

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Web meeting via Zoom  
March 23, 2021, 6:00 PM-7:40 PM

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

**Next meetings:** April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 15 & 29 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom until further notice.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of March 9 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

**Lapham Peak Ski Club Donation:** John M. accepted a donation of \$8200.00 from the LPSC at their campfire gathering near Evergreen Shelter on March 16, 2021. Their total donation to snowmaking over the past 5 years is now \$21,609.00.

**Lapham Peak Monthly Attendance:** For November & December of 2020 and January & February of 2021 there were 262,666 attendees with 49,683 in February of 2021. Anne K. explained in detail that the state DNR budgeting process does not use attendance figures to determine funding for the various sites, just to clarify questions that were raised.

**CCSAA Zoom Meeting:** Charlie noted that the cross-country ski area assoc. would be holding their annual meeting via Zoom on April 13, 14, & 15 at 2PM if anyone was interested in registering. The web site has more information [www.CCSAA.org](http://www.CCSAA.org)

**Snowcat:** Beattle has contacted Paul Scanlon and will take care of routine maintenance and summer storage for the Pisten Bully 100 when he returns.

**Winter Recreation Storage Building (WRSB) Update:** Mark H. reported that the security camera will be installed the morning of April 14 followed by orientation and training in its use with Anne K., Colton K., and Rich M. There is still some clean up needed at the site including removal of debris prior to seeding as well as work on the driveway. Colton K. noted that some seed has been spread on the hill and drainage area. Rich reported that Hartland Overhead Door still needs to replace the windows and install another powered door opener on one of the sides. John M. has compiled all the data needed to finalize the details for submission for reimbursement from the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Grant #FR3-20-14 and has given the paperwork to Colton K. to submit for DNR approval. The sign thanking all the contractors has been removed from trail side and placed inside the building. Colton mentioned that a \$28 refund was received for overpayment on the propane.

**Snowmaking:** Rich M. submitted his comments for the snowmaking season wrap up and his plans to finish the snow gun maintenance the first 2 weeks of April as well as the pump house maintenance. The remainder of his report will be presented at the April 13 meeting.

**New Honda Gator Purchase:** Colton reported that this is on hold until the summer/fall budget process is completed.

**Fundraising:** The scout working on the new kiosk for his Eagle Scout project held an evening fundraiser at Culvers in Wales on March 22 from 5-8PM for Troop 87. John M. attended and talked with the scout and his parents and expressed our appreciation. He also offered his services when it was time to contact Diggers Hotline prior to the installation of the kiosk and base. Donations to snowmaking have continued to come in during March.

**Publicity:** Charlie R. reported that the Delafield promotion and tourism commission is interested in sponsoring some events at the park. He is also looking into partnerships with local businesses but no direct advertising is allowed inside the park per DNR rules. Mark H. will solicit ideas from other parks and John M. will provide a copy of the LUA which spells out the guidelines. Charlie also noted that the tourism commission plans to advertise next fall in cross-country ski magazines about the great skiing available at Lapham Peak and the lodging available in Delafield to accommodate the skiers.

**Fright Hike Sub-Committee:** The committee has been unable to meet with Angela Lorbach to do any planning for the fall of 2021 until the DNR releases any new or updated attendance guidelines for group events, which currently stand at 50. Anne K. suggested that there may be updates in April. Joanne Z. will ask John Hillmer, secretary of the sub-committee, to contact Angela to explain the situation.

**Virtual Birkie Events:** The ABSF sent data stating that there were 1500 skiers across the country who completed virtual events with 99 skiers doing so at Lapham and 77 in the Southern Unit at Nordic & McMiller.

**Tuesday Time Trials:** There was some discussion with Jim Marschalek about ideas for next season and even for some possible summer/fall events. It was decided that a separate Zoom debriefing meeting could be set up and perhaps a survey could be sent to the Tuesday and Wednesday skier participants.

**New Volunteer Guidelines:** Anne K. announced that the DNR had just published new guidelines for volunteers at state park facilities. Now work days can have up to 50 people working in groups of 10 or less and following distancing & other safety guidelines.

**Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek**