

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
June 14, 2022 6:05 PM-7:00 PM

Present via Zoom: Anne Riendl, Joanne Ziarek, Mike Graham, John McCarthy, Jim Marschalek, Will Edwards, Mark Herr, Colton Kelly, Advisor.

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May 17 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 \$9,016.95 raised by the Lapham Loppet, Wed night ski league, & Tues time trials has been moved into the snowmaking balance column.

Park Attendance & Income: May attendance at Lapham Peak was 48,510. Anne R. shared income numbers from December of 2021-May of 2022 showing that the DNR income might reach the \$500,000 mark in June. It appears that annual sticker sales on the property are on target with even the best years. The snowmaking committee volunteers appreciate seeing these figures and hope to see more income data to compare Lapham-generated income with other WI DNR properties with an eye toward contacting our legislators regarding the segregated funds in the state budget. Colton will follow up on this.

FLP Liability Insurance: The FLP liability policy through Secura has been renewed from June 2022-June 2023 for any events they sponsor. The cost for Inland Marine coverage for the snowcat is \$1717.00 for the year, the same as last year at \$143.08 per month from the snowmaking funds. Will asked if we should increase the insurance for the increased value of the snowcat. Anne R. will check with Paul Scanlon at Pisten Bully for the current replacement value of a new machine.

Diesel Fuel Tax Refund: Rich M. is working on getting some of the Wisconsin tax paid for diesel fuel used for snowmaking refunded from the state.

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. The Delafield Tourism Commission did not meet today for lack of a quorum.

Summer Solstice Event: Will offered to publish this June 24th event on the LP Ski club & Lapham Peak Facebook pages.

Maintenance & Summer System Repairs: The electrical wire has been ordered and will hopefully be shipped in July. Rich and Jay will inspect the phase 1 and 2 pedestals for determination of replacing old connector blocks and any wire spacing issues. Rich met with Jay, John, & Colton on June 2 to assess needed repairs for the hydrants & pedestals and set up a plan for repairs the week of October 10. The DNR staff was asked to clear brush around the overflow

area on the pond in order to complete measurements needed to determine where the berm has eroded and how much.

WRSB: Rich inquired on the type of paint needed to paint the doors. Colton reported that the lock has been keyed to the other DNR buildings.

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: Angela Meyer signed the contract and has sent a recent report via email to the Fright Hike sub-committee. Online ticket sales are now available at <https://frighthike.ticketspice.com/2022laphampeakfrighthike> to sign up for a particular hour to attend. A volunteer SignUp Genius site will be set up online after reviewing for any schedule conflicts by Colton. The plan is that the skits will follow the same route as in 2019.

Payment to Head Snow Gun Operators: Hase Landscape Company has agreed to pay both a few snow gun operators and some of the snowcat operators for the coming ski season. The pay rates for them to supply some paid operators will be determined during the coming months. It was noted that the FLP snowmaking funds paid \$4,655.00 to Hase Landscape Company for snow grooming services during the 2021-2022 season.

Donor Name TV Display in Evergreen: Mike G. is working on a way to use this display format for donor names.

Lapham Lodge Update: An updated estimate from Stier Construction is being reviewed. Comments received from DNR & DFD will be responded to with the next submittal. The additional information requested from the EDA Grant administrator has been submitted except for the THPO approval.

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