

**Friends of Lapham Peak**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 5, 2020



**Attendees:**

Louise Borzynski, John Hillmer\*, Jon Jeffords, Rita Keber, Colton Kelly\* (DNR), Anne Korman\* (DNR), Kris Maki, John McCarthy, Anne Riendl, Karl Timm, Rick Von Haden, Dan Wiley\*, Randy Wichinski\*  
(\* not present)

**Meeting was held using ZOOM:** Meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm

June minutes accepted and recorded.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karl shared there will be a June/July report sent by the weekend. In May, \$1000 was moved from the snowmaking fund to Habitat Restoration from the Fright Hike fund. Insurance has transitioned from West Bend Insurance to Secura with an automatic monthly withdrawal which will be \$142.42. Insurance covers all events including the Wednesday Night Ski League and Loppet. There will be three more monthly money transfers of the money pulled from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to Vanguard Endowment Fund at which time all monies will be in the Vanguard Endowment Fund. There is little income at this time. Bills are paid up to date.

**Old Business:**

**Insurance:** Anne R. reported that the insurance monthly withdrawal of \$142.42 pays for our General Liability insurance. Inland marine coverage for large equipment will cost additional money in an amount unknown at this time since cost will vary based on the value of and the time of usage of a particular machines.

**Snowmaking:** John McC reported the snowcat is in Jordan, MN being prepared and ready for shipment in November. At that time the balance will be paid. The Winter Recreation Storage Building site preparation began on 8/3/2020 by Beattle with a verbal approval by Anne Korman. Paperwork for the building needs approval from WI-DOA and WI-DNR in Madison. It is hoped that gravel can be installed this week with concrete installed the week of 8/11/2020.

**Habitat Restoration:** John H shared this information prior to the meeting via email:

A few of us have been very active with restoration work. We have purchased a broadcast/boom sprayer (and many gallons of herbicide) for the back of the gator, and we use that to spray large tracts of land for buckthorn and olive regrowth. With help from Colton, the campsite has been re-mowed a third time this year, and several of us have been spraying the regrowth there, and it's beginning to look nice. (By spraying ourselves we saved \$1,000 rather than the original plan of hiring a contractor).

Almost all areas that we worked on last winter and spring have now been sprayed with herbicide to keep the regrowth down. This includes along the front of the park by Highway C, along the Ice Age Trail on both the east and west sides, the hill underneath the Overlook by the tower parking lot, on both sides of the entrance road as you approach the maintenance area, etc.

### **Camp Site Report by John H:**

I have been helping the staff with enhancements at the campsite (using grant money that Louise obtained). This included installing a new fire pit/ring and grill top at the campsite, I also made and painted two 8-foot picnic tables and made and stained two 8-foot benches that will go beside the fire pit. The picnic table and benches still need to be installed and I will help the staff with that once we get an auger bit for the skid steer to drill 6 holes in the ground for it.

### **Grants:**

A \$1000 grant from Friends of Wisconsin State Park was used for about 5 new picnic tables, a bench, and a fire ring for the campsite. \$1257.05 was spent and labor costs need to be included. By November 1 for grant finalization the following is needed: pictures, proof of purchase and check receipts. Pit toilet by the tower painting may be added to this project if money allows.

The 2018 Enhancement Grant monies still need to be spent – about \$5,000 or so needs to be spent by WI-DNR. The FLP have already max'd out our allotment of volunteer hours (300) for this Grant.

The \$5000 David and Joyce Weizenicker Grant for State Parks from the Natural Resources arrived after COVID-19 halted work by volunteers at Lapham. John McCarthy and Louise will look into getting an extension on the time by which this money must be matched. We can use Volunteer hours for matching this Grant.

A tree trimming bucket will be used for trail work as well as a skid loader.

John M. said trail restoration (i.e., on tow-tier) will probably have rolling dips and swales to replace the wooden erosion bars.

**Fright Hike:** John H. was trying to find an alternative option for a “harvest hike” (no skits, no concessions, limited number of people, more like a candlelight hike with possible different trail options). We do not feel that Fright Hike can go on this fall and needs to be postponed until next year/next fall. In pursuing an alternative, we have also come to the conclusion that given the current COVID restrictions of 50 participants per event, it does not make sense to use up volunteer time and energy, planning and carrying out a fundraising event, when so little money can be raised. Anne R reported that a Fright Hike subcommittee will discuss other ideas with creative Angela Lorbach.

### **Websites:**

John H has been updating our website to give it a more modern look. Steve Davis helped with the new design of both our Friends website and the Snowmaking site. All of the content is still there, but it's organized a bit differently, and is now a lot easier for us to manage. Also, news articles are now easier to post and manage. John H has added a number of articles over the past month or so to help keep the site "interesting" for the public. Check them out:

[www.laphampeakfriends.org](http://www.laphampeakfriends.org)

[www.laphampeaksnowmaking.org](http://www.laphampeaksnowmaking.org)

## **New Business:**

**Wednesday Night Ski Series:** Kris said she is working on ideas for registration like maybe masks for registering inside. Anne and John M. said races are being held with creative solutions for registration and how to be safe during the race. John McC reported that there is talk that the 2021 Birkie could be virtual. If so, a Lapham Peak Birkie could be in the works. There are over 2000 Birkie participants in southeastern WI and northern IL that participant in the event in Hayward.

**Donation:** Peak Nordic Ski Club asked the Lapham Peak Board if they would like to donate money for new middle school uniforms. Anne R. donated \$500 to the General Fund to cover the FLP donation. The logo will have a picture of the tower on the uniform.

**Grants:** Louise reported that \$500 was received from the Delafield Community Fund which was placed into our General Fund.

**Next meeting:** After discussion of meeting in person at park building or at a picnic shelter, it was decided the next meeting will be a ZOOM meeting on **Wednesday, September 2, 6:00 pm.**

**Meeting adjournment moved by John M. and seconded by Rita at 7:17 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted by Rita Keber** (proofed by Anne R and finalized by John Hillmer)

## **Attachments(1):**

Karl sent this attachment to us after the meeting, on 8/9/2020, with these notes saying, "attached is an updated treasurer report for the month of May. I have not completed the combined June-July report.

- Insurance transferred to Secura from West Bend
- Vanguard Endowment: have made 3 income averaging payments of \$6604 so the VG account is \$27,774. The GF fund is still overfunded by \$19,813 as we income average.
- PayPal: effectively no activity
- \$10,000 grant received for snow machine shed
- Friends of WI State Park Incentive Grant: \$1000
- Updates: Moved \$1000 from Fright Hike to Habitat (from Snowmaking). Shows up as a transfer to GF on Inc&Exp and is in the Habitat line on the Assets page.
- Limited donations
- Expenses for both the Jarecki Prairie and Habitat."

