

Friends of Lapham Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

June 7, 2017

Board members present: Louise Borzynski, Timm, Rick Von Haden, Dan Wiley, Rita Keber, Jackie Nicholson, John McCarthy, Daya Pillay

Absent: Kris Maki, Mary Benson, Mike Fort

Also present: Brett Johanan, Anne Korman, Anne Riendl

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Dates to remember: next board meeting on **Wednesday August 2, 2017 at 6:00 pm** at Hausmann Lodge

May Minutes: accepted after corrections.

Treasurer's Report: see separate report for details

- Tax form for 2016 submitted
- Signage grant, needs some cleanup. Signs for Colorama was charged to Colorama instead of grant. Louise will correct. This will close out the \$5280 grant.
- Commission for selling of Dan Jarecki stock was \$47 was charged by Waukesha Bank. Dan questioned cost; he pays \$7 for Scott Trade. Consider changing how we sell.

Running Agenda

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

Old Business

- **Snowmaking:** Report by John McCarthy and Anne Reindl
 - Donation of two new snow guns was accepted by DNR Natural Resources Board. A group, led by Anne Reindl, accepted the plaque in person. The meeting was a good opportunity to meet with NRB members and tout snowmaking and other programs at the park.
 - Two SMI Standard Polecat snowguns have been ordered and a deposit placed. Total cost is \$41,000, plus shipping. Guns are expected to arrive before November 1
 - The snowmaking committee submitted a response to a survey questionnaire from the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation regarding the FLP's snowmaking project, as they consider doing snowmaking on the Birkie Trail
 - The Snowcat has been evaluated for needed repairs will be hauled to Miller Bradford for the work. Estimated repair costs are around \$10,000.
- **Lupo Pond Aerator:** A donation of \$1000 was accepted from John Lupo for installation of a new aerator in the snowmaking pond. The air compressor has been installed, but the diffuser still needs to be placed in the pond. Cost is expected to be below \$1000. The rest will be designated for electrical costs for the aerator.

- **Summer Solstice:** July 8th, working with Bike Doctor, planning is starting
 - Rita has sent out some posters.
 - Conflicts
 - i. Delafield block party
 - ii. Summer Stage: has a good band
 - Food:
 - i. considering hamburgers
 - ii. brats: consider Italian sausage
 - iii. chips from Sam's Club
 - iv. water, beer: no soda, apple cider
 - v. Beer: 1 half barrel, (2 offered), 6 foot advertising banner from Delafield Brewhaus
 - Picnic Supplies: plates, utensils, cups (buy for FLP potluck)
 - Insurance: will get from the Bike Doctor (food and alcohol, cost about \$400)
 - Next year - prefer June
 - i. June 23, 2018
- **Candlelight**
 - Date: Jan 27th 1 wk before Super Bowl (Loppet is the 3rd Saturday)
 - Sell admission in advance!
 - i. Have people select arrival time, i.e. stagger
- **Fright Hike**
 - Suggested that the Town Look at route that does not impact the trail restoration
 - Changing location where items are stored (only used once a year)
- **Nature Center**
 - Opened last weekend in May, but low attendance, 21 on Sat., 37 on Sun. Free park pass - first weekend in June
 - Need volunteers for July and forward
 - Couple of things broken, some areas blocked off now
 - The missing floor puzzle showed up
 - MPS Renting:
 - i. Rentability issues, e.g. food, bar
 - ii. Considering moving children's center and some of the exhibits to the upstairs rooms, put behind a glass door
 - iii. Move the sellable merchandise into children's area
 - iv. Conference tables: not normally used by renters
 - v. Aug 19th wedding, could be test run (will take photos)
 - vi. Close month of August
 - Remodel kitchen
 - i. Out of date
 - ii. Not professional level

- iii. No Warming ovens and double door refrigerator
- DNR proposed changing the way the Center operates by opening up the exhibit area, and moving the exhibits, the merchandise, and the children's area to the three "classrooms." DNR asked for FLP Board agreement to do this prior to the August 19th event, as a test. DNR will do the work. The Board agreed with DNR's proposal.
- **Work Day:**
 - St. John's Military Academy: need to do community service, Sat Nov 11 only
 - Set FLP Work Day for Sa.,t Nov. 11
- **Grants:**
 - Trail Grant application submitted May 1st
 - i. Grant application considered complete after submittal of additional information (map of proposed restoration areas)
 - ii. will know result by end of August
 - iii. to do work in September or fall
 - Trail restoration and Evergreen Restoration
 - i. \$8953 (50%), to be matched (\$6053 cash after volunteer labor)
 - ii. We have set aside \$12,500 so could fund even if we do not get grant
- **Evergreen Shelter:**
 - Concrete walkways replacement: remove both and then fill in
 - i. \$1870 est.
 - Brett had Bill Hemingway look at his suggestion (Mike Straka)
 - Staining of siding may be done by volunteers
 - Gutters on west side,
 - i. Want to avoid water damage
 - ii. Maybe use a waterproof paneling around building
 - Missy (DNR): given info, has not responded
- **Vanguard Endowment:** account \$5000 accepted
 - \$1100 check to be deposited

New Business

1. **Bricks:** have 25 bricks to put including new orders
 1. Rick Hass will possibly do project
 2. Consider bricking the whole path, then can install individual bricks as bought, e.g every 6 mo.
 3. Dan to get estimate
2. **Memorial Benches**
 1. Brett: would like to update the policy
 - i. Replace existing (non-memorial), benches
 - ii. Accessible in winter only if skiing on groomed ski trail

- iii. Sign 5 x 8 inches, if larger the customer pays the difference
- iv. Benches is \$1500, standard plaques are \$100 +
- 2. Plaque and bench by the tower for the Waukesha Bank
 - i. Brett to rebuild bench
 - ii. Snowmaking to request funds to update the plaque

3. Outdoor WI

- 1. Interested in doing a Winter showing of Lapham Peak, e.g. January

4. Greater Milwaukee Foundation Endowment Fund

- 1. Cannot get access to the principal.
- 2. Motion submitted and accepted:
 - i. Request the Greater Milwaukee Foundation mature the Friends of Lapham Peak Acorn fund.
 - ii. Request financial management of the Designated Fund be provided by JP Morgan.
 - iii. Request distributions to the Friends of Lapham Peak be in the maximum amount possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Timm: Secretary