

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee  
 Web meeting via Zoom  
 April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:00 PM-7:40 PM

**Present via Zoom:** Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Mike Graham, Will Edwards, Jim Marschalek, Rich Marusenic, Joanne Ziarek, Lee Rooker, & Mark Herr.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6pm via Zoom.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting approved. Joanne Z. will send to John Hillmer to post as usual.

**Snowmaking and Project Report from Rich Marusinec:**

**1. Well Repair Project – Collin B**

Rich talked to Collin who has chatted with our well repair contractor and the most likely date for the well pump is later May into June based on weather and dry out. Collin plans to get the contractor out to the park to firm up how to get to the well. John McCarthy and Mike Koester will cover for Rich while he’s gone in June. Collin will likely disassemble the well house ahead of time to clean up and repair or rebuild. Electric has been disconnected by Elect Tech

**2. Snow Making Update**

- Head Snowmaking hours are summarized for Feb 1 through end of season for Anne Riendl to review prior to submitting to Hase Landscape.
- Collin has summarized Electrical costs for Dec, Jan, & Feb. Note that Feb kwh hours were below the level that triggers time of use charges,
- Collin has Diesel costs summarized for the season for payment to the DNR
- Collin and Colton are working on invoices to Snowmaking for Electricity and Diesel charges for the season.

	A	B	C	D
1	<b>Snowmaking Invoice '24-'25 Ski Season</b>			
2	<b>Fuel</b>			
3	<b>Month</b>	<b>Gallons</b>	<b>Price/Gal</b>	<b>Total Charge</b>
4	2024 Carryover Balance			\$ 43.63
5	December	205	\$ 2.987	\$ 612.34
6	January	355	\$ 3.122	\$ 1,108.31
7	February	166	\$ 3.311	\$ 549.63
8	March	20	\$ 2.897	\$ 57.94
9	<b>Total Fuel Charge</b>			<b>\$ 2,371.84</b>
10	<b>Electric</b>			
11	<b>Month</b>	<b>KWH</b>		<b>Total Charge</b>
12	December/January	56280		\$ 9,167.44
13	February	5760		\$ 986.74
14	Light Credit		\$290/Month	\$ (870.00)
15	<b>Total Electric Charge</b>			<b>\$ 9,284.18</b>
16				
17	<b>Total Owed</b>			<b>\$ 11,656.02</b>

### **3. Grooming Update**

Grooming hours are summarized for Mike Koester and Mark Janis from Feb 1 through end of season for Anne R. to review. Total season grooming cost is listed in Expense update.

### **4. "C" Circuit Main Disconnect Failure Friday Feb 7**

- The C circuit disconnect failed and was replaced in Feb and is working well. We still have an underground wire or connection issue from the south end playground (C4 or C5) pedestal to the WRSB pedestal (C6). Rich will be scheduling investigative work with Elect-Tech in May or June to determine what the problem is.

### **5. Snowmaking Season summary with suggested Repairs, Enhancements, Projects and Process changes.**

- 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 this list early June with an initial priority estimate. Mike is traveling until late May so we will start various activities, maintenance, and repairs in later June. Mike will likely lead the direction on the multiple hydrant failures with John's help. John McCarthy mentioned it would be good to fix hydrants in July/August when our water table is lowest.
- b. Lee mentioned we need to review our process for when we move a snow gun during snowmaking to identify key things that need to be double checked or signaled before the snow gun is moved. Rich asked Lee to summarize his thoughts on this as a starting point and email Mike and Rich.
- c. Rich and Mike will create a spreadsheet of the needed repair and enhancement projects to determine which projects can go forward with existing manpower and which may need added manpower to complete.

### **6. Balance Sheet, Budget and Upcoming Expenses for remainder of fiscal year (through end Sept 2025)**

- a. Rich presented an update to the previous January 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 July for review and begin to rough out a 2025/2026 budget format for discussion and input at future meetings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anne R. gave a brief report from the February treasurer's report on income and expenses for snowmaking noting that several larger expenses are yet to come. She also listed the donations from the Lapham Peak Ski Club from 2020-2024 that have totaled nearly \$40,000, with this year's donation still to come at the end of season meeting.

**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 Wi-Fi line network for overall monitoring of parts of the snowmaking system. Their analysis will start in June.

**New Business:** It was noted that for this season the first day of skiing was December 2, 2024, with 95 skiable days provided for the season.

It was suggested that Dan Matson be invited to a future meeting to discuss his ideas on Phase IV.

Anne R. noted that someone on an online form expressed interest in working on snowmaking income with her. Anne will follow up.

Upcoming parties being planned at the new Lapham Lodge are June 17<sup>th</sup> for the snowmakers and on July 15<sup>th</sup> for the annual FLP Board and snowmaking committee members pot luck cookout. Joanne will send out a “save the date” email in May for the July 15<sup>th</sup> event.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Joanne Ziarek**