

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
August 10, 2021, 6:00 PM-7:15 PM

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

Next meetings: August 31, September 21, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23, December 14 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom until further notice.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 13 approved. 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. Rich M. is obtaining a price from Steve Joda's roofing contractor for the gutters. Beattle plans to do more grading around the building and will notify John M. when more re-seeding is needed. During discussion it was verified that the outside lights should be turned off when leaving the building. Rich M will label the switches with a reminder. We are still awaiting the final \$10,000 payment from the WI-DNR Knowles Nelson Stewardship grant #FR3-20-14. Anne K. checked with the WI DNR to obtain a framed thank you certificate to the Friends for the donation of the building and they plan to send one.

Fundraising: No update for now on the possibility of \$300,000 for Lapham Peak from the federal COVID funds. Charlie R. reported that fundraising for the new building is on hold until the DNR gives their approval. Anne R. reported that in July Chuck Jorgensen and the Jorgensen family made a generous donation to the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Project in honor of Sandy Sugden's 80th birthday and in memory of Bob Sugden and Dorothea Jorgensen. His generous support of snowmaking over the years is much appreciated.

Electric Bill: Rich M. confirmed that we will receive a statement of credit from WE Energies for overpayment. This will be applied to current bills for DNR through December. Rich and Colton will track this until the credit is utilized.

Groomers: Rich M. reported that he has completed a draft of the job description and a PowerPoint of the proposal to pay several of the PistenBully 100 groomers. He will combine the comments received from committee members into his presentation. He plans to have a meeting with Beattle and a few others this week to finalize the presentation to the Friends board at their next meeting.

Expenses: Rich M. noted he will be updating his spread sheet for current and expected expenses for the 2021-22 season to include the hose adapters, final snow gun payment in November, gutters for the garage, and the snowcutter for the PistenBully 100.

Circuit Changes: Colton has received approval from DNR to use emergency funds to pay for electrical work to balance the A & B circuits and repair some pedestals. Rich will mark the

power lines next week in order to evaluate the best route for the new wiring. Rich & Colton will be meeting with DNR engineers to discuss project details and requirements.

Pumphouse: Jim M. reported that, per the pump company Torrent, the ideal temperature to maintain in the building for pump operation is 50 degrees. He proposed purchasing a 12-inch fan and thermostat set up for around \$250. The committee authorized him to purchase it and Anne R. will send him the form needed to purchase this with our tax-exempt status.

Ski Conditions Web Page: Jim M. continues to work 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. He will send a link to a sample page to committee members so they can post a report and/or photo and send him feedback on the process.

Kiosk Update: Piano hinges and locks have been installed on the display panels. 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. reported that there will be a meeting on August 12 with Missy V. from the WI DNR, Anne K., Colton K., Paul & Rita Keber, Mark H., and John M. to discuss the steps needed for DNR approval to start fund raising. He also showed the conceptual civil engineering plans for the site.

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