

Friends of Lapham Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

April 5, 2017

Board members present: Louise Borzynski, Kris Maki, Karl Timm, Rick Von Haden, Daya Pillay, and John McCarthy Mary Benson Mike Fort, Dan Wiley

Absent: Rita Keber, Jackie Nicholson

Also present: Anne Korman

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Dates to remember: next board meeting on **Wednesday May 3rd, 2017 at 6:00 pm** at Hausmann Lodge

March Minutes: accepted after corrections.

Treasurer's Report: see separate report for details

Now tracking Active.com fees as an expense for IRS purposes.

Receipts:

- General Fund: \$2872.26
- Snowmaking: \$14,122.25

Disbursements:

- **General Fund:** \$577.79
- **Snowmaking:** \$668.22

Recently work has been done to reconcile LP Friends General Fund vs Snowmaking. After months of work resolved about 10 years of treasurer reports, 100 hours of work. Many hundreds of dollars were shifted back and forth but the final difference was only \$77. Kris, Anne, Louise, John. Will update the Treasurer's report with the changes.

Running Agenda

- **Colorama:** n.a.
- **Bike Swap:** n.a.
- **Lapham Loppet:** n.a.
- **Summer Solstice:** see below
- **Candlelight Ski:** see below
- **Fright Hike:** n.a.
- **Wednesday Night Ski Series:** n.a.
- **Work Days:** see below
- **Snowmaking:** see below
- **Nature Center:** n.a.
- **Endowment Fund:** see below

Old Business

- **Snowmaking**
 - Presentation at Over The Peak, received \$500 in donations

- No trail extension until MOU settled
- Possible expenditures:
 - i. 2 new snow guns \$20K x 2
 - ii. Snow cat \$20K
- Working on details for snow cat repairs, might move it to repair shop
- Bigger snow guns will draw more power, used one this past winter and it worked well
- Snowmaking Master Plan new name: "Friends of LP Snowmaking Implementation Plan"
- Will try for submittal of Recreational Trails Grant again this year
- **Colorama:** n.a.
- **Summer Solstice:** July 8th, working with Bike Doctor, planning is starting
- **Candlelight Ski:**
 - Recommendation to hold candlelight ski event
 - Make a chargeable event: \$10 per car
 - i. Bundle WI State Parks one day pass with the sale (for those without stickers).
 - This year would be an experiment
 - Gathering tasks that are currently done.
 - Will use online event payment system such as Zap Events
 - Use social media: will talk to Teresa McDonald
 - Work in process
- **Bike Swap:** n.a.
- **Work Day: is Earth Day,**
 - Retzer and other places having activities
 - Clean up butterfly garden
 - Want to advertise the event
 - Tools: rakes, work gloves, landscaping tools
 - John: work on phase 3A landscaping: seed, mulch, erosion mat,
 - i. Intersection of Tail End and Magic Carpet: lots of water problems
 - ii. Consider install small plank bridge.
 - iii. Longer term solution: French drain plus other drain technology
 - Food: Louise to make pulled pork, will make a salad, sweets from Bike Swap, Kris to help
- **Dan & Melissa Jarecki Invasive Species Fund:** not present, no update
- **Grants:** no new grants
- **Evergreen Shelter:**
 - Brett provided a work list, committee requesting more info:
 - i. Board would like to know prices, priorities, bids, recommendations from DNR, and DNR share of funding
 - Development Grant: waiting for info from Brett and state
 - Original: \$12,500 LP Friends and state to match

- Anything over \$50K to go through the Dept of Administration

New Business

1. New Grant Applications:

1. \$100 beautification for butterfly garden
2. \$1000 Affinity Grant: Blue bird exhibit: Jim Walsh to do, \$500 cash and \$500 in kind labor

2. Greater Milwaukee Foundation – Endowment: submitted by Rick Van Haden

1. GMF: 750 million managing
2. \$39K LP, likely would not be able to get except 4.75% per year
 - i. Rick to try to retrieve full amount
3. Rick recommends Vanguard (\$4 trillion managing)
4. Only 15% of managed funds beat the index funds
5. VG 0.14%, GMF 1.6% fees
6. Recommendation: fund VG with \$5000, Rick to fund \$3000 of that, LP Friends to fund \$2000
 - i. Motion: to create new fund, 2nd by Rick: unanimously approved
 - ii. Printout provided by Rick comparing funds

3. Paul Sandgren sign

1. Cost \$600, fund has \$225 + other minor funds + balance

4. Bricks:

1. We have about 25 bricks bought but not installed
2. New advertizing signage, e.g. Mother's gift
3. Mary to work with Dan

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Timm: Secretary