

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
November 9, 2021, 6:05 PM-7:05 PM

Present via Zoom: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Joanne Ziarek, Rick Bjodstrup, Mike Graham, Charlie Ritter, Mark Herr, Anne Korman, advisor.

Next meetings: November 23, December 14 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom until further notice

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of October 26 meeting were approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

Winter Recreation Storage Building: The gutters have been installed. John M. will add extensions for the gutters and Rich M. will look into a type of leaf guard. John M. and Colton checked the holding tank and found only 1.5 inches of water. John M. requested that the DNR again bring in a port-a-potty to the WRSB for the winter season. We are still awaiting the final \$10,000 payment from the WI-DNR Knowles Nelson Stewardship grant #FR3-20-14 after completing an additional form requested by the DNR. Anne R. noted that there is transitioning at the state level from the previous to the new grant manager and that may be delaying things. Anne K. will again check on when the WI DNR will likely send the framed thank you certificate to the Friends for the donation of the building. The certificate and a duplicate will be framed to hang, one in Evergreen, and the other in the WRSB.

Expenses: Anne R. reported that she has completed her review of the income and expenses for snowmaking for the past fiscal year ending 9/30/2021. She has sent a summary of a few minor discrepancies to the FLP treasurer. She and Karl will meet this week to resolve these and to discuss using Quick Books.

Map of Man-Made Snow Ski Trails: John M. showed the most current version of the ski trail map. Colton has placed an order for the permanent aluminum signs to mark the snowmaking ski trails. John M. will provide a large map of the trails to be posted in the kiosk.

Kiosk Update: After discussion about the best location for a donation box Colton volunteered to check into the availability of a standard lock box from the DNR. He will also check with Summer Stage to see if snowmaking can use their panel for information during their off season. Charlie will follow up with Colton on this. Anne R. has retrieved some cash from the donation tube and will continue to check it for donations throughout the ski season.

Snowmaking: *Rich M. sent his report via e-mail that was read at the meeting:* All of the lower non-self-draining hydrants have been flushed, siphoned and have fresh antifreeze to prevent freezing. Rich M. and Mike Koester plan to meet Nov 28 to begin to move the snow guns out to the playground area. They will also review the weather forecast to determine approximate snowmaking start date. Rich M. has initiated the Signup.com session for 2021/2022 season and will populate it with all the volunteers the weekend of the Nov 28. He will then send out an initial email on the snowmaking season from Signup.com which will also include the link to be used for signing up. They hope to do final tree limb trimming the week of Nov 29th. Rich will also firm up a new volunteer training session for around Nov 29th by next week.

Rick B. and John M. will coordinate with Colton to place the markers and stakes along the snowmaking trail to indicate the snow depth needed. John M. reported that many volunteers from the November 6 workday cleaned out all the slash and dead wood along the start hill and also cleared the snow gun pull out areas in the woods.

Publicity: Charlie announced that Silent Sports magazine plans to feature Lapham Peak skiing in their January issue along with a side bar about the new lodge. He is developing an article highlighting the accomplishments of the past 2 years. Anne R. noted that Wisconsin Life featured Lapham Peak in a recently aired episode that can be found at <https://www.pbs.org/search/?q=Wisconsin+Life>

Annual Holiday Card: Rick B. e-mailed the proposed idea to the committee showing a cartoon of “Piston Billy” and the information to be included. He will check with John Hillmer to select a QR code for ease of donating. Anne R. will print return address labels and Rick will order envelopes. They will meet later to work out details.

New Topographic Map: Rick B. reported that he has completed this project and has framed it in preparation for installing it in Evergreen Shelter. He is arranging for transport of the map so it can be installed soon.

Lapham Lodge Update: John M. reported that the Business Plan has been accepted and approved by the WI DNR for fund raising to begin. The design committee sent out Requests for Proposals to 5 architectural firms with a request for responses to be returned by November 17. Charlie R. reported that the fund-raising group plans to send out a brochure with a rendering of the lodge and will include pledge cards. They will send about 500 of these before the end of the year and will also keep a supply in a dispenser at the old kiosk near the new fund-raising banner and in the Evergreen shelter. They will explore other areas to leave a supply. John M. and Charlie R. met with the Delafield Tourism Council today and made a short presentation about the new building. John M. has completed a grant request for \$20,000 for the building and forwarded it to Colton to send on to the state grant committee.

Volunteer Hours: Everyone is reminded to keep track of all volunteer hours during 2021. Hours can be documented on the Google docs snowmaking volunteers spread sheet where Joanne Z. documents hours for all snowmaking meeting attendees.

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek