

Friends of Lapham Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

February 6, 2017

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

Absent: Mike Fort

Also present: Brett Johanan

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm, Adjourned 9:25 pm

Dates to remember: next board meeting on **Tuesday March 7, 2017** at 7:00 pm at Hausmann Lodge

January Minutes: accepted after corrections.

Treasurer's Report: see separate report for details

- Lapham Loppet:
 - Revenue: \$1520 + \$160 donations
 - Costs: \$611.90 (\$322.26 in reusable signs)
- Ski League: \$2071
- Snowmaking Donations: \$5566.87
- Candlelight Ski
 - Donations: \$790
 - Costs:
 - \$105 for candles for Candlelight Ski, paid from donations,
 - Choc, cider, marshmallows \$75
 - Bus: about \$175
- Disbursements:
 - Christmas Cards: \$274.61

Running Agenda

- **Colorama:** see below
- **Bike Swap:** handled by snowmaking committee
- **Lapham Loppet:** see below
- **Summer Solstice:** see below
- **Candlelight Ski:** see below
- **Fright Hike:** n.a.
- **Wednesday Night Ski Series:** All is going well, been skiing on man-made snow only
- **Work Days:** n.a.
- **Snowmaking:** see below
- **Nature Center:** see below

Old Business

1. Snowmaking

1. Appreciation for the efforts of the DNR staff
2. Brett made 2 drains to keep man made loop skiable
3. Playground spread out
4. Fixed valve problem underground (early January)
5. 24 inches is good minimal depth

2. Colorama

1. Don't have a timer, previous one is busy
2. Madison company is more expensive
3. Manual timing
4. T-Shirts: many left over,
 - i. Options: don't order any for this year.
 - ii. Sponsors: on the previous year shirts
 - iii. Small T-Shirts: limited

3. Summer Solstice

1. Will have it again this year
2. Location: Shelter vs Hausmann, if shelter and rain then use Trecker
3. When?

4. Candlelight Ski

1. \$790 this year, \$1300 last year, \$300-500 normally
2. Brett: anticipated early arrival, 4 fulltime DNR, 5 seasonal, (more than previous candlelight), 150 hours logged for DNR
3. Contacted local law enforcement
4. 6 volunteer parking, 6 candle lighters, 7 inside, plus bakers
5. Needed to have a voucher: gave out all ahead of time (450), 149 did not show up
 - i. Only 13 cars came that did not have vouchers
 - ii. Last minute: Friends thought that more would be let in if room but that was not the case
 - iii. There was surplus parking available during the event due to turnover of visitors
 - iv. Facebook event created by a known friend of the park
 1. was very effective at informing the public about the event
 2. park staff spent a lot of time monitoring the site and changing the event details to discourage attendance once it appeared that capacity was being reached
 3. See Brett Johanen for details.
 - v. Couple of complaints, e.g. not in Lake County Reporter
6. Create Sub-Committee
 - i. Rick, Karl, and Judy Raether to form committee
 - ii. Need Special Events permit, and insurance even if free
 - iii. suggestion to charge \$10 per vehicle

New Business

1. **Invasive Species Fund:** Dan & Melissa Jarecki would like to finance

1. Will create a trust, will start 2017
 2. Working with Mike Fort,
 3. Crown Vetch eradication, Invasive Species Eradicators will spray the invasive, controlling, plant native flowers, specific area,
 4. Need better understanding from the DNR about best way to implement, DNR Park staff will not perform duties, other DNR staff might be able to do it, Need to understand the "Alignment"
 5. Currently working with Chris Mann (best deal), to spray
- 2. Tracking Volunteer Hours**
1. New form 2016
 2. 5819 hours: lots of hours
 3. Note: federal government gives money to other volunteer programs, e.g. Ice Age Trail
- 3. Bob Sandless deceased:** message from Sandy Sudgen: gave us his lights from Heritage Ridge
1. We will write a nice card to his family
- 4. Brett: Nature Center**
1. Make the upstairs room more open, e.g. one wedding moved center displays to kids area
 2. MPS: should lower their fees, needs Promotion: \$400 four / hours
 3. Trecker: gets lots of rental
 4. Example wedding: moved center displays to kids area
 5. \$704,000 taken in at Lapham Peak from park fees

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Timm: Secretary