

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Webex
June 18, 2024, 6:05 PM-7:10 PM

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 6, at 6pm via Webex. Note that the July 16 meeting will be a social event potluck/cookout jointly with the FLP board at the Mike Fort Shelter at Lapham Peak.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 14 meeting approved. Joanne Z. will send to John Hillmer to post as usual.

Update on Well output and possible 2024 projects Rich M:

- Well Summary provided to Collin & Colton late May. Collin entered info into DNR Emergency Funding form to submit. Brian L is reviewing the online form per Collin.
- 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. Wes said they would send a front wheel assembly for trial use. The front wheel shipped to Ausblick and Rich Picked it up June 10. Rich and Mike Koester will try it out in June.

Upgrade Main Power Panel Report from Rich:

- Special meeting with We Energies, DNR & Rich May 2024. Reviewed new Tran Socket mounting options with We Energies Field Engineer and Lisa & Bob Jellis who approved mounting the new Tran socket on back of existing panel. Great News!
- Planned Start Date is Sept 25th (after all Summer Stage events – confirmed with Dustin). Collin also checked that power is not needed for any event until mid Oct.

Two Leaky Hydrants. We will likely work on these in July or August.

Snow Gun Maintenance: Planning for June/July with Mike and Rich

PB100 Rubber Track Expenditure Project

- The committee wanted to review the general budget of expenses and projects before deciding on purchase of Rubber Tracks for the PB100. Rich M presented an excel file with detailed estimated expenses and income expected for the next year. John M will send the spreadsheet out after the meeting. The committee members will review for discussion at the next meeting.

Project List to Consider Before December: Along with the project list, Rich presented detailed spread sheets of income and expenses for snowmaking from each of several past seasons for committee members to have a better understanding of anticipated funding to prioritize projects.

- (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. John M. and Jim M. will work on coordinating this project.
- (B priority) Repair East Side of Pumphouse wall and caulk all mouse and snake holes. Clean out pumphouse.

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

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

Annual Potluck/Cookout: Our annual potluck/cookout will be on July 16 for the FLP Board and snowmaking members. Anne R. has reserved the Mike Fort shelter for the event with Trecker as a backup in case of rain. Joanne Z. is coordinating this event again and has sent out "Save the Date" emails to all FLP board members and snowmaking committee members with more specific details to follow in early July.

Holiday Card: Jim M. volunteered to work with Rick B. to create the holiday card for 2024. Rick will send some possible art work to Jim. Anne R. will take an inventory of her stationery supplies and will also contact her "computer whiz" cousin to create the address list.

Donor Recognition: There was a lengthy discussion about updating the donor information on the TV screen in Evergreen that Mike G. is working on with data from Anne R. There was also a suggestion from Mark H. of a way to honor snowmaking donors via a new video/TV system in the new lodge. Details will need to be worked out. Along with this, Anne R. mentioned that she and Charlie R. had researched snowmaking income since 2005, which totaled \$1,366,581 with the majority coming from individual donors and the rest from fund raising and clubs.

Miscellaneous:

Jim M. is working on a survey to various groups of skiers and will send a sample to the committee members. One of the points will be to make people aware of the need for volunteers to make snow to provide good skiing conditions.

A QR code is needed for easier donating and Mike K. has been looking into this. Anne R. reported that the pedestrian flashers have been installed on HiWay C by the county.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Ziarek