

# Friends of Lapham Peak

## Board of Directors Meeting

February 2, 2015

Board members present: Mary Benson, Louise Borzynski, Rita Keber, Kris Maki, John McCarthy, Karl Timm, and Rick Von Haden

Absent: Mike Fort, June Kieckhaefer, Daya Pillay, and Dan Wiley

Also present: Paul Sandgren

Meeting called to order 7:09 pm.

Minutes accepted as corrected from the January Treasurer's Report: Snowmaking electric *bill* was \$1,542.62 which included making snow and heating the pump building. #3 Loppet: Kris ordered *medals* for winners.

**Dates to remember:** Board meeting, Wednesday, March 4, 7 pm, Trecker Lodge

**Treasurer's Report:** read and accepted. Bills were presented, received and paid. Electric bill was \$3,547.99, January Candlelight Ski donations were \$583.00, snow cat repair was \$3202.61, repair for two snow guns was \$414.55 and Louise purchased eight blankets for the rescue sled for \$24.00.

### **Old Business**

1. **Candlelight Ski** event is Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 pm. Due to snow and warm weather, many participants are anticipated.

	5:00-7:00 pm	7:00-9:00
Light candles	4:30 Jim & Gini W, Cynthia M., Juli H. and her 3 elementary children	Rita and Sune
Work inside shelter	Louise, Wendy, Judy, Priscilla F.	June and Mary
Parking vehicles	Daya and Karl	John M and Paul K.

2. **Wednesday Night Ski League:** There have been fewer participants this year. Kris mentioned the banquet will be Wednesday, February 25 at the HNC and due to the lack of money from less participants, she is asking adult participants to pay \$5.00, ages 6-12 pay \$2.50 and under 6 free. Pizza from Rocky Rococo's will be served as well as a cake and perhaps a salad and/or veggies.
3. **Lapham Loppet** went very smoothly. Kris thanked everyone who helped. Karl said the Laddie and Lassie Loppet also went well. Thanks to Judy who was able to enter all participants into the computer before the race and have results for the awards.

4. **Snowmaking Grant:** The DNR oversight committee has rejected our request for a snowmaking grant at this time due to its consecutive funding in the past. We can reapply after a year. Kris reiterated that \$36,000 was contributed from this fall's Blizzard's Campaign.

### New Business

1. **Taxidermy trumpeter swan:** The HNC will be receiving a flying trumpeter swan. Artistry will be painted around the swan for a cost of \$700-800, which is budgeted.
2. **Trail lights:** Karl asked if trail lights could be on at 6 am when the park opens. Lights would only need to be on for 45 minutes. Paul said there are a few skiers who come at 6 am and would discuss the possibility with Brett at their next meeting.
3. **Bike Swap** is in need of a chairperson for the Bake Sale. Rita mentioned several possible people. Several past volunteers will not be available to assist at this year's Swap. Rick, Louise and Karl said they could help.
4. **Insurance for special events:** Kris mentioned Tom Klein offered his insurance coverage for FLP's special events including two ski events (Loppet and Wednesday races), Summer Solstice, and Colorama. It was suggested to ask Tom if his will cover the Bike Swap insurance also. Kris will inquire. The DNR requires state Friends groups to have special events insurance with a Certificate of Liability Insurance form in file with the WI DNR as a Certificate Holder. Paul said Tom's insurance has covered other events at the park.
5. **Spring events at LP:** Rita asked the board to consider dates for upcoming spring events so they may be listed on the website calendar. The following dates were set: Work\*Play\*Earth Day- Sat., April 25- tree planting activities (gloves and shovel needed), Bird Hikes – Rita will contact Mike for dates, National Trail Day- Sat., June 6, State Parks Open House- Sun., June 7, and Summer Solstice – Sat., June 20 – Rita will contact Jackie if she'd like to chair the event.
6. **Trees:** The board approved to spend \$600 for 100 new trees for April 25 Work Day.
7. **Publicity:** Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Milwaukee Journal Sentinel had an article about skiing on the snowmaking loop at Lapham Peak. Rick suggested to Paul that the article be sent to the DNR staff.
8. **Stewardship program:** Paul informed the board that the Stewardship Program in which grants are provided for many projects is being downsized again in the state budget.
9. **Evergreen Shelter** is very busy and overcrowded during the ski season. Paul said the expansion of Evergreen shelter is in the future state budget. Louise suggested we consider the next grant opportunity for an Evergreen expansion request.

**Next meeting Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Trecker Lodge.**

Adjourned 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Keber

Secretary