

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
August 11, 2020, 6:05 PM-7:55 PM

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

Next meetings: August 25, September 8, September 22 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom until further notice.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 28 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

Winter Recreation Storage Building Update: Approval is still needed from the Wisconsin DOA and DNR before the trusses can be ordered. Anne Korman and Colton K. are working with their contacts to help obtain this approval. The state DNR engineer has the plans for review. Some site preparation work has been done so the concrete pad can be poured when final approval is received. Anne K. and Missy V. both expressed their appreciation of the site selection. Rich M. gave a preliminary report on the electrical inspection process. The materials list and specifics for the trusses have been defined so that they can be ordered from Bliffert Lumber as soon as approval is received. John M. reported on the trench drain that will be delivered on August 12 to be installed in the concrete pad when final approval is received. He also commented on the end sections for the access drive culvert, and noted we have a lot of excavated material to remove from the site, and to use for trail restoration projects.

Promotional Sign about WRSB and Snowcat: Mark H. showed the latest version of the signage. The plan is to provide 2 vinyl banners 4 x 8 feet each placed along the road and on the trail. Anne K. will send the appropriate DNR logo to Mark for final approval and then the banners can be installed in the next weeks. A donation box will also be installed along with the banner on the trail.

Insurance Coverage Update: The excavator (Link Belt) from Herr Construction is currently at the park and the insurance coverage on the machine (inland marine) is in place. Beattle has also made arrangements for a skid loader from the Gehl Corporation for use on the WRSB project. It will also be covered under the inland marine insurance.

Trail Work: Beattle will also use the above noted equipment to perform trail restoration work. There will also be some tree trimming using a lift along some of the snowmaking trails and within the WRSB site. Rich M is coordinating this effort with Colton and Jay.

New Kiosk: The plans from WinMan have been put into a usable format by Mark H. for building the structure and to determine materials needed. He got an estimate for materials of \$2793 using mostly cedar plus about \$2400 for display panels and landscaping. Anne K. suggested that this might still be a potential eagle scout project. Charlie R. will be seeking funding and possible grants.

Chip Spreading: Jay has dumped some wood chips per the John McCarthy map starting on the north - south trail by the butterfly garden. Jay plans to get more woodchips as needed.

Holiday Card: Rick B. would like suggestions from committee members for questions that the “thinker” skiers on the card could be pondering. The card and mailing list should be finalized in mid-November to be ready for distribution/ mailing the first week of December.

Sale of LMC Snowcat: Colton has started the process, assisted by Rich M.

Bike Doc Appreciation Event for Snowmakers: This event was postponed from May and they are now looking to have an outdoor beer garden event in the fall on September 15 or 29 depending on the WRSB construction dates.

Fundraising-Publicity Campaign: Charlie R. and Anne R. plan to attend the August 18 meeting of the Delafield Tourism Committee. They plan to share some of their hotel tax income to use for snowmaking. Charlie R. reported that Chelsea Lewis plans to write an article for the Journal Sentinel this fall after the arrival of the PistenBully. The Lapham Peak Ski Club has requested an article for their fall newsletter about snowmaking and the new PistenBully. There is also consideration being given to having some sort of ribbon cutting celebration for the opening of the WRSB this fall being mindful of COVID and DNR rules on group size and distancing, etc. This could possibly be combined with the November 7 meeting of the LP Ski Club, perhaps held over two days.

Fright Hike Sub-Committee Report: The group met via Zoom on August 10 and Anne R. will meet with Angie about creating publicity to announce the postponement of the Fright Hike until fall of October 2021 as well as to discuss various topics that had been covered at the meeting.

Loan Process: It was determined that the loan process to cover the remainder of the PistenBully financing needs to start by early September. Charlie, Will, Mark, and Anne will hold a separate Zoom meeting before the September 8 meeting.

Miscellaneous:

- Reminder that Rick B. has offered to match the fifth largest donation from anyone who considers themselves a snowmaker up to \$5000 to help pay for the PistenBully 100. This is for any donations after April of 2020 and for the next fiscal year.
- Anne R. noted that the WI DNR Natural Resources Board website still says that they plan to meet on September 23, 2020, in Madison, though their acceptance of our donation is not required before we begin construction on the building.
- Anne R. is continuing to work on clarifying how snowmaking can receive funds through volunteering at the Birkie. She has sent the W-9 to Rhonda Tworek .
- Anne R. is working with Sam Edwards and the Friends of Lapham Peak Board to assess the feasibility of using Face Book as a conduit for donations to the Friends.

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek