

Friends of Lapham Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

February 8, 2018



Board members present: Louise Borzynski, Rick Von Haden, John Hillmer, Rita Keber, Kris Maki, Jackie Nicholson, Karl Timm, Dan Wiley

Absent: Mary Benson (excused), John McCarthy (excused), Daya Pillay

Also present: Anne Korman (DNR)

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Dates to remember: Next board meeting **Thursday March 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm** at Hausmann Center

January Minutes: accepted with 1 correction. The minutes have been posted to the FLP Web Site, with a note that the attachments are not available in the online PDF version that is published to the public.

Treasurer's Report: see attached report¹ for details

- New donations: \$26,087.15!
- Total receipts: \$44,078.80
 - VISA Rewards of \$275 were cashed in this month
- Total Cash Disbursements: \$24,502.22
- Net worth (now including Vanguard Endowment Fund): \$220,001.69
- Several donations, payments, and other related details were discussed; several Bills and Reimbursement Requests were handled, as were income and donations that were delivered to the Treasurer at this meeting
- Rick V reported that even with the recent declining changes in the stock markets, The Greater Milwaukee Endowment Fund is still worth \$45,021
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Running Agenda

Colorama: see below, **Bike Swap:** n.a., **Lapham Loppet:** see below, **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, **Cross Country Skiing:** n.a., **Nature Center:** n.a., **Endowment Fund:** n.a., **Butterfly Garden Bricks/Memorial Bench:** see below, **Agreement Between DNR & Friends:** see below

Old Business

1. Loppet, Kris reported:

- a. Funds from this year's Loppet were about 2 times what they were last year, entry fees: \$2,525
- b. Donations from the event (over and above entry fees) were: \$954.63

2. Wednesday Night Ski Series, Kris reported:

Money has now been collected from the ski league; we upped the price to \$10 and have collected \$4,515 so far with \$1,190 due from Peak Nordic and one more night to go (as of this date); See the attached Ski League Income Sheet². Ski awards banquet will be at the Nature Center on Mar 7th.

3. Friends of Lapham Peak Annual Candlelight Ski/Hike, Rita provided updates:

- a. A great success again this year; suggestions/comments are being compiled by Anne K for next year
- b. Of the 450 vouchers handed out, 400 cars brought their vouchers (11 cars came without vouchers) and parking was not an issue, even without being able to use the field at Homestead (due to wet conditions)
- c. \$858 was donated at the event (up quite a bit from last year)!
- d. This was a DNR event, in partnership with the Friends. Expenses for the Porta-Potty, any insurance/liability issues, candles/blocks/bags, salt for the trail, etc. were funded by the DNR. The FLP covered expenses for the food and supplying volunteers for the event

4. Workday, Louise reported:

- a. May 12th has been set, and Cadets from St. John's Northwestern Military Academy have been in contact with the FLP and DNR. Work to be done includes:
 - i. Butterfly Garden cleanup
 - ii. Buckthorn work (probably focused around Nemahbin Spring)
 - iii. Pulling garlic mustard

5. Butterfly Garden Walkway/Memorial Benches:

- a. A few Bricks have been ordered at the new donation/price levels. Louise will contact Mary B to see if we can get any of the information she might have had on file regarding this area of the park.
- b. The issue of tracking the benches continues with a little progress (Anne K found a file in the office, but it will need work to organize). Louise, Anne K, and John H will meet separately regarding this matter to start to put some order to all this (and to create a database for this information).
- c. Six new benches are being built by Friend Volunteers; they will be completed this week and then stored and installed by Park Personnel when weather permits.

6. Agreement Between DNR and the FLP, Louise Reported:

- a. A proposal was sent to the Board Members, attached³, but it is currently pending more work on several issues, including insurance.

7. Colorama, Kris reported:

- a. A new Delafield vendor (InStep) has proposed doing work for this event; they would bring their own timing and registration services, and could advertise to a wider audience ("He says he has 25,000 emails that he sends out messages to encourage the clients to enter the races for which he times"). There are issues though with their proposal and some history with the park. Walkers would not be covered, the registration process is not as flexible as we have now, and costs, etc.
- b. Eclipse, our previous timing provider (for races going back to about 2000), and Active.com for registrations, is changing too. Eclipse has been purchased but will continue under their parent company. Conversations with them are continuing, and they too would prefer a different registration service (using their new parent company's service); overall this is a less expensive option. Advertising to additional/new potential participants could be investigated and provided.
- c. Kris shared a 2018 Colorama Timetable, attached⁴; she will continue to work on options and look for volunteers.

