

Friends of Lapham Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
October 7, 2020



Attendees present marked with “*”

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*

Meeting was held using ZOOM: Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm

Minutes: Sept’s minutes were accepted and posted to our FLP website.

Treasurer’s Report: Karl emailed us this summary, along with an updated August¹ report and a draft Sept report²: This is the end of the fiscal year, so he asked us to review any accounts we manage for accuracy. He restored the fundraisers that contributed to our bottom line. The summary of their activity can be seen on the “Inc & Exp” page. Some items of note for this month:

- PayPal had been quiet for several months but collected \$255 in revenue
- our insurance from Secura costs have gone up, mainly due to snowmaking construction: \$628.45
- transferred \$250 from Snowmaking to Butterfly Garden from a misassignment in Dec 2019
- snowmaking expenses are going up due to progress on the WRSB
- received contributions for: bricks, benches, membership, habitat, general fund, and snowmaking

Major fundraisers for the year:

- Loppet & Ski Series: \$6458
- Colorama: \$6402
- Fright Hike: \$11,542

Changes for the year:

- General Fund: \$25,950 + \$6,402 fundraisers
- Snowmaking: \$41,571 + \$18,226 fundraisers (net after \$50,000 down payment for snow cat and \$35,000 WRSB and other expenses)
- Habitat: took in \$10,858 and spent \$7,040

Discussion: We acknowledged a donation of Stock, about \$44K. Karl will work with Snowmaking Committee on the details for how to pay the balance on the new PistenBully 100 when it arrives. Kris directed that we remove Colorama from the 2020-21 reports. Karl handled bills and reimbursements and donations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Insurance: It was reported that insurance has been added to cover the equipment that we have been and are using on the WRSB project, and it will be adjusted as additional equipment arrives or is returned. Builder’s Risk Insurance for the WRSB Project was discussed and John McC will investigate.

Snowmaking: John McC reported that the last major details for the WRSB have been addressed, including the Ventilation System, and a Storage Holding Tank for the garage’s drain system. The new PistenBully should arrive on Nov 4th. Rich M is preparing the equipment and people and schedules for the snowmaking season. The old LMC Snowcat is up for auction by the DNR, and some initial bids have been placed, so we have optimism that it should fetch something, if not something good. On 9/21, forms for the foundation of the WRSB were installed and the foundation was then poured. The 5 year note for \$50 is a work in-progress.



Habitat Restoration: John H said that buckthorn busting began on Oct 2nd for the fall/winter/spring season. During the past month, invasive grasses, including phragmites and pampas grass were removed from the prairie side (west side).



Tomorrow, a group will be out harvesting wild prairie flower seeds for replanting areas that have been treated or that we are trying to start, such as

in the front of the park entrance. We're scheduled to burn about 60 acres of prairie in mid-Nov assuming we have good weather; this is funded in part by a grant from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund, and the FLP (funds and in-kind labor) and Dan & Melissa Jarecki (who will fund the burning of about 2 acres of the prairie that Dan is developing). The Black Locust trees on the west side near Cushing Park Road have been removed.

FWSP Incentive Grant: Two resin benches will be added around the new fire pit at evergreen. Jay re-constructed the pit's stones and set them together with mortar after adding a cement base for it; and, a pad for firewood was also installed nearby. If a capstone top around the firepit is desired, a solution will need to be further investigated because an initial quote for a custom cap was extremely high (thousands). Quote(s) for the rescue sled are still pending.

Wednesday Night Ski Series: Kris is working on the ski series and has discussed options with the DNR to make this feasible given the restrictions. A limit of 50 people will mean that we need to cap adult racers at 46 to allow for 4 support staff. Highschool/middle-school/elementary (3 groups of skiers) will be a separate event from the adult event, so they will also be capped at 50. Registration and payment will need to be online – no personal exchanging of money at the races.

John McC added that a virtual Birkie event/concept for late in the season is being considered.

NEWBUSINESS

Annual Meeting: John McC, John H, Dan W, and Anne R agreed to serve again for another term. John McC agreed to be the speaker and will address the SM projects and progress (WRSB, PistenBully, etc). Rita will work with John H and Anne R and John McC on options for scheduling the Annual Meeting via Zoom, as it will be virtual, held on Nov 11. Reports are due to Rita Oct 31st. Rita will work with John H to get them published on the web before the annual meeting (no paper copies will be made).

Memorial Bricks: Dan provided reports³ for our discussion of a selling price increase for the engraved bricks. A Profit & Loss for the period beginning Oct 31, 2016 through Sept 30, 2020 and a report looking at selling price options was provided. He walked through the garden pathway and estimated that an additional 109 engraved bricks could be added to the existing pathway, so he used that figure for the selling price options report. After discussion and a straw-vote on the options, it was moved by John H, 2nd by Karl, and approved by the board, that we raise the price of the 4x4 bricks to \$125, and the 8x8's to \$250 (option 2 in the attached report) immediately.

Fall Workday: Due to COVID, this will be canceled. John H will update the calendar and the web pages.

Membership: Rita is pursuing the membership drive this fall. More brochures will be purchased, and a few signs for the park will be posted with agreement from the DNR.

Trail Maintenance: Water bars on 2-tier have been removed, and swales have been added to replace them. Many woodchips have been added. Rita mentioned that the Big Valley needs work due to erosion.

Adjourned: Our next meeting will be the virtual Zoom **Annual Meeting** on Nov 11, 6pm, with John McC speaking at 7pm. John McC moved, Randy provided the 2nd, and the meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted, as draft
-John Hillmer

Attachments (3):

Aug Treasurer's Report



LPF 2020 -08- August
Treasurers Report v4.

Sept Treasurer's Report



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September Treasurer:

Memorial Brick Discussion



Engraved Brick 2020
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