

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
September 8, 2020, 6:05 PM-7:45 PM

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 25 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

Winter Recreation Storage Building Update: Rich M., Mark H., Bruce W., and John M. made the changes to the building plans requested by DOA. These were sent to WI DNR along with written responses to DOA's comments. A conference call involving the Friends (Anne R, John M, Rich M, and Bruce W) and the DNR (Anne K, Colton K, Eyad Omari and Kurt Feuerstein) was held to review the plans and comment on the responses. Anne Korman noted her discussions with Missy V (DNR) regarding the protocol for approval of the building- The DNR gave their approval to pour the foundation slab and to proceed with building the WRSB, and noted that the written comment responses were essentially what they needed to document the resolution of the DOA review process. There are several items that still need to be resolved: electrical wiring, floor drain, holding tank vs oil/sand separator, and the need for mechanical ventilation. The next action will be to pour the concrete slab using either Bud's Concrete or Great Lakes Concrete. Rich M. is coordinating this and waiting to hear which mason will be able to meet our schedule and needs. Rich also mentioned that the general contractor Steve Joda is hoping to start construction on the building in the last week of September. The shingles have arrived, trusses, windows, and LP board have been ordered, and John M. will purchase the foam insulating boards and arrange with Charlie R. to use his trailer to transport them to the building site.

Promotional Signs about WRSB and Snowcat: The signage was approved today. Mark H. and Charlie R. will put the banners up tomorrow along with flyers and donation forms. They will be placed along the road leading up to the tower and along the trail near the building site.

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. Anne R. will send the trail work document form designed by John M. to the committee members for their use. It was noted that some of the hours that will be spent in November trimming trees along the trail can be applied toward the trail grants.

Holiday Card: Rick B. briefly discussed the plan for the holiday card noting that he planned to include about 10 questions pertaining to snowmaking. It was suggested that a small fund-raising flyer could be included without the need for extra postage.

Fund Raising/Finance Report: Will E. and Charlie R. presented their “Home Stretch” flyer design and plan to add them as an insert into the LPSC newsletter to be mailed this fall to approximately 190 club members. They will also work with the ABSF for possible distribution lists and will reach out to the publisher of Silent Sports for publicity. Will E. proposed a suggested annual donation to snowmaking for skiing of \$200 per family and \$100 per individual and providing some kind of window decal. Anne R. reported that at their September 2 meeting the board of the FLP agreed to use their cash on hand as a backup if extra cash is needed to pay for the snowcat on delivery and for the building expenses. The committee expressed their thanks to Anne for her research and preparation and to her and John M. for presenting it to the FLP board. Anne will also follow up to verify that the paperwork has been completed for a \$50,000 loan from Waukesha State Bank in case it is needed. Anne R. reported that the \$50,000 donor would like to make his donation in the form of stock to the Friends brokerage account at Waukesha State Bank to be designated for snowmaking.

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. Anne R. relayed to them that September 29 would be our first choice with October 1 as an alternate date so that they can send out the e-mail invitations.

SnowCat Delivery: Beattle A. announced that Paul Scanlon will deliver the new PistenBully 100 the week of November 2-6 and will plan to accept the check for the \$200,000 balance at that time. The machine will need some final assembly when it arrives.

Possibility of Virtual Birkie at Lapham: John M. suggested that the snowmaking trails at Lapham Peak could be a viable location now that the ABSF has said that they will offer the option of a virtual Birkie at various sites around the state. Various ideas were mentioned such as spreading the event out over several days and perhaps starting the week before the actual Birkie. They want to stress that outdoor activities are essential for this winter due to the pandemic. Charlie R. has made initial contact with Ben Popp and they will stay in touch with Ben and Charlie Dee of the ABSF as more details are available.

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.
- Inland Marine Insurance coverage was requested to be in place on August 17 for the Gehl skid steer. We have received evidence in writing that both the Link Belt excavator from Herr Equipment and the Gehl Skid Steer are covered. We are awaiting specific pricing amounts.
- Rich M. noted that he got a large number of used fire hoses free from the Cudahy Fire Department that can be used as needed to replace snowmaking hoses.
- The Peak Nordic annual ski swap will be held outdoors on October 31 at the Bike Doc. Items can be dropped off at the store from October 1-23.
- 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.

- 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.
- There was some discussion of where the new kiosk should be located as well as possibly moving one of the current information signs to a better location to keep hikers off the man-made snow at the trail head. It was suggested that Mark H., Charlie R., and Beattle could work with Colton and Anne K. to develop a comprehensive plan for the Evergreen trail head area.
- There are still a number of bicycles remaining in the DNR barn that need to be moved. Mike G. took an inventory and documented 31 items. Rich M. sold 3 of the better ones and Mike will reach out to the WI Bike Federation to donate the remainder.
- 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.

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek