

Friends of Lapham Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
February 2, 2021



Attendees (members present indicated with an “*”)

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 6:05 pm.

Minutes: January’s minutes were approved and posted to the [Friends Web Site](#).

Treasurer’s Report: Karl provided updated reports for Sept, Oct, Nov, and Dec 2020, along with the Jan 2021 report (all attached). He indicated that the Oct and Nov reports were updated only slightly. The Sept report is considered the final update for the 2019-20 fiscal year, and that Anne R has reviewed it, and it is now ready for Randy to use for our tax documents. Items of note:

- Snowmaking took in more money than it spent despite still spending \$16,710 last month, mainly to finish the WRSB. Over \$8,000 of the donations came from our website.
- Habitat received \$4,450 in donations.
- Membership received \$935 this month, \$715 from the website.
- The Tuesday Night Ski Time trials pulled in \$2,046, all from online payments via RaceWire.
- The \$50K CD of the Nature Center Fund made \$876 in interest for the last calendar year. Karl suggested we consider additional rolling CDs for other money that we have on hand; comments about the current CD rates were made suggesting right now might not be a good time. He said our savings account which has \$30K in it only makes 0.02% interest at the moment.
- Two additional Memorial Benches have been purchased (an adjustment to the January report will need to reflect that, since the money was initially booked as GF donations).

Snow Making: John M reported –

- WRSB was presented to the DNR as a donation from the Friends. The building is nearly complete now, with interior insulation work and painting happening this week. The DNR requested a set of “as-built” drawings – John M is working with Rich on that. Once the drawings are received, the DNR will add the building to their asset list and will insure it, until then, the Friends will continue to provide insurance for it. Anne K will work with Will E on the insurance cut over.
- It was noted that the entire manmade snow loop, and the lighted loop, are all being groomed by the PistenBully now! All our other ski trails are also being groomed by our other equipment. Skiers continue to comment and write notes about the excellent conditions.
- A Virtual Birkie is being planned as an option for skiers, with Lapham Peak as one of the host sites. More information is here: www.birkie.com/ski/events/virtual-events/

Habitat: John H reported –

- Work along the east side of Hwy C, South of the pond, has been completed. The woods have now been opened up and will require foliar herbiciding in the spring or summer, but it’s looking great. We’re now working around the pond, so the view from the IAT that nearly circles the pond will have a clear view of it.
- We also completed work on a new prairie burn map (attached) that has been sent to the DNR for review and approval. 35 units have been created within the park; in comparison, 9 units were burned this past fall. Our goal is to get all 35 approved and then when and as we have the opportunity and funding, we can select a few units and get them burned without going through all the hoops and red tape each time.
- We will also be working later this year on a burn map proposal for a number of wooded units.

Memorial Bricks: Dan and Louise commented that about 5 orders have been received since our last meeting.

Trail Grants: John M indicated that he's still working on the WRSB and Trail Grant paperwork.

Ski Series: Kris shared the current view of income from the Ski leagues (attached), and she informed us of the work that was done to make a Virtual Lapham Loppet possible, and that 50 people have participated so far (people time themselves doing 7 laps and report back to Kris who will communicate the final results to the participants). For the ski leagues, there will not be a banquet, but participants will get their medals and/or participation awards when they turn in their bibs. Jon J offered to try and get some more bibs for Kris for next year (he will see if he can get numbers 51-100); that would be very much appreciated.

Outdoor Wisconsin: Anne R learned that most of the work on the video was completed, but the editors have not been able to complete it due to COVID19. They hope it will still air in the fall of 2021, but we commented that it will need some updating since our snow-cat situation has progressed since they shot the material.

Membership Drive: Rita's is reminding annual members to renew and has been getting some; we also have a sizable number of lifetime members now! John H said each week, someone new has asked to get involved with Habitat work (50 people are on his list to inform when they work each M-W-F) so people are getting involved. It was noted that the October newsletter is not on our website yet – Rita & John will address that.

Butterfly Garden: Louise said that Liz could use some help in the spring, and without a workday, that it would be great if the Buckthorn Busters (Habitat crew) could help her. John H will let Liz know they are available.

Mugs: Louise reported that we've sold all our mugs! She's ordered 96 more, including some new colors. She's been told that the DNR will be sending us \$2,000 for the mugs they've sold in the office for us.

Ten Year Plan for Lapham Peak: Colton reported that they have submitted their 10-year plan (basically a request for funding for specific project, all of which will be prioritized with the hope LP will get funding for at least some of them). The list included:


- Building and Road updates
- Parking lot updates
- Pedestrian bridge over Hwy C
- Replacement/larger Evergreen building including a larger parking lot
- Bike lane for Hwy C
- Bathrooms and a Shelter for the Tower area
- Trail work to address erosion issues
- Resurfacing the Glacial Drumlin Trail


Colton reported that we had record attendance in January 2021, with over 84,000 visitors!


Volunteer Hours: Louise needs our volunteer hours for the past calendar year, Jan 1, 2020 – Dec 31, 2020; project area leaders need to include the hours for their groups as well. Randy needs each director's hours for the last fiscal year (10/1/19 – 9/30/20) for tax reporting forms.


Adjourned at 7:25pm: Rita moved, John H provided the second, and we adjourned. Our next meeting will be a virtual Zoom meeting on **Wednesday March 3, 5:45 pm**. Respectfully Submitted as draft, John Hillmer


Attachments (7):


 LPF 2021 -01-
January Treasurers


 LPF 2020 -12-
December Treasurers

 LPF 2020 -11-
November Treasurers

 LPF 2020 -10-
October Treasurers

 LPF 2020 -09-
September Treasurers

 2021 Proposed Burn
Units.pdf

 2021 Ski League
income.xlsx