

Friends of Lapham Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

January 4, 2016

Board members present: Louise Borzynski, Mary Benson, Mike Fort, Rita Keber, June Kieckhaefer, Kris Maki, John McCarthy, Karl Timm, and Dan Wiley

Absent: Daya Pillay and Rick Von Haden

Also present: Brett Johansen and Ann Korman

Meeting called to order 7:07 pm.

Dates to remember: Board meeting on Monday, February 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Trecker Lodge

October Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report accepted. Bills received, presented and paid. Income from membership and donations were \$1,625 and Snowmaking donations were \$2,764.10.

Old Business

- 1. Homestead Picnic Shelter:** Workers were there today to clear the pad and put in bracket. Next will be setting the posts and starting the roof. Roof materials have not been dropped off yet. Louise continues to contact Jason Stein.
- 2. Snowmaking/ park revenue:** Kris stated snowmaking donations were down this year. An article in Silent Sports magazine mentioned Lapham Peak in a negative manner with less grooming on trails, lights out at 9 pm rather than 10 pm and trail expansion delayed until next year. She will discuss the article at the snowmaking meeting and ascertain if a Letter to the Editor of the magazine should be submitted to clarify some information. Louise will contact Kimberly Currie from the DNR to discuss park revenue. FLP needs to find a creative way to obtain more money for snowmaking for sustainability of the project. Currently, all revenue from trail fees and park stickers go into a DNR account.
- 3. Ski League and Loppet:** There are enough volunteers this week for the first Wed. Night races but much help is needed for the Loppet. Ann K. agreed to announce racers as they finish the Loppet. Karl will chair the Laddie and Lassie Loppet. Rita and Paul will help. Kris was given names of other people for data entries on the computer.
- 4. Waivers on state vehicle fees:** State parks are allowed two dates for waiving vehicle fees. Brett will submit Colorama as one date. Validation for Colorama as a waiver day: HNC will be open, Elly Swinehart will offer naturalist activities and Mike will possibly offer a hike.

New Business

- 1. Candlelight Ski** is Saturday, January 30th. Rita will contact volunteers to assist with shifts outside lighting candles and parking, and inside the shelter. She will contact members for food donations.

Louise has boxes of donuts, cider and cocoa. Brett stated there will be no lights on the pond. MPS will have a table.

Jan. 30, 2016 Candlelight	4:00-6:00 pm	6:00-8:00 pm
Light candle outside	John Hillmer, Susan & Mark Smith	Mike and Rita
Parking (3/shift)	5:15-7:00 pm 3 park staff and Karl	7:00-8:15 pm ?
Inside	4:30-7:00 pm	7:00-9:30 pm
	Wendy and Priscilla Farrell Louise to help get ready	June and Mary

2. **MPS and HNC:** Brett and Louise met with a MPS staff member to discuss revenue issues. It was agreed that the HNC will be closed to the public one Saturday a month in June, July and August to allow for private events. MPS students with a chaperone may go upstairs to view the exhibits. As part of revenue cuts, HNC will not have Marlyn at the Kids Korner in the future.
3. **Insurance:** Louise will contact Missy, Capital Development Specialist for DNR, with regards to information of what will be insured through the DNR vs FLP.
4. **Information to DNR:** State Friends groups are asked to submit documents to property managers regarding their park. Rita will send to Brett accomplishments for 2015 (annual reports), 2016 meeting dates, and schedule of Friends events. John and Louise will also submit necessary information.
5. **Ski Trail Conditions Page on website:** Reports by skiers will be read and monitored by John and park staff for inappropriate remarks that will be removed as they are discovered.
6. **Master Planning Series:** Anne and Brett have been working on the plan.
7. **Making snow:** Brett began making snow. Many thanks to Sean Becker for helping repair equipment. Brett will continue to invite the volunteers who showed the initial interest in helping to assist with snowmaking. Only one person responded to assisting.
8. **Officers for 2016:** Board voted and approved the following members: President: Louise, Treasurer: Dan, Secretary: Karl with Rita assisting. Vice President will be voted on in February.

Next board meeting is Monday, February 1, 2016 at Trecker Lodge at 7:00 pm.

Adjourned 9:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Keber
Secretary