

Friends of Lapham Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

March 4, 2015

Board members present: Louise Borzynski, Rita Keber, Kris Maki, John McCarthy, Daya Pillay, Karl Timm, Rick Von Haden and Dan Wiley

Absent: Mary Benson, Mike Fort, and June Kieckhaefer

Also present: Paul Sandgren and Brett Johanan

Meeting called to order 7:04 pm.

Minutes accepted as corrected for New Business #1 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*.

Dates to remember: Board meeting, Wednesday, April 1, 7 pm at Trecker Lodge

Treasurer's Report: read and accepted. Bills were presented, received and paid. Snowmaking has paid for three winter electric bills. Paul will look over the bills to ascertain which portion of the bills were for making snow. Snowmaking Fund should not be responsible for all three electric bills. Money was donated from United Way of Chicago.

Old Business

1. January **Candlelight Ski** donation total was \$582.00 and February total was \$756.29. Louise posted a sign during the February event regarding Candlelight monies will be donated to the Homestead Shelter Fund. Both events were well attended with the February event having an abundance of participants due to the weather in the 30's.
2. **Wednesday Night Ski League Banquet** was well attended with 104 people. The race series totaled \$3,104.00 minus the \$1,000 expenses.
3. **Grants and State Budget:** The \$15,000 Homestead Shelter grant and \$5,000 invasive species grant were both approved. Louise closed out the Nature Center grant. Wisconsin's state budget is not finalized but a severe reduction is proposed for the Stewardship Grant, which supports \$250,000 for Friends' and other organizations' projects. Lapham Peak income is part of the Forestry account, not State Parks account.
4. **Homestead Shelter's** final placement will be decided after the snow melts.
5. **Evergreen Shelter expansion** discussion included the following ideas: involve an architect in preplanning, demolish the current building and construct another shelter, include a larger bathroom, changing rooms, ski rental section and an area for Peak Nordic.
6. **Snowmaking:** John reminded the board even though there are two projects in cue (Homestead Shelter and Evergreen), keep the Snowmaking expansion project in order. He will apply for a matching/in-kind grant through the Federal Recreation Trails Program. Louise suggested to look for

grants at banks through their foundations. Also mentioned was contacting area Kiwanis organizations for donations.

7. **Park project ideas:** Brett mentioned other park improvement ideas: kitchen is not used at HNC so gut the kitchen and use the space to sell merchandise, new doors are needed for Evergreen, and the toilet by the tower needs fixing.
8. **Bike Swap:** One of the chairpersons is resigning after this year. Kris shared the Snowmaking Committee discussed future Bike Swaps in conjunction with another event, such as during a Farmers Market in Delafield. Madison's Bike Swap is free and the same weekend as our event. Bike Swaps were not as common when we began 10 years ago as they are now.
9. **Ice Age Trail:** Brett mentioned the Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) is hosting an event with multiple hikes on June 6th, National Trail Day. FLP could coordinate with them if we are interested.

New Business

1. **Publicity:** Brett suggested that information and/or display regarding Friends of Lapham Peak and snowmaking could be shared at the upcoming Sports Show in March and Bike Expo in April. A booth could be shared with park staff.
2. **Grants:** Louise applied for the \$1000 matching Affinity Grant from Friends of Wisconsin State Parks for the tundra swan display and interactive displays for the Kids Korner. She also will apply for a grant from the Delafield Fund.

Next meeting Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Trecker Lodge.

Adjourned 8:39 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Keber
Secretary