

Minutes of the Friends of Laham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
November 29, 2022 6:05 PM-7:45 PM

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

Next meetings: December 13, January 17, February 14, March 14, April 18 from 6PM to 7:45PM via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the November 15 meeting were approved as corrected. Joanne Z. will notify John Hillmer to distribute and post to the website as appropriate.

Fright Hike: Anne R. reported that the income to FLP Snowmaking committee will be shared with the Buckthorn Busters who helped a lot with the event this year. We are awaiting the final numbers after tying up the last details.

Park Attendance: October attendance at Lapham Peak was 71,120. Data from Mary Miller at the DNR showed that the income of \$665,366 for 2022 from sales at the window was the third highest after 2016 and 2017.

FLP Snowmaking Funds: Anne presented a brief summary of snowmaking funds from the October treasurer's report for the last fiscal year.

Holiday Letter 2022: Rick B. and Anne R. have prepared a fundraising letter, in place of the usual card, that is ready to be mailed. No sample was available.

Tuesday Time Trials: Mike Graham announced that registration is open. He will work with Kris Maki on publicity for this event.

Snowmaking preparations: Rich M. submitted a detailed report. Many things have been completed: mowing, hydrant handles on, water checked in holding tank. Tasks in process: snow trail depth markers, trail closure chains/signs placement, oil level in pump, lane markers placed for snow gun pull out lanes, pedestal plug cleanout, snowmaking process email, WRSB organizing, change hose on pump, check electronic depth of well, fill pond, monitor soil fill around one hydrant. Tasks remaining: trim some trees along trail on 12/2, place barricades at start area, organize tools, replace gator tires.

Possible Snowmaking Start Up: Likely to be December 6th based on the weather forecast. They will likely shut down the snow guns midday for a bit due to higher temperatures. Rich and Mike Koester will meet with Colton and Jay on Thursday to review weather and start up day and time. They will set up the preliminary Signup.com schedule on Thursday with a warning to volunteers that it could change.

Snowmaking Volunteers: Rich M. set up Signup.com for the 2022/2023 season on 11/27. He is verifying emails and current volunteer list for correctness. He is considering a volunteer training session to be held on a marginal snowmaking day or another time when they start throttling the

snow guns back. An email will be sent to the volunteers on Wednesday notifying them that the start date is close and then a training session could be set up next week.

Snowmaking Expenses: Rich showed a spreadsheet summarizing the donations and expenses for the fiscal year showing an average expense of \$30,000 yearly to produce the snow.

Electrical B to A Budget: The invoice was received from Elect-Tech for the work done on the B to A project, and it was under budget. They will continue to give us a discount on the hourly rate. Rich and Colton are reviewing a few needed electrical items for the final amount left in the DNR funds.

Snow Depth Marking Stakes: John M. has nearly finished placing stakes and will add depth tape to the stakes. Rick B. will finish his markers this week.

Monitoring Pond Level: Jim M. has developed a system for monitoring the well depth in the pump house and will install a float this week. He has posted a chart in the pump house.

Donation Options: Charlie has placed the green donation sign and snowmaking trail map in the kiosk. The committee is still interested in finding someone qualified to work out the details of setting up various methods to process donations including Venmo, PayPal, and Cash App.

State of Snowmaking Report: Will E. shared an email summarizing his initial thoughts on where we are now and what the future plans might be. More to come on this topic.

New RLUA: Anne K. reported that Taylor Foster from Missy VanLanduyt's office at the WI-DNR in Madison is ready to meet with her to start work on the draft.

Data Storage: John M. will provide a data directory of files and plans related to snowmaking to Anne Korman for the DNR. There was some discussion that the FLP needs a second place to store data for all projects, including snowmaking.

Lapham Lodge Update: Mark H. gave a concise report of progress. On November 18 the committee met with Graef for a design restart. John M. has updated the schedule for EDA with revised dates for bids, construction, and completion. He is currently working on the first of the quarterly reports for the EDA. John M. reported that the brick donor program is up and running so people can complete the form from the FLP website and mail it in or go to the That's My Brick.com website. Charlie R. reported briefly on fundraising and publicity noting that the IATA is publishing an article for their members. He also noted that the January issue of "Silent Sports" will have an article featuring the new Lapham Lodge. They will provide 100 free issues that will be available for distribution once a brick donor flyer has been added.

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.

Respectfully Submitted: Joanne Ziarek