

Friends of Lapham Peak Annual Meeting

November 1, 2017

Hausmann Nature Center, 7:00 pm

Board members present: Louise Borzynski, Timm, Dan Wiley, Rita Keber, John McCarthy, Kris Maki, Mary Benson, Mike Fort, Jackie Nicholson, Daya Pillay

Absent: Rick Von Haden (excused)

Also present: Brett Johanen, Anne Korman, John Hillmer

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Dates to remember: next board meeting (Christmas party) on **Wednesday December 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm** at Rita Keber's house

Presentation of Annual Report: Louise Borzynski

- See report for details

Discussion of DNR Alignment: Anne Korman

- reduction of staff and responsibilities, e.g. no more management of evasive species

Recreation Opportunities Analysis (ROA): John McCarthy

- before the end of the year, the state will solicit feedback on the desired use of State Parks and public land on a region by region basis
- navigate to <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/RecAnalysis/> and click on the link [Subscribe to receive Recreation Opportunities Analysis news](#) to be notified about
 - public hearings
 - on how to submit feedback online

Discussion of Lapham Peak Master Plan: John McCarthy

- Presented a compelling discussion on how the 100 camping site proposal of the 1989 Lapham Peak Master Plan would be a disaster to the hiking and cross country ski trail system of Lapham Peak
- John and the board will be following up with the process to amend the LP master plan to not specify camping in its current location

Election of Board Members: Louise Borzynski

- John McCarthy: remaining on the board
- Mary Benson: remaining on the board
- Mike Fort: retiring after 24 years and many additional volunteer hours
 - replaced by John Hillmer

Transfer of Property Manager: Brett Johanen

- transferring to Mirror Lake State Park
- leaving with bittersweet and mixed emotions
- proud of the accomplishments of the Friends of Lapham Peak group

Presentation of the Rainforests of Costa Rica: Larry Cash

- Retzer naturalist

- has hosted several trips Costa Rica with the Retzer Friends group
- discussed the many benefits of eco-tourism such as how it supports the local economy and sustains the natural environment
- provided an extended pictorial presentation of the natural beauty of the flora and fauna of Costa Rica

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Timm: Secretary