

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
May 17, 2022 6:00 PM-7:20 PM

Present via Zoom: Anne Riendl, Joanne Ziarek, Rick Bjodstrup, Charlie Ritter, Mike Graham, Rich Marusinec, John McCarthy, Beattle Adelmeyer, Anne Korman, Advisor.

Next meetings: June 14, August 16 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom until further notice. **Note:** **July 12** - pot luck cookout with FLP board at Mike Fort shelter; Joanne Z. will coordinate.

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

Snowmaking Funds: Anne R. shared the usual brief overview from the treasurer's report. She noted that the funds raised by the Lapham Loppet, Wed night ski league, & Tues time trials had not yet been moved into the snowmaking balance column.

Park Attendance: April attendance at Lapham Peak was 35,875.

Past Season Grooming Report: Beattle gave a very detailed report on the 2021-22 season grooming noting that he and Mark Janis put in 198hrs of grooming, including 22hrs continuously on December 8. Andrew Straka is completing his training and Mike Koester will train as the 4th groomer for the 2022-23 season. Due to the lack of natural snow, they were unable to groom off the man-made loops this season. On May 11 the Pisten Bully was washed & waxed and put up on blocks until the start of the next ski season.

Publicity/Fundraising: Charlie is finalizing a recap of the 2021-22 ski season to be published on the Friends web site and possibly sent out to donors. He has also reached out to our legislators regarding the segregated funds being held in Madison but has had no reply so far.

Maintenance & Summer System Repairs: The electrical wire has been ordered and is expected to be shipped in June. Rich and Jay will inspect the phase 1 and 2 pedestals for determination of replacing old connector blocks and any wire spacing issues. Rich plans to meet with Jay, John, & Beattle on June 2 to assess needed repairs for the hydrants & pedestals and set up a plan for repairs in October.

Pond Volume Discussion: The group agreed with recommendations from previous discussions that the most reasonable way to increase the volume of water in the pond will be to increase the height of the berm on the northwest side of the pond to the height it was 4 years ago. Longer term options will be discussed next year, or as time permits.

Brown Deer Park Snowmaking: John M. & Sam Edwards met with Dan Goldberg at Brown Deer Park for discussion on a potential snowmaking system at that park. John will send them some preliminary information.

New RLUA: Anne Korman is checking with state leadership to determine if an amendment to the current LUA will be sufficient to meet the newer guidelines.

Fright Hike: The Fright Hike sub-committee has offered a contract to Angela Lorbach and is making plans for an in-person meeting for her to sign the contract.

Lapham Lodge Update: For now, the preparations and plans are on hold while the committee awaits the DNR/DOA review of the plans, the report from the soil borings, the archeological and cultural assessment of the site, and information on the septic & mound system. Colton is looking into the cost of switching from propane to natural gas use for the park facilities. They have received a few more questions from the EDA Grant administrator, and these questions have been addressed.

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.

Miscellaneous Items Deferred for now: In the fall, check on logistics of reporting Lapham Peak trail conditions on the state snow report website. Pumphouse plans will be developed over the summer. Use of stick guns for Phase IV.

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek