

Friends of Lapham Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
February 14, 2019

Board members present*

*Louise Borzynski, *John Hillmer, *Rita Keber, *Anne Korman (DNR), *Kris Maki, *John McCarthy, Jackie Nicholson, *Anne Riendl, *Karl Timm, *Rick Von Haden, *Dan Wiley, Randy Wichinski

Next meeting: March 6 (Wednesday), Hausman Nature Center, 6pm

Meeting was called to order: 6:06 pm; this meeting was originally scheduled for February 7th but due to weather conditions it needed to be moved to the 14th. It is GREAT to have Rick joining us again!

December Minutes: Approved with 1 minor adjustment.

Treasurers Report: Karl provided updated copies of the December Report¹ and the new January Report².

- Randy has offered to help Karl with the year-end organization tax reports. John H provided help regarding the 1099-MISC and 1096 forms that we needed to file for our Fright Hike Contracted Resource.
- Anne R, Karl, and John H have been working on the FINAL numbers for Fright Hike (income & expenses) so that the contracted resource can receive their final payment (that will be a 2019 payment); those details will be shared in next month's report.
- The Board requested that a number of accounts/funds be moved, including:
 - 2018 Bike Swap & 2018 Summer Solstice, move to Snowmaking
 - Sandgren and 2018 Colorama move to General
- Heading on Page 3 should be Cash Disbursements (not Cash Receipts); the error goes back a few months
- The Report was then approved.

A request for our W9 (EIN) was presented – Dan or Karl will follow-up.

Bills were presented to Karl for processing & payment --

- Several came from Louise, including a bill for new mugs that will be sold in the office for the Friends (other new items are being looked at as well to be sold in the Office for the Friends).
- Kris presented bills for Awards, Food, and other items (see attached)³
- Anne R sent hers to Karl via email
- John H (and Jack A) were reimbursed for Habitat expenses

Donations were provided to Karl for handling and deposits

- Louise has a number of them, including another Memorial Bench! Anne K will check to see if more benches need to be made (John H will coordinate when the time comes)
- Rita provided income from Memberships
- Kris has income per the attached³

Old Business

Colorama: Randy has indicated that he would like to help with this 2019 Colorama!

Loppet & Ski Series: Over 60 people are coming most nights; Rangers are doing a GREAT job keeping the trails in good shape, especially with all the ice challenges.

Snowmaking: John M shared a written report, attached⁴ and provided below. John M also mentioned that we have a lot of lights that are out; Anne K will follow-up with the Rangers:

Snowmaking Expenses: Recent Snowmaking Expenses:

- Sponsorship Signage – reimbursed Jim Bostrom - \$268.91
- Insight – Diesel fuel for snowcat – Need clarification on who and how much to pay on this item
- We Energies – Electricity for December: \$2,615.45. Pay directly to We Energies

Land Use Agreement for Snowmaking: We received a co-signed copy of the LUA from the DNR. The Strategic and Business Plan for Snowmaking will be revised and updated to address the provisions contained in the LUA.

Snowmaking Phases 3B and 3C Expansions: Phase 3C, which will be comprised of about 1100 feet of pipe and wire and three more hydrants and power pedestals, is planned for spring 2019. Final design and ordering of materials for this work will proceed shortly. Final Phase 3B restoration work will be completed in the spring.

Project Fundraising and Community Engagement: Discussions with Cindy Duchow – local state representative – regarding the potential for a state budget allocation to support snowmaking operations are ongoing.

The ‘new donors matching contribution’ campaign is over half way to its goal of \$10,000 from new contributors to SM project. A new ‘match’ campaign is underway for funding snowcat repairs, as discussed below.

The Delafield Tourism Council has donated \$2500 to the snowmaking project. Sponsorships are being acknowledged with signs on the light poles along the snowmaking trails.

Many donations to snowmaking were received during January 2019.

2018-2019 Snowmaking Season: Four interlinked loops of manmade snow trails, comprised of about 2.4 kilometers, has been open for skiing since January 17th, including the entire “Into the Woods” loop. Trail users have been very complementary of the efforts of the volunteer snowmakers and DNR groomers. The trails have survived several rain events; with the snow base being returned to skiable condition by tilling with the Snowcat.

Snowcat: Problems with the left track have led to the snowcat being taken to Miller Bradford for repair. The snowmaking committee is actively strategizing replacement of the current snowcat in the relatively near future.

Grants:

- The RTP Trails Grant (RTP-876-17N) is complete. John is trying to complete the paperwork for this
- Enhancement Grants: Louise will ask the Delafield Foundation to see if they would cover the FLP cost of the Rescue Stretcher and Board.

Habitat Restoration:

UTV: With our Kawasaki Mule UTV on its last legs, last month the Board approved moving forward to research, and purchase a new UTV. John H, with help from Jack Abler and input from the Rangers, and other volunteers and Board members, led the project. Research on the options and prices (confidential to people outside of the Board) was presented by email and then again tonight (see attachment⁵) and action was taken to move forward to purchase a John Deere Gator, model XUV 835M. Negotiations were successful in getting the price of the 835M down under the pricing for other options (including Polaris Rangers 900’s and 1000’s, CanAm Defender HD8’s, Kubota’s, and other John Deere models).

Anne K has offered to provide some funding from the DNR for the vehicle. Louise is also asking around to see if any of her contacts would be willing to fund it (we would agree to reasonable advertising or similar recognition, such as placing the name of the donor or their company on it). If after any private / corporate funds, and then any DNR funds, if the Friends still need funding to cover this purchase, Rita moved, and it was seconded by Karl, that the Friends would use money from our General Fund to complete this purchase.

Chainsaw: John H reported, the Stihl MS261 chainsaw that the Friends purchased for Habitat Restoration last summer is currently in the shop. A failed Cylinder & Piston are being investigated by the manufacturer and local ACE Dealer. (Post meeting follow-up: Stihl usually does not warrantee saws used in commercial applications, but they also don't know why this saw failed, so they will replace the parts under warrantee; ACE will do the repair and tune-up at a discount for us (about \$125); the Habitat Fund will cover this).

2018 Volunteer Hours: Louise reported:

General Activities	7,483.5
Conservation	1,822.0
Nature Center	136.0
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Total	9,441.5 Hours

Approximately 229 people participated in volunteering (Note, this is not 229 different people; she counted each event separately and the number for the event). Louise thanked those who contributed to this significant number!

Candlelight: The event in January was canceled due to extreme cold weather; we agreed that it would not be rescheduled during the remaining winter months. The website has been updated.

Website: It was discussed and agreed that we should update and remove some of the older information on the various Friends webpages to help people focus on the current and upcoming. John H will make that happen.

New Business

Summer Solstice / Bike Swap: Anne R shared that she has found herself to be too booked into too many activities and needs to decline driving the 2019 Summer Solstice and Bike Swap events (whether held separately or combined). After discussion, it was agreed that for now, we would put the Bike Swap on "ice" (hold) but that other volunteers and Board members would help keep the Summer Solstice moving forward again this year. John M will check with band(s) to see what is still open for the event. Others will check into date(s) on the calendar to see what is booked and what is still open.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm: Next meeting is March 6th (Wednesday) at 6pm, Hausman Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hillmer, Secretary

Attachments (PDFs are attached for Board Members, but are not available in the online version)

1) Treasurer's Report (December)



2018 December
Treasurers Rpt v3.pdf

2) Treasurer's Report (January)



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3) SM Bills and Receipts (January)



Feb'19 SM from
Kris.pdf

4) SM Report (January)



2019-02-06-Feb SM
Report.pdf

5) John Deere UTV Presentation



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