

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Web meeting via Zoom  
March 15, 2022 6:05 PM-7:40 PM

**Present via Zoom:** Anne Riendl, Joanne Ziarek, Rick Bjodstrup, Mike Graham, Charlie Ritter, Will Edwards, Mark Herr.

**Next meetings:** April 12 & 26 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom until further notice

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of February 8 meeting were approved. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

**Park Attendance:** Anne R. noted that park attendance for February was 53,200. She also shared the usual review of Lapham Peak income as well as snowmaking income & expenses.

**Winter Recreation Storage Building:** John M. & Colton plan to check the amount of water in the holding tank at the end of the ski season.

**Certificates from Natural Resources Board:** No DNR advisor was present at this meeting so this was tabled until the next meeting.

**Allocation of Funds:** Anne R. reported that the FLP board had discussed possible options for the funds from the 2022 Wednesday night ski league, Tuesday time trials, and Lapham Loppet. The consensus of the committee was that Anne recommend to the FLP board at their next meeting that all those proceeds from the 2022 skiing events be donated to snowmaking as promoted.

**Snowmaking:** Rich M. sent a report noting that he had provided costs from 3 vendors to Colton for underground wire for the B to A project. He completed the first draft of the DNR purchasing form and sent it to Colton, who is working on the purchase approval process with the DNR. The preferred supplier is Monroe Titan, who has provided the wire for all of Phase 3. Snow gun maintenance is planned for mid-April as well as a review of hydrants and pedestals. There was some discussion on finding successor(s) for Rich's duties as head of snowmaking. Will agreed to meet with key people to establish and document those duties clearly.

**Planning/Setting Goals for Snowmaking:** Will presented a preliminary document for discussion designed to identify the stakeholders and their wishes. The initial list included Peak Nordic, competitive skiers, recreational skiers, volunteers, DNR, non-skiers, donors, blind skiers, and the Lapham Peak Ski Club. There was initial discussion and it was decided that Anne would forward the document to the committee members for further input and discussion at another meeting.

**Publicity/Fund Raising:** Charlie R. reported that the Delafield Promotion & Tourism Commission at their upcoming April 12 meeting plans to donate \$20,000 to \$30,000 for the new Lapham Lodge. He said that the tourism group plans to hang ski banners up in Delafield for the coming season and showed a sample design. Charlie R. spoke about the value of joining the Cross-Country Ski Areas Association and the committee agreed to pay the fee. Charlie will "attend" their Zoom meetings as our liaison. He and Joanne Z. noted that at the end of season party for the Lapham Peak Ski Club they shared the results of their club survey on areas to

support. Based on those results they were able to donate funds they had raised to the top three priorities: \$4,000 to the Lapham Lodge, \$9,000 to Peak Nordic, and \$11,000 to Snowmaking, their #1 priority. We are very grateful for their support.

**Lapham Lodge Update:** As noted above, the Delafield Tourism Commission plans to donate \$20,000 to \$30,000 to the Lapham Lodge fund raising. The EDA grant application was submitted on February 10. Comments are expected within 60-90 days. Mark H. will ask Anne Korman & Colton to contact WE Energies regarding the feasibility and possible cost savings of bringing natural gas lines to Lapham Peak for the WRSB and the new lodge vs. continuing to use propane. Mark also stated that the initial 35% architectural drawings have been submitted to DNR for review meaning that they have achieved 35% of the fundraising goal. They have also submitted a request for geo-technical soil boring to be done in April.

**Volunteer Hours:** Everyone is reminded to keep track of all volunteer hours during 2022. Hours can be documented on the Google docs snowmaking volunteers spread sheet where Joanne Z. documents hours for all snowmaking meeting attendees. Anne R. reported that the total FLP 2021 volunteer hours was 9,762.5. This included 6,420 hours for conservation (Buckthorn Busters & Butterfly Garden) and 2,242.5 hours for snowmaking.

**Miscellaneous Items Deferred for now:** Discussion on new RLUA deferred to Spring. Fright Hike in discussion. In the fall, check on logistics of reporting Lapham Peak trail conditions on the state snow report website. Pumphouse plans will be developed in the summer. Verify receipt of official thank you certificates from Natural Resources Board for donation of the WRSB and seventh snow gun.

**Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek**