

Friends of Lapham Peak

Board of Directors Meeting

October 7, 2015

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

Absent: Rick Von Haden

Also present: Brett Johanan

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm.

Dates to remember: Annual Meeting, November 3 at Hausmann Nature Center

Board meeting on Wednesday, December 2nd, 6:00 pm appetizers/dinner at Rita's house

September Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: September 2015 is the end of the fiscal year. Bills presented, received and paid.

Old Business

1. **Colorama:** Everything went well. Pre-registration participants liked that they could exchange t-shirt sizes from their requested pre-registration form. This year all participants paid a \$5.00 vehicle park fee. Brett suggested new signage for future runs due to the time-consuming aspect of trail signs stapled on trees and removed carefully so signs don't tear.
2. **Homestead Picnic Shelter:** The vendor for shelter kits is closing the business. The current delivery date is Nov. 7th. Jason Stein is still donating shingles, however a staff member would install them for a fee. Louise will write to Steve B., vendor representative, asking for a \$300 concession to pay for the cost of installing shingles since Jason's free labor offer is not available. Concrete will need to be completed. Electric source will come from Trecker rather than the bathroom area due to less labor even though it is a farther distance.
3. **Federal Recreation Grant:** FLP will probably not be receiving the grant. Kris will inquire more information.
4. **Lapham Peak won** the Friends of Wisconsin State Park's *Best trail to view wildflowers* award. The awards banquet is Saturday, November 14 at Monona Terrace, Madison from 5:00-8:30 pm.
5. **2016 Stewardship Grants:** Brett will check with DNR if grants need to be combined as one grant or written separately. Grants are as follows:
 - a. Trail improvement for \$5,000 (options are top of Big Slide, Tower Hill, Two Tier and Rocky Ridge)
 - b. Prairie Restoration for \$4,000 (\$2,000 from state, \$1,000 InKind, \$1,000 cash).
 - c. Tower Signage: \$5,000. Mary will work with Rick for tower signage art work.
 - d. Homestead Improvement and water fountain: \$7,500

Total for grants is \$19,500. FLP share is \$8,750, InKind is \$1,000 and \$9,750 for state's responsibility. Motion made by Karl to ask the state for \$13,250 (FLP pay \$12,250, \$1,000 InKind). Motion passed.

6. **FLP/State Inventory:** All items at LP need to be acknowledge by the Natural Resources Board. Louise is finalizing all park items but needs assistance with snowmaking inventory which John will help. Brett suggested that some snowmaking items are not in use and perhaps could be sold on an online website rather than placed on FLP inventory.
7. **Accessible Trail:** Idea for filling in cracks with monies in the grant fund was tabled.
8. **Wisconsin State Parks Volunteer Jamboree** was attended by Louise, Karl and Rita. Karl shared information from Monday morning's meeting.

New Business

1. **Annual Meeting** speakers are Paul Hayes and Martha Bergland. They will speak "Lapham on Lapham Peak." Several board members will bring treats. Board members up for re-election are Rick, Rita, Daya and Karl.
2. **Work Day** is Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 am to noon. There are Cub Scouts helping for 1.5 hours but will not stay for lunch. Boy Scouts and Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee members will also be attending. Possible projects are woodchips on trails, buckthorn removal, rock picking, and trail trimming. Tools needed are garden rakes, shovels or pitch forks, hand saws, loppers, or manual pole saws. Chili makers are Rita, Mary and Kris. Participants are asked to bring bread or another item to share.
3. **Kettle Moraine Garden Club:** Louise asked them for grant monies.
4. **2016 Events:** Some events established were as follows: Candlelight Ski – Jan. 30, Bike Swap – Mar. 19, Wednesday Night Ski League – Jan. 6-27 and Feb. 3-10, Loppet – Jan. 16.
5. **Website** domain name *laphampeakfreinds.org* is being transferred from Comstar to GoDaddy. Steve Davis will transfer Bike Swap domain and Snowmaking domain to GoDaddy. Rita will receive the bill for the domain names.
6. **SummerStage:** FLP will sponsor another performer in 2016 since the David Stokes performance was canceled this year due to the weather. No additional fees will be charged.
7. **Memorial Benches:** Brett is replacing only flat top boards on existing memorial benches that have expired their 15 years in the park. Park staff does not want memorial benches placed in new areas in the park.

Annual meeting Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Hausmann Nature Center. Next board meeting is Wednesday, December 2nd at Rita's house. More information will follow

Adjourned 9:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Keber, Secretary