

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
May 5, 2020, 6:05 PM-7:45 PM

Present via Zoom: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Will Edwards, Charlie Ritter, Mike Graham, Rich Marusinec, Beattle Adelmeyer, Mark Herr, Rick Bjodstrup.

Next meetings: May 26, June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom until further notice.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of April 21 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

Winter Recreation Storage Building Plans: John M. presented multiple charts including the site plan, aggregate quantities needed, cost categories including donated items and electrical costs. Rich M. will provide a few updates for John to incorporate into the final plans. These will be submitted with the cost estimate and latest version of the building plans from Bruce Wydeven to Anne Korman and Colton Kelly within a week to start the approval process to present at one of the next DNR meetings planned for May 27, June 24, or August 12.

Heavy Equipment Availability: Beattle A. noted that he has negotiated for the use of a back hoe to be donated when site work for the building can begin. It is also possible that this machine could be used to improve the trail on the lighted loop if the DNR gives their approval.

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. He is also looking at two other companies to provide liability insurance for events, coverage for directors & officers of the Friends, embezzlement protection, and a possible liquor liability rider for events. Once a quote is obtained this will be presented to the Friends board for approval. The current coverage expires on August 13, 2020

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 Recreation Storage building construction. It will be matched with cost of materials and volunteer labor hours and John verified that he will keep track of both items. He has returned the signed agreement along with questions needing clarification and has requested \$10,000 for start up costs. The initial core group of 4 experienced volunteers will be selected by Rich M. and Beattle A. More people will be recruited as work progresses and different qualifications are needed

Publicity: Will E. and Charlie R. will work with Paul Scanlon on an informational campaign regarding the status of the snow cat to send to donors and interested supporters. Letters of thanks have been sent to the Lapham Peak Ski Club, Peak Nordic Ski Club, and Nordic ski club as well as to other recent donors. A note of appreciation was also sent to the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation for their press release regarding the Friends purchase of the Pisten Bully for the upcoming ski season.

Current Snow Cat Status: The machine is currently in Reno, Nevada, where it will be prepped and stored until delivery to Lapham Peak by November 1. Beattle has obtained a copy of the operators' manual from Paul Scanlon to study ahead of time. He also reported that the German company that manufactures the Pisten Bully machine is back in production.

Season Summary: Rich M. sent the April 3, 2020, version to committee members and has begun working on signage for the ski trails.

Global Snowmaking Considerations: Will E. proposed a document that covers the entire scope of snowmaking including process, management, and equipment. This is intended to be a living document that evolves as needed to help with planning and implementation of all steps.

Rick Bjodstrup's Challenge: Rick stated that he is offering to match the fifth largest snow making committee member donation, up to \$5,000, to help pay for the Pisten Bully. This would be for the next fiscal year but may be made this year for any donations after 4/6/2020, by anyone who considers themselves to be a snow maker or a snow making committee member. Thus, if at least 5 people donated a minimum of \$1,000 Rick's challenge match would raise \$6,000 or more, depending on the actual amount donated, toward the final amount due on the snow cat. *Of course, in the land of wishful thinking, if 5 people each donated \$5,000 and Rick matched with his pledge of up to \$5,000 this would raise \$30,000!!*

New Kiosk: Charlie R. and Mark H. have sent plans to Anne Korman for a new kiosk at the trail entrance to be patterned after the one at the Winn Man ski area.

Donations: Anne R. noted that there were 4 donations to snowmaking received in April plus an additional donation of \$1,000 from the Peak Nordic Ski Club making that club's total donations since 2011 a total of \$9,023.00.

Miscellaneous:

- Charlie R. will contact donors for penguin sign sponsorships for next season.
- Angela Lorbach has requested a method to use to pay for expenses for Fright Hike instead of having to be reimbursed by the Friends. This is close to being arranged.
- Summer Stage has announced they have canceled their 2020 season.
- Charlie R. reported that the Delafield Tourism Commission is projecting an increase in revenue from lodging due to the anticipated increase in skiers coming to Lapham next season to take advantage of the improved ski conditions due to the new Pisten Bully.

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek