

# Friends of Lapham Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

December 6, 2017

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

**Absent:** John McCarthy (excused)

**Also present:** Anne Korman and John Hillmer

**Meeting called to order:** 8:00 pm

**Dates to remember:** next board meeting **January 4, 2018** at **6:00 pm** at Hausmann Center

**October & November Minutes:** accepted after corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** year end, see separate report for details

- Colorama Net: \$6820.58
- Active Giving contract vs. Paypal donations
  - unresolved

## Running Agenda

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

## Old Business

- **Colorama**
  - Kris is stepping down as race director
  - Many t-shirts left, 90+ awards, numbers and medals
  - Active.com has over 600 names to send information
  - Kris has the timer booked
- **Wednesday Night Ski Series/ Loppet**
  - K-6 starts at 6:15 pm, High School start 6:30 pm, Middle School: immediately follow the high school, Adults: after 7:15 pm (lights off at 9:00)
  - Have enough help for ski series
  - Loppet – some help needed for bib collector and Laddie & Lassie. Contact Kris, contact Rita for desserts
- **Snowmaking**
  - Penguin Pal campaign fundraising: donations received
  - Snowmaking started, more responsibility given to volunteers
- **Work Day**
  - all went well, enough food
  - St John / Northwestern volunteers: very hard working, will like to use next year

- **Fort Shelter washout**
  - new steps installed, look great
- **Paul Sandgren Sign**
  - LP sign installed at beginning of trail at Lapham, across Hwy C

## **New Business**

### **1. Candle Light is a park event with FLP helping**

1. Online ticketing mechanism completed and operational - Karl Timm
2. DNR says we are not permitted to charge for candlelight ski event
3. Will continue with voucher system used last year. Anne Korman will get back to board as to details allowed for Candlelight Ski after contacting Brian Hefty, Assistant Bureau Director
4. The DNR rationale:  
They feel that if they give their blessing on your group to charge for the vehicle vouchers, it will set a precedent for other groups to want to start charging more for access to their events and it would create a web of inconsistency across the system for these candlelight hikes that are meant to get people onto our properties at a time of year where it can be easy to stay home due to cold weather. This one restriction will not prevent them from supporting other friends' group events where you may want to charge a small fee to cover the cost of materials, a performer, etc.

### **2. Property Manager**

1. Past position was classified as Park Ranger/Assistance Property Manager
2. Anne will be asking the DNR Bureau to change the status to Property Manager which includes a higher pay. Bureau recognizes even though Lapham Peak is a smaller park, it has other things happening, such as snowmaking. Hopefully approval will be given by spring.
3. Meanwhile, LP will be managed by Anne and current rangers

### **3. ROA**

1. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is embarking on a study, known as the [Recreation Opportunities Analysis \(ROA\)](#), of existing outdoor-based recreation opportunities and future recreation needs in each region of the state. Take the survey for the Lower Lake Michigan Coastal part of Wisconsin, which covers southeastern WI. Tell about cross-country skiing at LP. There is an open meeting Tuesday, December 12 from 4-7 pm at the Urban Ecology Center.

### **4. Work Day spring**

1. St John / Northwestern volunteers will come May 12, 2018
2. Possibly work on brick pathway in Butterfly Garden
3. Talk to Holly for restoration work, cut buckthorn, make piles
4. Ask Jay for work options

**Next meeting Thursday, January 4, 6 pm, Hausmann Nature Center**

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Timm: 2017 Secretary

Amended with corrections, 1/4/2018, John Hillmer, 2018 Secretary