

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
December 15, 2020, 6:00 PM-7:10 PM

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

Next meetings: January 12 & 26, February 9, March 9 & 23 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom until further notice.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of November 24 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

DNR Natural Resources Board: Anne Korman noted at the last meeting that we are on the agenda for the January meeting to donate the WRSB to DNR.

Snowcat Video: Will E. shared a video of the new Pisten Bully 100 snowcat moving large amounts of snow that had been made in just 48hrs. from 5PM December 13 to 5PM December 15. This impressive video can be shown on the Friends website for snowmaking and also shared on Facebook.

Winter Recreation Storage Building (WRSB) Update: The exhaust/ventilation system is in place. The controller for the ventilation system arrived today and will be installed on Saturday. The electrical work was completed today pending an inspection on Monday. The ceiling insulation has now been installed. Rich is checking on the price for adding insulation to the walls and the cost of paneling for the walls. Mark H. is working with his son Andrew at Apex Audio and with Colton to decide on a security camera system for the WRSB. Andrew has offered to donate the equipment so only the installation costs would need to be covered.

Trail Sign: Charlie R. will be putting up a thank you sign on the trail by the WRSB listing over 30 suppliers and volunteers who donated products, services, and time to the building project.

Publicity: Chelsea Lewis from the Journal Sentinel plans to do a feature on Lapham Peak and the new snowcat. Charlie will check with Outdoor Wisconsin to find out if/when the segment they filmed last winter at Lapham will be shown. Follow up is also needed with the editor of Silent Sports magazine regarding a potential article on Lapham Peak & snowmaking. John M. will be making a presentation on snowmaking to the meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers this week.

Trailhead Revision at Evergreen: Mark H. presented an initial plan for proposed expansion of parking and possible relocation/enlargement of the building at Evergreen to start discussion. This ties in with the DNR's plan to revise their next 10yr plan in 2021 for property and structures and to identify items needing replacement and other needs for the future.

New Trail Map on Kiosk: Charlie R. & Mark H. proposed to post an updated trail map on the current kiosk for this winter to help skiers and hikers. Anne Korman will pursue obtaining the graphics for the current map that the DNR provides and Mark will let her know the size needed.

Amenities: Anne K. mentioned that Port-a-Johns have been added outside of Evergreen to help with the increased skier traffic. All the men over 60 on the committee also requested that one be placed outside the WRSB for the snowmakers for the next several months.

Snowmaking: Rich mentioned they now have 10 experienced coordinators on the snowmaking team and plan to make more snow during the cold spell late next week. The snow depth marking stakes were all placed last week in a collaborative effort by John M. and Rick B.

Holiday Card: Rick B., with the help of his sisters, completed printing and mailing out all of the holiday cards last week using the labels printed by Anne R. (this note added by the writer as the short meeting didn't allow time for all announcements.)

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek