

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
February 11th, 2025, 6:00 PM-7:20 PM

Present via Zoom: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Mike Graham, Will Edwards, Jim Marschalek, Rob Hermann, Rich Marusenic, Joanne Ziarek, Charlie Ritter, & Mark Herr.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, at 6pm via Zoom; no March meeting.

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

Snowmaking and Project Report from Rich Marusenic:

1. **Well Repair Project – Collin B**

- a. Collin wants us to have about 50% of the pond level at the end of season so we have time to run off the new well pump after completing the project and to repair the aerator hose into the pond. It is likely we will not turn on the well pump again this season.

2. **Snow Making Update**

- a. Completed the Jan 23rd touch up snowmaking session as planned.
- b. Mike Koester coordinated the last touch up of the season late Feb 10 into Feb 11. About 6-8 low locations to get about 6 to 10 inch added depth. This will especially help the classic tracks in several areas where very little base exists.
- c. A light is still out at the start of the trail and Rich is working with DNR on finding a solution.
- d. The tank outside the WRSB has been drained once and will be checked again

3. **Grooming Update**

- a. New rubber tracks were installed Jan 28 and are working well for both leveling and pushing the snow. We received 3 hours of help from Sean Becker showing us the best method of changing the tracks, which took about 2 hours. Great help from DNR and Groomers.
- b. The Pisten Bully has been out 37 times so far and Rich will continue to track this.

4. **“C” Circuit Main Disconnect Failure Friday Feb 7**

- a. The WRSB low Voltage alarm went off Friday morning for the C-circuit. I went to the WRSB at 11:00 AM and the 120-volt power in the garage was not working correctly and kept cutting out. Elect-Tech came out at 1:00 and together we found out we had a failed B-phase connection in the Main “C” phase disconnect at the trail head. All the other circuits were still working. We then swapped phase wires in the WRSB Disconnect to get the WRSB 120V power working. None of the C” circuit 3-phase pedestals were operatable since the “C” disconnect B-phase does not work until we complete repairs.
- b. All County Supply dropped off a new Main Disconnect Monday morning Feb 9 and Elect-Tech installed the new “C” circuit disconnect from Noon to about 4PM

with me there. The new disconnect works well but we found out that we still have an issue from Pedestal C5 to the end Pedestal C11. We then isolated it to be an issue between C5 and C6 somewhere deep in the pedestal or underground between the two pedestals. This will have to wait until spring/summer. Snowmaking used Pedestal C5 for snow making touch up.

5. Expenses

- a. Rich and Mike are summarizing a list of repair and improvement needs for snowmaking for consideration during summer and fall 2025, and will share at the end of the season for review.
- b. Rich presented a first draft summary of this season's expected fiscal year expenses and balance sheet which covers expenses and income from **Oct 1, 2024, through Sept 30, 2025.** – John McCarthy displayed the spreadsheet. Discussion was held on the various expected costs and actual costs to date, along with the most likely end of fiscal year balance. Rich will update this budget sheet in June for review and begin to rough out a 2025/2026 budget format for discussion and input in summer.

Treasurer's Report: Anne R. gave a brief report from the December treasurer's report on income and expenses for snowmaking. See 5b. above noting that Rich presented a fiscal year summary.

Holiday Card: Anne R. noted that \$27,000 came in December. Working on final numbers.

Friends Insurance Coverage Changes: Anne R. raised a question about where the notices of changes in declarations pages from the insurance company are. She and Will are working on this.

Possible Future Monitoring System: Jim M. and Rich will be investigating the possibility of installing a camera in the pumphouse and also whether the system in the new lodge could provide a private WiFi line network for overall monitoring of parts of the snowmaking system. Their analysis will start in June.

Loppet: Mike G. reported that this event on Saturday, January 18th, was very successful with Anne R. serving as Kris Maki's assistant for the event. There were 1045 cars counted at the park entrance on January 18th with 5 states represented in the Loppet.

New Business: Charlie R. reported that the Delafield Tourism and Promotion department has hired Z-2 marketing company. They plan to film at Lapham on February 19th. Charlie also asked for ideas on how to capture contact information for many of the people who ski at Lapham Peak. Anne R. noted that the Peak Nordic Kids continue to have fun on Monday nights and the Peak Nordic girls high school team won the state championship. She expressed her thanks for the snowmakers and groomers that make this possible.

It was noted that for this season the first day of skiing was December 2, 2024.

It was suggested that discussion on Phase IV be started at the April planning meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Ziarek