

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
July 13, 2021, 6:00 PM-7:45 PM

Present via Zoom: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Rick Bjodstrup, Jim Marschalek, Rich Marusinec, Mark Herr, Mike Graham, Charlie Ritter, Colton Kelly, advisor.

Next meetings: August 10 & 31 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom until further notice.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of June 29 approved as corrected. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

Winter Recreation Storage Building: The plan is now to add gutters to direct water away from the building doorway and then open the holding tank in the fall to check for water seepage. It was noted that someone did some grading around the building so that area will need to be replanted. We are still awaiting the final \$10,000 payment from the WI-DNR Knowles Nelson Stewardship grant #FR3-20-14. Colton will follow up with the WI DNR to obtain a framed thank you certificate to the Friends for the donation of the building so it can be displayed.

Trail Restoration Grant: John M. reported that the Weisinecker grant was closed out at the end of June.

Fundraising: Charlie R. & Will E. met with our legislator Cindy Duchow in her office and learned of a possible request of \$300,000 for Lapham Peak from the federal COVID funds. They will reach out to her for more information on the status of this request. Charlie suggested that it would be nice to have a ski map with business logos to hand out for fund raising but no specific plans or details have been made at this time.

Electric Bill: We are still waiting for the billing category resolution from WE Energies for the CG1 and CG2 rates. Once it's available Anne R., Rick B. & Rich M. will have a Zoom discussion on this topic.

Groomers: Rich M. reported that he has completed a draft of the job description and a PowerPoint of the progress of the process for grooming. He will meet with Beattle & Mark Janis to finalize a presentation for a future meeting and will send out his initial draft to interested committee members for comments this week.

Expenses: Rich M. shared spread sheets of snowmaking expenses for the past 10 years which showed an average of \$16,800. This excludes the PistenBully 100 warranty extension from 2020. The \$13,000 for snow gun #7 will be included for the 2021-22 season.

Circuit Changes: Colton has received the OK from DNR to use emergency funds to pay for electrical work to balance the circuits and repair some pedestals. They will use heavier wire in those pedestals so that each circuit has similar capabilities which will prevent voltage drops during snowmaking.

Pumphouse: Jim M. completed his training on pump house operation with Rich M. For now, it was suggested by Colton to operate the pump to generate water pressure at 60 PSI and then turn it off to let gravity feed the water for Summer Stage's current landscaping needs. Colton will work with them on a plan for any future water needs.

Ski Conditions Web Page: Jim M. is working with John Hillmer and Steve Davis to explore how to improve the ski conditions web page including adding the ability to upload photos of trail conditions. More to come at future meetings.

Kiosk Update: Piano hinges will be installed on the display panels this week. Colton will look into getting a plaque with the Eagle Scout's name on it to attach to the completed project.

Lapham Lodge Update: John M. showed the latest architectural rendering for the building and also a summary of donations to the Friends showing that snowmaking has raised 10 times as much money as all other donations to the Friends. Anne K. sent the conceptual plans to the WI DNR and we are waiting for the approval in order to begin fund raising. The fund-raising committee is working on a brochure. A contractor will be working with the core committee to develop a detailed cost estimate.

Volunteer Hours: Everyone was reminded to keep track of all volunteer hours during 2021. Hours can be documented on the Google docs snowmaking volunteers spread sheet.

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek