

Friends of Lapham Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
March 6, 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: April 3 (Wednesday), Hausman Nature Center, 6pm

Meeting was called to order: 6:07 pm

February Minutes: Approved as presented.

Treasurers Report: Karl provided copies of the February report (also attached¹) with several notes:

- \$10,114 in revenue
 - \$5,806 from the Ski Series and the Loppet (one ski night not included)
 - \$2,089 in donations
 - \$2000 bench fund
- \$16,308 in expenses
 - \$2615 in electricity for snowmaking
 - \$3,352 for snowcat parts
 - \$8,165 in Fight Hike contracted services to Angela Lorbach

Made a variety of transfers:

- transferred \$5694.80 from Colorama 2018 to the General Fund
- transferred \$1,411.50 from the Bike Swap to the Snowmaking Fund
- transferred \$1,340.52 from the Summer Solstice to the Snowmaking Fund
- transferred \$225.25 from the Paul Sandgren Fund to the General Fund
- transferred \$2,318.31 from the Homestead Fund to the General Fund

The Board requested that next month we move Fight Hike funds (after final payment to the contracted Coordinator) as follows: \$1,000 to Habitat Restoration, and the Balance to Snow Making.

The Treasurers Report was then accepted. Board Members provided Karl with Receipts and Reimbursement requests, and Bills to be paid. Kris provided the attached summary² for SnowMaking. Membership money from Rita was provided to Karl. Anne R and Louise provided income to Karl, including funds for a new Memorial Bench (\$2000), and a donation of \$7500 from the Labraugh Foundation. Bills included expenses from Rita for the ski banquet and see Kris' report for SnowMaking expenses. An invoice from John H for the new John Deere Gator was processed; the John Deere 835M Gator came to \$13,990 + \$600 for a winch; this will be funded by the DNR (\$2000) and the Friends' General Fund (\$12,590, of which \$11,990 was paid in March, and the remaining \$600 will be paid in April. Other expenses included reimbursements for Tax forms (Karl) and for Habitat Restoration equipment maintenance (saw maintenance and chains, oil, etc.) (John H).

Old Business

Lapham Loppet and Ski Series: Final work is still happening on the accounting for the Loppet but probably a record year, with estimated revenue of \$8000. 88 people attended the banquet (103 signed up but many were ill).

Snowmaking: John M provided the report, attached³ *with a few notes added from the Board discussion:*

Snowmaking Expenses: Snowmaking Expenses included:

- Television for Evergreen – reimbursed Anne Riendl - \$179.99
- Insight – Diesel fuel for snowcat – \$468.85 (*more expenses coming once the DNR determines this*)
- Fall line – Snowcat repair parts – Reimbursed to Joe Stuber: \$3,352.22
- Titan Wire – down payment for Phase 3C cable -- \$2,500.00

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 late April 2019 *or early May (it needs to start after the April 28th Bear Trax run)*. Final design for this work is proceeding. Materials are being ordered. Cable and pedestals have been ordered. Pipe and hydrants will be ordered shortly. An excavator from Miller Bradford has been reserved. Final details on the schedule for the work need to be worked out.

Final restoration work remaining for the Phase 3B 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 the SM project. A new ‘match’ campaign is underway for funding snowcat repairs, as discussed below.

2018-2019 Snowmaking Season: Four interlinked loops of manmade snow trails, comprised of about 2.4 kilometers have been open for skiing since Jan 17th, including the entire “Into the Woods” loop. Trail users have been very complementary of the efforts of the volunteers and DNR groomers. The trails have survived several rain/ice events; with the snow base being returned to skiable condition by tilling with the Snowcat. The natural snow that has fallen since late January has allowed the balance of the park skiing trails to be groomed and skiable, but the manmade snow loops have provided the best skiing experience due to the deep base.

Snowcat: Problems with the left track have led to the snowcat being taken to Miller Bradford for repair. The word is that the repairs are nearly complete and that the snowcat will hopefully be back on site soon. Repair costs are looking to be around \$10,000.

The snowmaking committee is actively strategizing replacement of the current snowcat in the near future.

A building to store the snowcat is also being evaluated. Indoor storage of the snowcat – both the existing and a replacement machine -- is considered essential in order to protect the machine from rodent damage and other environmental hazards. The snowmaking committee would like the DNR to give serious consideration to storing the snowcat in one of the park’s current maintenance buildings, to avoid having the Friends continue to pay for repairs to the machine – which is owned by DNR -- as a result of rodent and environmental damage.

Grants: No progress or news about the Enhancement Grant or the RTP Grant. The David & Joyce Weizenicker Grant is pending as well. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Grant should let us know in March if we will be approved for the Habitat Restoration Program that we submitted (\$10,000).

Habitat Restoration:

UTV has been purchased; it will be configured and delivered in Late March. A winch will be added to the configuration; the Board agreed to fund that from the General Fund too (\$600). The new MS261 chainsaw that the Friends purchased for Habitat Restoration work was repaired (the parts were covered by manufacturer/ Stihl) and the labor came to about \$80. We are going through about 6 chains each week (and then they need to be sharpened) and we use 2cycle oil and bar oil so we are seeing some expenses each month; these are being tracked against several Habitat Grants and other Habitat donations.

Memorial Benches: After discussions with Anne K, the Buckthorn Busters will work with Jim Waltz to build 6 additional/new benches (probably in April or May) after most of the buckthorn work is completed for the year.

Trail Lights: Anne K reported that the lights around the trail system were looked at and repaired to the best of the Rangers abilities given the conditions out there; these will be looked at again in the summer.

Summer Solstice: Anne R reported that June 22nd has been blocked on the Calendar along with Trecker and the Forte Shelter.

Colorama: Kris would like Hausman reserved for Oct 5th for the Event.

Work Day: May 11th will be the Earth Day Work/Play Day at Lapham Peak

New Business

DNR/Park Inventory: Louise will let Janet Hutchens (State Friends) know about the addition of the Gator at Lapham Peak for their inventory. Anne K will address DNR Insurance needs for it once it's delivered with the VIN #, etc.

Waukesha State Bank Grant: The Bank, celebrating 75 years, is offering a Grant. Anne R will look into the details and report on this next month (if it's something we might be able to complete for).

Vanguard: Rick mentioned that we need to change the signatures for approvals over from Dan to Karl.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm: Next meeting is April 3th (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 (February)



2019 Feb Treasurer's Report.pdf

2) SM Bills & Receipts



3.06.2019 Income to Karl.pdf

3) SM Report (January)



March SM Report.pdf