

Friends of Lapham Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
December 2, 2020



Attendees (all members present)

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 6:08 pm

Minutes: October & November's minutes were accepted and posted to our FLP website. PDF slides and a YouTube video of John McC's material, that he presented at the Annual Board meeting, have been placed online, and our website contains links to both of those.

Treasurer's Report: Karl emailed us that he had been out of town and will work on the report(s) when he returns; Louise has been paying bills while he's been away. Anne R commented that donations for Snowmaking continue to come in. Randy reminded us that he will again need information about the "larger donations" for tax reporting purposes (the definition of what would be needed was discussed, and he will remind us again when the time comes).

Old Business:

Snow Making: John McC indicated that the WRSB is on track, and that some extras were being done at this time too, including a ceiling with insulation in the attic, heaters, etc. The ventilation system and electricity are on track. The building is ready to go! The new Snowcat arrived Nov 4 and has been using the new building for the past month. Rick Marusinec held a snowmaking training class yesterday and is coordinating snowmaking operations. The new building is tracking at about \$80K total, including the grant, and donated materials and services. The overall cost to the Friends should be about \$50K. John M will work on the grant paperwork, and on the paperwork to be able to present the building to the DNR in January (or early 1Q2021).

Habitat: John H said we successfully burned about 60 acres of Prairie with help from a contractor on Nov 2 & 17th. John H is working with the contractor to burn most or all of the rest of the West side Prairie acres in the spring of 2021. Donations have been very helpful and appreciated – enabling us to purchase herbicide, equipment and repairs, and contracted services! John also updated the group about an additional volunteer effort that has been added under the arm of the Buckthorn Busters: FLP members: Mike & Kerry Neimon, who live close to Rick on the East side of the park, have been working in the woods along the subdivision there. John H & Jack A have been helping them as well at that location.

Trail Grants: John McC provided updates which included two PDF's (attached)

- 2020-12-01 - FLP Trail Grant Status.pdf¹
- 2020-11-30 - 2018 to 2020 Trails Grants - Expenses.pdf²

regarding the status of grants for trail restoration work at the park. His assessment is as follows:

- FLP needs to spend an additional minimum of \$1,365.09 on trail related work
- FLP needs to provide an additional maximum of 346.25 volunteer hours on trail related work
- DNR needs to spend and provide documentation for an additional \$4,926.83 on trails related work, consistent with the intent of the grants

Also:

- Rita and others provided comments, which included concerns with erosion, water bars, rocks, and the shape of the trails "U" rather than "Λ", as well as offers to help- with whatever is needed.
- The new Park sign kiosk is still pending; Anne K hears that we are in the queue.
- Anne K & Colton said that new signs are being ordered for the trails; Rick asked to help proof them.

Ski Series:

- Kris reminded us that the 2021 Loppet will not happen (can't have an event like that with only 50 people)
- For Wednesday Nite Ski Series, Bib details are being worked on. This event will allow for 46 racers and 4 organizers. The timing shed and heating details are also being worked on.
- A new Tuesday Nite Timed Ski Series will also be offered (skiers will need to pre-register, but will be individually timed rather than racing in groups against others). This will allow for 49 skiers and 1 timer.
- Paul Keber will organize the Junior (K-6) League if enough interest is shown by participants.

Membership Drive: Rita is working to get the signs printed to highlight membership with the FLP (signs have been ordered and will be placed in the park at trail-head and parking lot locations).

New Business:

Honors: Anne K mentioned that our Ranger, Jay Abts, received the 2019 Distinguished Leadership Award! We all agreed that he certainly deserves this! Congratulations Jay!!

No Parking Along Hwy C: Temporary signs were trying to keep people from parking on the shoulders; police enforcement has been an issue (Town/County v. City, etc). Now, the Town of Delafield will install permanent No Parking Signs out front of the Entrance, and the Town will have the Sheriff Department patrol the road for violations (on a limited basis). This will not address parking issues on Cushing Road.

2021 Passes: New parking passes can be purchased online or by phone or at the front office; however, new trail passes can not be purchased online (they may be purchased over the phone or at the front office).

Adjourned at 7:34pm: Our next meeting will be a virtual Zoom meeting on **THURSDAY** January 7 at 6pm

Respectfully Submitted,
-John Hillmer

Attachments (2):



2020-12-01 - FLP
Trail Grant Status .pdf



2020-11-30 - 2018 to
2020 Trails Grants - E: