

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
Web meeting via Webex  
May 14, 2024, 6:05 PM-7:05 PM

**Present via Webex:** Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Jim Marschalek, Rich Marusinec, Mark Herr, Joanne Ziarek, Mike Graham, Rick Bjodstrup, Beattle Adelmeyer, Will Edwards, and Rob Hermann.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, June 18 at 6pm via Webex.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from April 15 meeting approved. Joanne Z. will send to John Hillmer to post as usual.

**New Member:** The group welcomed Rob Hermann as our newest member.

**Update on Well output and possible 2024 projects Rich M:**

- Rich made edits to the well summary and sent it back to John McCarthy who has reviewed and edited it one more time. Rich will send to Collin and Colton next week for project submittal via DNR Emergency Funding process. Collin will need to utilize the info in the Word document to fill out the project request form for the DNR
- Rich received a 2nd quote from D&D Well and has emailed him to add a few items to the quote.
- Need to determine and staff project team for this if we go forward this year.

**Stick Gun Demo.** Rich contacted Wes (SMI) on modifications desired and is waiting for Wes from SMI to get back to him to finalize. WES is discussing options with their Engineering Dept. We will terminate insurance once returned.

**Upgrade Main Power Panel Report from Rich:**

- Numerous discussions were held on what specific mounting requirements are needed by We-Energies. They have informed us we cannot directly mount the new Transocket onto the back of the existing brown power panel after removing the existing Transocket. We now have the specific We-Energies spec sheets for the Transocket mounting which will require new 12" footings (4 feet deep) and 3" galvanized mounting posts along with other details. Rich is meeting with Elect-Tech this Friday to firm up the location of the new Transocket and will create a scaled layout of the locations of the existing and new panels for We-Energies to review and approve. Collin will help us with site prep and 12" footings. We Energies just decided that they will send an Engineer out to the site to review in person (scheduled for May 20).
- We will not discuss the installation schedule until we get through this round of planning and reviews.

**Two Leaky Hydrants.** One is capped for now. The 2<sup>nd</sup> one was disassembled by Rich and Collin but only ½ of the old flow control valve came out. We have a tee on it for now. We will likely work on these in June once Mike K. gets back. John M. reported that he removed all hydrant handles on April 14<sup>th</sup> and found two open in the upper system.

**Snow Gun Maintenance:** Planning for June with Mike and Rich

**Key Manpower Needs for next Season:** #2 and #3 Head Snowmakers to support Mike K., two more shift coordinators, assess DNR staff replacements/availability. Cover manpower in August meeting in detail

**Project List to Consider Before December:**

- (B priority) Repair East Side of Pumphouse wall and caulk all mouse and snake holes. Clean out pumphouse.
- (B priority) New Door assembly for power panel to prevent rain and mice entry.
- (C priority) Bench and Cabinets for WRSB
- (A priority) Final Wire and replace GFCI's on 4 playground lights which is required to fix light issue.
- (A priority) Extend culvert in NW corner of trail for grooming. Add soil around two hydrants.

**Grooming Update:** Beattle reported that the Pisten Bully ran well and that they fixed the front idler wheel in February. Beattle, Mark Janis, and Mike Koester used the PB for 190 hours this winter for a total of 913 hours after 4 seasons. A small group plans to wash and wax the Pisten Bully and put it up on blocks in the next few weeks. Beattle noted that the warranty on the PB ended in December. He presented his reasoning and a request for putting rubber tracks on the PB as they would be better for preserving the snow when running on the interior trails than the current metal ones, which loosen the snow. He suggested that rubber tracks could be installed after the initial snow was made and used for the remainder of the season and would be "cleaner" than the metal tracks. Mike J. and Mark K. have indicated that they would be willing to put them on. Beattle estimated a cost of \$43,000 for the rubber tracks. After some discussion it was decided to consider this at a future meeting after listing income and expenses for the fiscal year enabling us to prioritize projects to see where acquiring rubber tracks would fit. Rich will provide this information to the committee for a future meeting to determine what proposal to take to the FLP board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anne R. briefly summarized the snowmaking funds as of April.

**Annual Potluck/Cookout:** It was decided to hold our annual potluck/cookout on July 16 for the FLP Board and snowmaking members. Anne R. will look into reserving the Mike Fort shelter for the event with Trecker as a backup in case of rain. Joanne Z. will again coordinate the event.

**Holiday Card:** Jim M. volunteered to work with Rick B. to create the holiday card for 2024. He also suggested other fund-raising ideas that might be considered in the future.

**Miscellaneous:**

Delafield Tourism Council will decide later in the summer on the amount of funding that might be available to support the new lodge. Jim M. proposed sending an end of season survey to various groups of skiers and will send a sample to the committee members. A QR code is needed for easier donating and Mike K. has been looking into this.

**Respectfully Submitted, Joanne Ziarek**