

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Web meeting via Zoom  
May 26, 2020, 6:05 PM-7:12 PM

**Present via Zoom:** Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Will Edwards, Charlie Ritter, Mike Graham, Rich Marusinec, Beattle Adelmeyer, Rick Bjodstrup, Jim Bostrom, Anne Korman, advisor.

**Next meetings:** 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 May 5 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

**DNR Approval Update:** Anne Korman summarized the process to obtain approval in order to start construction on the winter recreation storage building. Anne K. forwarded the plans from John M. to Missy V. in Madison and also had a phone conference with her. Plans are submitted to DOA for review by their engineers. Once any questions are answered and they approve the plans they are sent to the DNR for approval. Once DNR approval is received construction can start on the building. There is no need to wait for donation acceptance from the Natural Resources Board.

**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. He will present this information to the FLP Board on June 3 for a vote, having previously sent this information to the board members for their input and incorporated their suggestions. The liability policy will cover activities, events, officers, theft, use of equipment and will go into effect on June 15 if approved at the June 3 FLP board meeting. Inland Marine will provide comprehensive and collision coverage on the new Pisten Bully 100 to be put into effect when needed.

**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.

**Lapham Peak Updates:** The park is open every day from 6AM to 9PM. At this time volunteers may return to the park to work as individuals, but not as a group. Social distancing should be maintained. Rich M. will make arrangements with Colton K. to work on snow gun maintenance. There has been no further guidance as to when the rest rooms can be open to the public. The free entrance weekend of June 6 & 7 will take place as scheduled. Anne K. will clarify the status of the many future events planned for the park.

**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 WinMan ski area. Near Winchester WI 4 miles north of Manitowish Waters. This could be a possible Eagle Scout project.

**Fundraising Offer:** The Peak Nordic Ski club has offered to help raise funds for snowmaking via volunteering at the Birkebeiner which pays volunteers up to \$1000 per organization. This generous offer is much appreciated.

**Signage Needed for Snowmaking:** Rich M. is working on this with Colton K. and has requested input from committee members. Jim B. will help with the graphics.

**Thank You Receipts:** Anne R. reported that receipts were sent to donors for all donations dated in 2019 by May 12, 2020. Receipts were sent by May 20, 2020, for all donations dated in 2020 and received by April 30, 2020. Over 100 were sent via e-mail and about 50 were sent via USPS.

**Mark Herr Proposal:** Mark could not “attend” but sent an e-mail stating that by the end of the week he will have an updated color rendering of the new winter storage building that reflects the current design. He further suggested that once we receive DNR & DOA approval for the building that this rendering could be used for publicity in a “Coming Fall 2020” job sign or banner that could be placed near the site of the new building announcing the construction and requesting fund raising support. It could acknowledge the Friends of Lapham Peak and the Wisconsin DNR. The committee approved of this suggestion and thanked Mark for his work.

**Fright Hike:** An additional credit card for use by Angela Lorbach, coordinator of Fright Hike, has been approved by the FLP board with a \$5000 limit. All expenses for Fright Hike 2020 are to be approved by Anne R., chair of Snowmaking.

**Winter Recreation Storage Building Plans:** As noted above John M. submitted the plans to Anne Korman and Colton K. Once approval is received for the building and for small groups of volunteers to begin to work on the property, Rich M., Jim B., Charlie R., and Mike Koester will coordinate volunteer groups as needed.

**Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek**