

**Friends of Lapham Peak**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 3, 2022



**Attendees:** (\*Board Members who were present)

\*Louise Borzynski, \*John Hillmer, Melissa Jarecki, \*Jon Jeffords, \*Rita Keber, Colton Kelly (DNR), Anne Korman (DNR), \*Kris Maki, \*John McCarthy, \*Anne Riendl, \*Karl Timm, \*Rick Von Haden, \*Dan Wiley

**Meeting was held using ZOOM:** Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

Anne K sent an email ahead of the meeting: *“Colton and I are unable to attend tonight’s meeting ... The only thing of significance on our end is Yale University wants to help on a volunteer workday (May), and then Channel 4 will be broadcasting their morning weather segments from Lapham on the 11th. I need some skiers to ski in the background from 6am -7 am, so I hope a few of our regulars can make it. Beattle will be grooming from 4:30-6am so we will get to show off multiple facets of our skiing opportunities! I will send out a separate email about the 11th to our skiing community tomorrow.”*

**Minutes:** Minutes from January’s meeting were approved with corrections; they’re on our [Website](#) now.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Karl provided a January report, attached<sup>1</sup>; Some revenue numbers for the month:

- Keber Lodge donation: \$100,000
- Lapham Lodge: \$13,596
- Credit card rewards: \$225
- Ski Series: \$2,236, (Total \$4929)
- Lapham Loppet: \$2590, (net \$2110)
- Snowmaking: \$9652

Karl meant to move Colorama to the General Fund (GF) and \$1000 from GF to Butterfly in the report, but forgot to, so he will do that in the next version of the report or in the next monthly report.

**Snow Making:**

- Southern Divisional Ski Meet is tonight at Lapham Peak on our unmatched excellently groomed ski trails, and everyone has been very complimentary and appreciative of the course.
- In Rich M’s report to the SM committee, he said:
  - All manmade snow has been made for the season now
  - We’ve made 20% more manmade snow this year than 2 years ago
  - The Playground has additional loops through it
  - We had some problems with equipment during the season, but they were overcome and will be addressed in the off-season – to be expected due to some of the aging components in the system
  - 536 volunteer hours logged
  - 104 DNR hours logged
  - 154 PB100 machine hours this year by Beattle and Mark
  - This is Rich’s last year as the SM coordinator
- With Rich’s desire to step out of the SM coordinator role, the SM committee will be investigating options including hiring a replacement for this role (like what was needed when we hired a third party to help us with grooming operations).
- **Fright Hike:** John Hillmer reported that the Fright Hike Subcommittee is moving forward with plans for the 2-day hike, with hired help to produce the hike again as in the past. Details are to be worked out, but a “move-forward” decision was needed now so we can get the ball rolling now with school groups for skits for the fall event. Anne R will be our point person for the Friends and SM for this year’s hike, working with our contracted resource. Subcommittee members include: Charlie R, Mike G, John H, and Anne R.

**Habitat:** See attachment<sup>2</sup> for progress maps showing winter work in our 2 current project locations, one near the Homestead Hollow Overflow Parking lot, and the other around the hill by the Tower. January had many cold days when we had to cancel workdays, but we were still able to clear enough buckthorn, honeysuckle, slash, deadfall etc., to burn 35 piles (this is compared with 146 piles in December). Mike Neimon leads our weekend work, and also leads groups of high schoolers on some weekdays. They have been working on the hillsides around the tower where it's hard to get your footing especially in the winter with snow, so he's called themselves the "Billy Goat Gang"! 😊 John Hillmer leads the M-W-F 9-noon crew.

**Memorial Bricks:** Dan walked us through his spreadsheets showing the income and expenses (P&L)<sup>3</sup> and potential costs<sup>4</sup> associated with the expansion of Butterfly Garden Walkway (by 110 more feet) to complete the next phase of that project. See the attached:

- Dan indicated that the profit is actually \$75 more than the P&L shows due to a minor math issue
- Dan says the 110 feet could fit about 200-250 more engraved bricks
- Dan talked with Colton and the contractor to see if there was any way to reduce the contractor's costs. Colton felt we/volunteers could excavate to the depth needed. The contractor said the area was too tight to do it with a skid steer so manual labor and a rototiller should be used. If we did that work ourselves, he could reduce his charge to us by the amount he would've paid his people, about \$500. Most of us agreed at the meeting that this is hard compacted dirt, we've tried to dig there, we've tried to rototiller there, and it is very hard soil and for a savings of \$500 it is not worth the back breaking wear and tear on volunteers to do that by hand.
- John H moved to increase the price of Memorial Bricks to: \$150 for 4x8, and \$300 for 8x8, and that we move forward with the next phase (110 feet) of the project to expand the brick walkway as proposed. Rick V seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Dan asked for approval to pre-order the blank pavers now at the current price (before the price increases) and we all agreed that was a great idea.
- John H will work with Dan to get the brochures (at Trecker and the Garden) and website prices updated.

#### **Loppet and Ski Series:**

- Loppet was a huge success! Kris thanked all the volunteers. And, despite the cold weather, the Ski Series has also been going well! We thanked Kris for her continued work that make the Series possible, and to Mike Graham for the time trials and Paul Keber for the Junior league and all the volunteers and Rangers too!
- Tuesday and Wednesday results are posted on our [website](#).
- Kris shared a copy of the current Loppet and Ski Series income to-date, attached<sup>5</sup>.

#### **Candlelight Hike:**

- It was cold, 20 degrees at the start, 15 by the end of the night, but we "sold out" (free parking vouchers) during the last few days before the weekend.
- The Rangers said the overflow lot was nearly full at times but never completely full, the pace of cars coming and going was just right. No one got stuck in the plowed lot this year.
- The Information Lodge Tent brought in donations, as did the donations jar for the treats.
- We need a new 100 cup hot water heater; John H will investigate options with Louise.
- We had 2 paths, one for skiers and one for walkers (on the Plantation Path), both with luminaries.
- Not a lot of skiers, but casual skiers & families enjoyed it and some snowshoed; most used Plantation Path.
- The bonfire and grill were both heavily used, a real success.

#### **Lodge:**

- Following up from last month, the EDA Resolution was updated and signed, see attached<sup>6</sup>
- John M said the Architect has given us the plans that are due at the 35% complete point, and those have now been passed on to the DNR for their review.
- Fundraising is also now 35% complete.

- John M thanked Mark H for his work on the EDA application, which was submitted today, requesting about \$1.3 million, with the DNR as co-applicants on the request. Rita thanked John M and Mark H as well for all the work they have put into this!

## NEW BUSINESS

**Summer Solstice:** Rita would like to get planning the Summer Solstice if we believe we want to hold it this year. The Milwaukee Journal needs lead time to get it into their events / notices. There was a general sense of “yes” to the idea, with more discussion to be had on details at our next meeting(s).

### News Broadcasts:

- Channel 58 (CBS) will be at Lapham tomorrow (on the 4<sup>th</sup>) to broadcast and/or get information about manmade snow, since that is what the Olympians may be skiing on.
- Channel 4 (NBC) will be here on the 11<sup>th</sup> broadcasting their weather segments, they would like skiers in the background from 6-7am and the PB grooming before hand (see page 1 of these minutes, for Anne K’s comments regarding this topic).

**Hours – Louise reminded a few of us that she still needs our 2021 hours.**

**Adjourned at 7:38pm:** Our next meeting – **Wednesday** March 2, 5:45 via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted, John Hillmer

Attachments (6):

1.  2022 Jan Treas Report.xls
2.  2022 January Habitat.pdf
3.  Brick P&L Summary.pdf
4.  Brick Walkway Expansion.pdf
5.  2022.02.02 Ski Series Income.xlsx
6.  EDA Resolution-Signed.pdf