8. Snowmaking, John M sent his report via email:

John M sent his report, attached⁵, via email anticipating that it would be presented for him, but due to the timing of the meeting the report was not able to be shared in detail, so it is provided here with the original attached:

- a. Snowmaking Expenses – The following expenses related to snowmaking have been approved:
 - i. Fundraising – corporate sponsorship signs: \$124.94
 - ii. Miller Bradford Snowcat repair from 2017: \$17,937.90 (note that an additional \$2,000 was provided by Miller Bradford, as negotiated by Joe Stuber)
 - iii. Miller Bradford – Snowcat Repairs, Alternator: \$347.02
 - iv. We Energies – Electricity: \$1,716.75
 - v. DNR – Reflective numbers for hydrants and pedestals - \$42.76
- b. Online Fundraising – Online donations for snowmaking are now being handled through PayPal.
- c. Snowmaking Operations – The snowmaking operations volunteers and the DNR have maintained the superb quality of the snowmaking trails through the month of January, including restoration of the trails after two major thaws and rain events. Daily grooming of the snowmaking trails by the DNR is greatly appreciated by the skiing public. There have been two additional snowmaking sessions to fortify some weaker areas on the trails. These sessions went well and resulted in no downtime on the trails. Joe Stuber and Rich Marusinec have lead these efforts.
- d. Snowmaking Fundraising – The snowmaking committee’s fundraising efforts continue on several fronts. Businesses have been solicited for donations and have been recognized with signs on the wooden “penguins” that have been placed around the trail. Charlie Ritter is leading this effort. Several new committee members are actively engaged in the fund raising effort, including the distribution of flyers and collection of donations at the Lapham Loppet.
- e. DNR-FLP Memorandum of Understanding for Snowmaking – No progress has been made on the MOU. The following items and/decisions were requested of the DNR at our meeting on October 24, 2017, and still have not been provided:
 - i. DNR Action Item: Provide a determination as to whether the issue with the potential campground, as noted in the 1989 Masterplan, conflicting with the snowmaking trail expansion, will be addressed via a Variance or an Amendment to the Masterplan. Following this determination with the initiation of the Variance or Amendment process
 - ii. DNR action Item: Provide example(s) of Strategic Plans, including the Maintenance and Operation Plan, and the Capital Development Plan, to the FLP.
 - iii. DNR action Item: Provide new draft MOU document for FLP review.
 - iv. DNR action item: Provide examples of other parks and Friends groups that have Friends-funded staff, and how the funding works.
- f. Recreational Opportunities Analysis (ROA) – The DNR is completing ROA. John M’s understands that there will be one more opportunities for public input in the near future. He also recommends an article by Mike McFadzen in the most recent addition of Silent Sports magazine, under “Causes for Alarm”, regarding the ROA (<http://www.silentsports.net/2018/02/09/silent-alarm-february/>)

New Business

1. Wisconsin State Park System Friends and Partnership Meeting, Louise Reported:

- a. A number of us will be attending a “special gathering...to hear about key program updates and learn about exciting partnership opportunities.” Attached is a letter⁶ from Ben Bergey, Director of the Wisconsin State Park System, with the invitation; the agenda is also attached⁷. FLP currently registered include: John Hillmer, Kris Maki, John McCarthy, Anne Riendl, Rita Keber, Karl Timm, Charlie Ritter (and Anne Korman from the DNR)
- 2. **Grants, Louise led discussion:**
 - a. Louise will apply for the Greater Delafield Community Fund grant for our work in the park on invasive species removal (i.e., buckthorn et al).
 - b. Louise, Holly Schmaling, Jack Abler, and John Hillmer are looking into a new grant, the 2018 Capacity Building Grant. Every Day Capacity Building Grants provide Friends Groups with grant funds of up to \$5,000 to help build their organizational capacity to serve public lands.
- 3. **Board Members, Louise reported:**
 - a. When the meeting was called to order, Louise indicated that Mary Benson has resigned from the board, effective immediately, due to her health situation
 - b. Dan provided Bank forms to our 4 officers for their signatures and information.

At 7:30 pm, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Rita and a second by Rick; with a note that this meeting was brief due to an impending snow storm that is anticipated to hit us at about 8 pm.

Next meeting Thursday, March 8, 6 pm, Hausmann Nature Center

Respectfully submitted, approved on March 8, 2018,
John Hillmer, Secretary

Attachments (not available in the online PDF):

- 1. Treasurer’s Report



Jan 2018 Treasurers Report.pdf

- 2. Ski League Income Sheet



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- 3. Agreement Between DNR and FLP



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- 4. 2018 Colorama Timetable



2018-Colorama-Time table.pdf

- 5. Snowmaking Report for the February Meeting



Feb-2018 Report to FLP Board for Snowm:

- 6. WI State Park System Friends and Partnership Meeting Invitation



Partner Meeting Invitation.pdf

- 7. WI State Park System Friends and Partnership Meeting Agenda



DistrictMeetingAgenda.pdf