

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Web meeting via Zoom  
April 13, 2021, 6:00 PM-7:15 PM

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of March 23 approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

**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 and is interested in registering. He will report at the next meeting if he registers. The web site has more information [www.CCSAA.org](http://www.CCSAA.org)

**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.

**Snowmaking:** Rich, Colton, and Beattle will meet to compile an end of season summary. The snow gun maintenance has been completed and the guns stored in the WRSB. Most of the stakes and markers have been removed. Two leaking hydrants still need to be repaired. Rich, John & Colton will test them on April 14 to determine the source of the leaks and Beattle plans to rent a back hoe to dig them out.

**Fundraising:** Charlie verified with the ABSF that there were some volunteers helping at the Birkie and funds will be directed to Peak Nordic and snowmaking. There were fewer volunteers needed this year due to COVID. The profit from the Lapham Loppet and the ski series was reported as \$6726.63 and will be transferred to snowmaking income in the treasurer's report for the FLP.

**Report from FLP Board:** John M. reported items of interest from the FLP board meeting on April 7, 2021. Jon and Christine Jeffords have agreed to co-chair the Colorama event likely to be held on October 2, 2021. Members of the Friends documented nearly 4700 volunteer hours in 2020 which President Louise Borzynski reported to the WI DNR. A generous donor has offered to fund part of the cost of a replacement building for the Evergreen shelter. This donation will allow a small planning/concept group to meet soon as it is hoped that the new building might be completed by the end of 2022. Anne K. will pursue funding from the state. The new building would be much larger with many features and amenities yet to be determined. It would be located at the trail head so the new kiosk being built as an Eagle Scout project this spring will need to be positioned in the best place. Colton will help with site selection for the kiosk.

**New DNR Guidelines:** Colton K. reviewed the newly published DNR guidelines at state park facilities. Now volunteer groups can have up to 50 people on a work day as long as they are working in groups of 10 or less and following distancing & other safety guidelines. The Tower will open on April 30,2021. Also as of April 30,2021, attendance capacity at non-DNR special events can be increased from 50 to 100 and may be tiered hourly on the same day. Event planners are encouraged to work with the property managers to safely phase events that may have more participants. The office and buildings will remain closed for now, and the 75% parking capacity limits are still in effect.

**Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek**