

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Web meeting via Zoom  
August 25, 2020, 6:05 PM-7:45 PM

**Present via Zoom:** Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Mike Graham, Rich Marusinec, Rick Bjodstrup, Colton Kelly (advisor), Anne Korman (advisor).

**Next meetings:** September 8, September 22, October 13, October 27 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom until further notice.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of August 11 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

**Winter Recreation Storage Building Update:** John M submitted revised plans to the DNR reflecting the changes requested by them. Anne K. verified that we now have DNR approval. Approval is still needed from the Wisconsin DOA. Colton will follow up on their approval process. Rich M. and John M. will coordinate applying for the electrical permit from DSPS. Rich M. has ordered siding from Bliffert Lumber and garage doors from Hartland Overhead Doors as these items require long lead time. He has been waiting for the OK to order the trusses and shingles. He is working with Colton K on ordering the windows which he plans to donate. Rich M. reported that the original mason contacted for the project has lost 1/3 of his crew and has expressed concern that he may be unable to complete the pour in one day. Rich is pursuing the availability of another mason, working with Bruce Wydeven to develop a plan to change the job to a two day pour and is continuing to check with Steve Joda. John M. suggested that the trench drain should be inserted in the first pour while doing 1/2 of the building at a time. Based on the schedule it may be possible to pour in mid-September pending DOA approval. There is a possibility that DNR staff could pour the 4-inch-thick slab over the oil/sand separator outside of the building at a later date.

**Promotional Signs about WRSB and Snowcat:** The posts are in place for the proposed signage. The plan is to provide 2 vinyl banners 4 x 8 feet each placed along the road and on the trail once approval is received from the state.

**Volunteer Hours:** John M. needs all volunteer hours recorded in proper format with signatures for each task performed to fulfill requirements for the 2018 Enhancement Trail Restoration Grant and for Stewardship Grant # FR3-20-14. The deadline for submittal of the completion report for the Weisenecker Grant has been extended to 2021.

**Holiday Card Questions:** Sam Edwards submitted a list of potential questions from the Lapham Peak Ski Club to John M. for his article for the LPSC fall newsletter. John forwarded these to Anne R. as questions that the skiers on the front of the card might be pondering. These were forwarded to Rick B.

**Financial Subcommittee Report:** This group met at the Mike Fort shelter on August 18 to discuss options if the FLP Snowmaking funds do not have enough money on hand when the \$200,000 payment is due at time of delivery of the new PistenBully 100 snowcat the first week

of November. It was noted that a private donor has committed to a contribution of \$50,000. Various options have and are being explored from AilCO, Waukesha State Bank, Ixonia Bank, Summit Credit Union, and FLP idle cash on hand. Anne R. has been discussing the latter option with members of the FLP board as the best option to avoid incurring interest charges from outside sources. This will be on the agenda at the FLP board meeting on September 2, 2020. A decision needs to be reached by October 15 on how to fund approximately \$150,000 to cover the cost of the WRSB, operating expenses for the snowmaking system, and the balance due on the snowcat.

**Chip Spreading:** Colton mentioned that a boy scout troop would be coming to spread chips this week in the Big Valley area. The DNR keeps a record of volunteer hours which Anne K. and Colton K. can provide to John M. to apply to the trail enhancement grant volunteer requirements. Jay is still dumping chips in other locations for volunteers to spread and notifies Rich M. when he does so.

**Sale of LMC Snowcat:** Colton is working with Wisconsin Surplus to list this piece of equipment. Anne K. confirmed that any funds received from the sale of the old snowcat will be used to benefit cross country skiing at Lapham Peak.

**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 depending on the WRSB construction dates. At this time, it appears that September 29 or October 1 might be the preferred dates. Anne R. will relay this information to them.

**Fundraising-Publicity Campaign:** Charlie R., Mark H. and Anne R. attended the August 18 meeting of the Delafield Tourism Committee. Charlie gave a presentation and will fill out a request form for a \$10,000 donation to snowmaking. They would be interested in having one panel of the proposed new kiosk to post information on Delafield hotels and businesses. Will E. and Charlie R. suggested having a thermometer both online and near Evergreen Shelter as a visual aid to meet our fund-raising goals for snowmaking in the coming months.

**Fright Hike Sub-Committee Report:** The group met via Zoom on August 10 and 19. Anne R. met with Angie about creating publicity to announce the postponement of the Fright Hike until the fall of 2021 as well as to discuss various topics that had been covered at the meetings. The very creative announcement has been posted on Facebook and on both the Fright Hike and Friends Snowmaking websites. The group plans to meet again in February of 2021 when more may be known about planning for large group gatherings.

**Trail Work:** Some of the excavated dirt from the WRSB site has been packed onto eroded trails by the DNR staff and some has been delivered to the South Kettle Moraine State Forest area.

**Snowmaking Signs:** Rich M. and Colton have determined appropriate signage needed and will obtain a quote once all is approved. Kurtis Bostrom, son of committee member Jim Bostrom, has designed the graphics for the signs. A final revision to the signs is in progress.

**Possibility of Virtual Birkie at Lapham:** John M. suggested that the snowmaking trails at Lapham Peak could be a viable location if the ABSF determines that they will offer the option of a virtual Birkie at various sites around the state. This will need to be discussed more fully in the near future as more decisions are published by the ABSF about the plans for the 2021 Birkie.

**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.
- John M. will write a snowmaking update article for the Lapham Peak Ski Club fall newsletter and submit it to Sam Edwards by September 10.
- Inland Marine Insurance coverage was requested to be in place on August 17 for the Gehl skid steer.
- Colton K. mentioned that he has a potential Eagle Scout who may be interested in working on the new kiosk. He will follow up and report back to the committee.
- There are still a number of bicycles remaining in the DNR barn that need to be moved. Five of them may have some value and Rich M. and Mike G. will discuss what to do with those 5, but most of the others could just be donated. Some suggestions were made but no decision was reached on their final disposition
- Anne R. is continuing to work on clarifying how snowmaking can receive funds through volunteering at the Birkie if needed in 2021. Charlie R. will work with her.
- 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**