

Friends of Lapham Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

September 2, 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: Anne Korman, Brian Jacquette, Stacey Balsley, and Brett Johanen

Meeting called to order 7:06 pm.

Dates to remember: Colorama, October 3 at Homestead Hollow area

Board meeting on Wednesday, October 7th, 7:00 pm at Hausmann Nature Center

August Minutes accepted as corrected: **Old Business** 4. Louise shared that Brett mentioned he saw another idea for memorial bricks at a *golf course*. 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.

Treasurer's Report: Read and accepted. Bills presented, received and paid. Bill from 4Summits Web Services LLC was \$210 for hosting friendsoflaphampeak.org website. The bill includes \$150 for Snowmaking and Bike Swap websites and \$60 for Friends of Lapham Peak website. Snowmaking and Bike Swap bills will be send to each committee chairperson.

Anne Korman, Assistant Superintendent at the Kettle Moraine Southern Unit introduced herself. She has been at the Southern Unit since 2012 and enjoys camping and hiking. She can be reached at 262-594-6216 or anne.korman@wisconsin.gov

Old Business

- 1. Colorama:** Kris shared park staff preparations for the event (table placement on the trail, etc.). So far 76 participants have preregistered. Rita will email members for treats. Volunteer opportunities are available. Ten freebies are needed for the free drawing prizes.
- 2. Homestead Picnic Shelter** materials will be delivered October 9th. Jason Stein will be gone for four months starting in October so will not be available to install the roof shingles. Louise stated that an option would be to ask Jason if a crew member would be available to install the shingles at cost. John stated the pad and location is set. Twelve holes will be drilled for the concrete floor pad at a cost of \$11,000 not including two walkways. One walkway is needed for ADA (American Disabilities Act) accessibility (state guidelines) at a cost of \$5,000 for loading and unloading items. Electrical will cost \$4,000. Total kit cost is \$22,000. Shelter naming rights need final approval for DNR Bureau. It was

suggested to have a plaque on the shelter recognizing InKind donators. Information of grill options were discussed. The board agreed upon a grill and Louise will place the order with Kay Recreation Corporation. There needs to be a 30 day lead time for the grill to be ordered before installation.

- 3. Federal Recreation Grant:** John has not heard any information regarding the approval or disapproval of the grant.

New Business

- 1. Wisconsin State Park awards:** Everyone was reminded to vote for the *Best trail to view wildflowers* on the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks website for their 2015 Gold Seal Award Contest.
- 2. 2016 Stewardship Grants** are due November 16th for availability of \$20,000 per state park/recreation area. Discussion evolved regarding prairie restoration work with chemicals needed for invasive species spraying. Currently, we spend about \$7,500 for chemicals each year. Louise reported Mike will not be continuing to lead the prairie restoration work (Buckthorn Busters) after winter. Brett suggested we maintain restoration areas restored in the past and to ask current Buckthorn Busters if they would be willing to “lead” the group so the FLP can apply for another grant. Other grant improvement ideas with board members facilitating were as follows:
 - signage on trails - Kris
 - tower signage and parking lot improvements (tower signs, retaining wall) – Brett and Rick
 - trail surface - John
 - Trecker Lodge (LED lights, base heaters, water fountain, fireplace) - Brian Jacquette/park staffLouise stated prices, labor and details on the above projects will be needed at the October 7th meeting. Anne stated there is no monies available in the state budget for capital improvements.
- 3. Accessible Trail:** There is \$1,529.80 left in the DAT Trail Project grant. It was suggested monies be used for filling in cracks.
- 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 open to all who preregister.
- 5. InStep race** is Saturday, September 19, race director Russ Delap. Kris and Mary volunteered to share shifts at the FLP table with a donation box, information regarding FLP events and membership forms available for participants.
- 6. Paul Sandgren’s retirement** was official July 11th. FLP would like to present Paul with a gift certificate. Information will be in the fall FLP newsletter sent to all members. Kris will also forward information to Wednesday Night Ski League participants. Contributions can be made payable to Dan Wiley and sent to the park address by October 15th. Reminder emails will be send October 1st.
- 7. Wisconsin Explorer’s Club** is a series of one hour hikes with activities sponsored by a naturalist at Hausmann Nature Center from 2:00-3:00 pm on September 20 and 27, and October 4 and 25. Information is available at the HNC and in the fall LFP newsletter.
- 8. Snow gun:** Brian asked the FLP permission to take a snow gun to Wheel & Sprocket, Delafield for a ski sale on Labor Day Weekend.

9. **Stacy Balsley:** informed the board that the Waukesha County Green Alliance Team will have an event the morning of September 19th. All people are invited. She also wished to order a tree for a memorial. DNR staff will include her order with the park's spring tree order.
10. **A Newsletter** will be sent out to FLP membership at the beginning of September. Information will include the following: hike at Vernon Marsh led by Brett, donations toward Paul Sandgren's retirement gift, Wisconsin Explorer's Club, HNC, Annual Meeting, Colorama, Fright Hike, Work Day and wildflowers in the prairie.
11. **Annual Meeting** is November 4th. Let Louise know of a speaker/topic idea.

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

Adjourned 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Keber
Secretary