies that will need to be in place for trail restoration work and the start of building site preparation and rental of equipment. This coverage will be provided under an Inland Marine Policy with Liberty Mutual.

**Season Summary:** Rich M. will send this to committee members.

**Global Snowmaking Considerations:** Will E. proposed a document that could be used for planning and actions necessary for snowmaking to help prioritize the needed steps. Anne R. will send this to committee members for comments and suggestions.

**Lapham Peak Ski Club:** John M. gave a report on snowmaking and the acquisition of a replacement snow cat via Zoom on March 27 to the Lapham Peak Ski Club. The club donated \$6,700 to snowmaking during the 2019-2020 season and since 2017 they have donated a total of \$14,409.00 to snowmaking. We are grateful for their support.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Waukesha State Bank \$10,000 Line of Credit has been renewed.
- The thank you gathering at the Bicycle Doctor has been postponed to October.
- The list of FAQ regarding snowmaking and purchase of the snow cat has been posted to the website.
- Charlie R. & Rich M are reaching out to various fire departments for used fire hoses.
- The Delafield Tourism Commission meeting has been postponed. Charlie R. will continue to pursue the possibility of receiving a snowmaking donation from them.
- Angela Lorbach has requested a method to use to pay for expenses for Fright Hike instead of having to be reimbursed by the Friends.
- The Summer Solstice event planned for June 20, 2020, is still on track for now, but no publicity has been sent out, and it seems likely that it will be rescheduled.
- Attendance numbers from DNR for Lapham Peak showed a large jump for 2020 over previous years in February and March while the first 9 days of April 2020 had more attendees than in the entire month from 2019. This last spike was largely due to people seeking outdoor activity during the Coronavirus pandemic before the park was closed.

**Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek**