

Friends of Lapham Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

May 3, 2017

Board members present: Louise Borzynski, Kris Maki, Karl Timm, Rick Von Haden, Mary Benson, Mike Fort, Dan Wiley, Rita Keber, Jackie Nicholson, John McCarthy

Absent: Daya Pillay

Also present: Brett Johanan

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Dates to remember: next board meeting on **Wednesday June 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm** at Hausmann Lodge

April Minutes: accepted after corrections.

Treasurer's Report: see separate report for details

- Transfer: \$77.79 to the General Fund from Snowmaking after audit of accounts
- Stock donation from Dan Jarecki trust was sold and transferred for dedicated prairie fund.

Receipts:

- General Fund: \$5,377
- Snowmaking: \$882

Disbursements:

- **General Fund:** \$254 plus \$5000 kick start of endowment fund (\$3000 from Von Haden gift)
- **Snowmaking:** \$436

Running Agenda

- **Colorama:** see below, **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

- **New posters for Butterfly Garden bricks.**
- **Snowmaking**
 - Buying two snow guns, finalizing the decision, waiting for approval from DNR (to be given on Saturday), about \$40K of \$84K in the snowmaking fund
 - i. Looking at the full capacity of the electrical system.
 - Committee with the WI Friends Trails Council
 - i. 11/9/17 meeting at Hausmann center
 - ABSF (American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation): looking at how we do snowmaking, e.g. for their new start area
 - Snowcat:
 - i. Miller-Bradford discussions
 - ii. Test of removing bolts from the tracks to do repairs ourselves
 - iii. Looking at tarps to cover during the summer

- iv. Looking at used snowcat market
 - Creating a snowmaking process document
 - Trail Grants: snowmaking is considered as equipment and hence not eligible
- **Colorama:**
 - New sponsorship brochures created, reviewed by board, minor suggestions.
 - Shirts: 50/50 Kris waiting for response for colors
- **Summer Solstice:** July 8th, working with Bike Doctor, planning is starting
 - Poster made, will print by end of the month
 - Brewhaus: committed to donating the beer: Wants advertising
 - Food: Brats, Hamburgers (new)
 - Insurance: Rita to talk to Bike Doctor
- **Nature Center**
 - Number of volunteers is low, Louise is working it
 - Ideas for kids in the crafts area
 - Missing \$25 floor puzzle, butterfly metamorphosis
 - Considering camera for security, waiting for DNR response
- **Work Day: is Earth Day,**
 - About \$300 in expenses for trail
- **Dan & Melissa Jarecki Invasive Species Fund:**
 - Donation of stock has cleared.
 - Dan has been in the area working
- **Grants:**
 - John submitted Recreational Trail Grant
 - i. Trail restoration
 - ii. Submitted this past Monday
 - iii. Vote for a resolution: for
 - iv. \$5000 trail, \$9000 for shelter,
 - v. \$5000 Friends Match, 200 hours trail, 200 hours Evergreen – to be paid for from General Funds
 - vi. Mulch, seed on flat areas, use erosion mats in steeper area
 - vii. Evaluate in July, send results late August, September
- **Greater Milwaukee Foundation – Endowment: submitted by Rick Van Haden**
 - Sent initial deposit of \$5000 Vanguard to invest (balance of endowment is with Greater Milwaukee Foundation). Waiting for response.
- **Evergreen Shelter:**
 - Waiting for response from Trail Grant
 - Brett waiting for quotes on various work
 - Missy from DNR considering funding (after gets bids from Brett)

New Business

1. New Grants:

1. \$100 beautification for butterfly garden
2. \$1000 Affinity Grant:
 - i. Blue bird exhibit: Jim Walsh to do, \$500 cash and \$500 in kind labor
 - ii. Buying special glass for display cases

2. Bricks: Have 2 new orders

3. Outdoor WI

1. Rick met host Dan Small by chance and gave interview, Brett gave interview also
2. Suggesting another episode with emphasis on snowmaking, maybe John to represent

4. Tree Planting

1. Eagle scouts planted trees around the Mike Fort shelter (about 20)
2. Brett will label the trees
3. 60 oak trees on prairie
4. Emerald Ash Bore found (30 trees cut down), almost all ash in the park are infected

5. Invasive Species

1. Cutting buckthorn
2. Burning mainly done (performed by DNR)

6. Poop Bags Issue: being left on trails

1. Rick picked up about 20 this year already
2. Should we put out the bags? Better would be leave poop in the woods without bags.
3. Biodegradable bags? Brightly colored undesirable.

7. Waukesha Green Alliance

1. Show geo thermal system

8. Delafield Tourism Council : Brett now a member

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Timm: Secretary