

Friends of Lapham Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

August 5, 2015

Board members present: Louise Borzynski, Mary Benson, Mike Fort, Rita Keber, June Kieckhaefer, Kris Maki, John McCarthy, Daya Pillay, Karl Timm, Rick Von Haden and Dan Wiley

Also present: Steve Faydash

Meeting called to order 7:07 pm.

Dates to remember: Board meeting, Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 pm at Hausmann Nature Center

May Minutes accepted as corrected: Treasurer's Report: Two DNR *partial grant payments* were received. Old Business #2: Louise reiterated that Jason (Stein) said he *can get* a crew to work on the picnic shelter.

Treasurer's Report: Read and accepted. Bills presented, received and paid. Mike closed out 2014 Invasive Species Grant #FR3-14-14+1K.

Old Business

- 1. Summer Solstice June 20:** Summer Solstice income was \$1365. Total profit \$1012.00 after paying for the band and food expenses. Event went well despite the weather threat. Tom Klein and his band played inside a crowded HNC on the lower area.
- 2. Homestead Shelter:** John shared the outdoor picnic shelter plans as having a 30'x40' roof with 12 posts. His company reviewed and approved the plans. Shelter kit will be delivered in a few weeks minus the roof materials. John shared an aerial view of the proposed shelter placement by Homestead Hollow area near the accessible trail. A grill is planned near the picnic shelter. John share the following information: a small culvert under the path for drainage, brush will be cleared with some grading needed because of a 5' difference in grade. Next steps will be review and refine plans, rough grading, footings, and a concrete pad. He shared tentative dates for shelter construction.
- 3. Colorama:** Kris shared that the usual typist will not be able to assist with data entry of participants. She is looking for another volunteer. Mary and Kris are looking at a cheaper priced t-shirt. Last year 51 t-shirts went to volunteers and sponsors. This year Kris is asking volunteers if they would like to wear a past Colorama t-shirt to save on event costs. Ten prizes are needed for the free drawings.
- 4. Butterfly Garden memorial brick path:** Louise shared Brett mentioned he saw another idea for memorial bricks at a golf course.
- 5. Memorial bench:** Rick shared information regarding costs, years of maintenance, and a grandfather clause for people who purchased benches in the past. After discussion Rick made a motion for benches to be priced at \$1,500 for a term of 15 years, Friends of Lapham Peak to maintain and repair all minor damage and replace a bench once for a term of 15 years, and a Grandfather Clause for existing benches to be maintained for 15 years. Motion seconded by Mike. Motion passed. Rita will add the bench policy to the website.

6. **Federal Recreation Trail Grant (FRT):** John stated the letter for rejection/approved is expected any day. He received a quote for phase 3A which is the extension of Tail End Hill and up Magic Carpet Ride with piping and electric. Pipe cost is \$12,000. It can be installed this year. There will need to be major excavation by SummerStage and Magic Carpet Ride. It takes three – four weeks to install the pipe. Plans are ready to go but pipe is not ordered because grant money is needed for the purchase. The grant requires we pay upfront the \$124,000. However, the engineering fee, excavation fee and InKind Labor will be at no cost.

New Business

1. **PA system:** Rick shared information he viewed on the internet regarding a public announcement system for LPF events. He felt some good PA systems were available for \$500. He will contact John to inquire about the status of information from Shawn Becker's PA systems.
2. **2016 Stewardship Grants** are due in November. Louise asked board members for ideas. She suggested a scope for the tower.
3. **Insurance:** Tom Klein said he will cover Bike Swap insurance as long as he has advertisement for the event.
4. **Wisconsin State Parks** invites all volunteers to their Volunteer Jamboree September 13-15 at Richard Bong Recreation Area. Sunday evening is a potluck dinner. Louise encouraged board members to attend one or all of the events. FLP members have received information via email.
5. **Wisconsin State Park awards:** FLP members were encouraged to vote via email for the *Best trail to view wildflowers* on the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks website for their 2015 Gold Seal Award Contest. The wildflowers in the park, especially on the west side have been exceptionally spectacular this year.
6. **SummerStage:** FLP are sponsoring the SummerStage Family event *Connect with the outdoors with David Stokes*. Louise stated picnic tables under the tent and a grill are reserved for FLP at 6:00 pm. People are allowed to bring their own alcohol. Participants bring their own chair for the concert. Rita will bring the FLP poster board. Shuttle service is available from the parking lot.
7. **2015 Besadny Grant** from the National Resources Foundation is for *Invasive Removal/Seeding*. Louise would like to apply for another grant before September 1st but with a different emphasis for prairie restoration. Mike will contact Louise with information for a grant idea. In addition, the Butterfly Garden has been totally funded by grants, not monies from the General Fund.

Next meeting Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Hausmann Nature Center.

Adjourned 8:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Keber
Secretary

