

Friends of Lapham Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
March 2, 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 6:01pm.

Minutes: Minutes from February meeting were approved with a correction; they're on our [Website](#) now.

Treasurer's Report: Karl provided an updated January report, attached¹; and a preliminary February report².

- For January, Karl moved \$1000 from the General Fund to the Butterfly Garden and transferred the Colorama income to the General Fund.
- For February, Karl did not get clarification for all the deposits. The Lapham Lodge and Membership deposits are accurate, and all the expenses are recorded.
- Karl will resend the February report once he has all the deposit information.
- Kris asked that the Loppet and Ski-Series be merged into one column on the Treasurer's report as that is how she is handling the two of them this year.
- Ski-Series & Loppet summary for 2022:
 - Dec. T-Report income \$2,754.85
 - Jan, T-Report income \$4,826.00
 - Feb (or Mar) to be added \$2,272.00
 - Total \$9,853.85
 - Expenses (835.90) (batteries, treats, medals, postage)
 - Net profit \$9,017.95

Snow Making: John McC provided this information via email as he was unable to attend in person tonight:

- Skiing on the manmade snow loops in February was generally excellent, drawing large crowds, especially on weekends. Many thanks to FLP groomers Beatle Adelmeyer and Mark Janis, with trainee Andrew Straka, and to the DNR team for providing the regular grooming needed to keep the trails in great condition. As spring approaches, trail conditions are starting to deteriorate. Note that 85 days of skiing on the groomed manmade loop will occur on March 4th, and 90 days on March 9th. It appears that this weekend's weather may present a challenge to reaching the 90-day milestone.
- Expenses for diesel fuel, electricity, and grooming have been paid during the last month. Future snowmaking meetings will begin to address maintenance and repair issues from the past season and look at other system improvements, including the planned electric circuit realignment.

Habitat: See attachment³ for progress maps showing work in February, with 489 hours logged by volunteers this month, and 78 piles of brush burned. Locations included:

- Homestead Hollow Overflow Parking Lot area/Mike Fort Shelter
- Office area, and Front of the Park, Hwy C including safety work at the trail/road to Sheninger (sp?) Barn
- Entrance Road (North) and Maintenance Area
- Hill around the Tower
- Along the Ice Age Trail, and up by the "Wall"

A meeting with our Burn Contractor was also held this past month to plan Prairie and Woodland burn units for this Spring (mostly carryover from last Fall), and for the Fall of 2022, and for 2023 and beyond.

Memorial Benches and Bricks:

- Colton indicated that a Bench sold today (for \$3K), and that we are down to 2 spots let.
- A memorial brick (large) was sold as well at the new price.

Loppet and Ski Series:

- See the income/expense report with net profit of 9,017.95 in the treasurer's discussion above.
- Kris moved, that the 2022 profit from this year's Loppet and Ski Series be transferred to the Lapham Lodge! Rita seconded the motion, and the vote approved the motion unanimously.

Lodge: John McC provided this information via email as he was unable to attend in person tonight:

- The final version of the EDA grant application was submitted in February after making some revisions suggested by EDA in their review. We hope to hear back from EDA regarding our \$1.3 million request sometime in the next month or two. The 35% plans provided by GCA were used in the EDA Grant application but have not yet been submitted to DNR for review. A minor change in the location and orientation of the building, along with changes to the exterior fieldstone type and other minor modifications are being made prior to submittal of plans to DNR, which should occur soon.
- An acceptance letter (attached⁴) was received for our \$20,000 Stewardship Grant application to DNR for the Lodge. This grant would apply to "Phase 1", which includes design, site preparation, electrical relocation, and septic system improvements; this sets us up for another \$20,000 Stewardship Grant request later this year for "Phase 2" which will be the building. There will also be a "Phase 3" request.
- Colton requested Lapham Lodge posters and/or brochures that they/the DNR could take to the Sports show when they go on March 12th for about 5 hours. Rita will work with him on this.
- Paul Keber was able to help Rita with Fund Raising to date information:
 - Cash Collected to date: \$545,331
 - Money Pledged to date: \$659,791

Summer Solstice: Rita asked if we were still in agreement to hold the Summer Solstice event; a general sense of "yes" was received. We thought Saturday June 25th would be better than Tuesday the 21st so that's what we will use as the tentative date for now. John H updated the Event Calendar and posted a "save the date" note on the website. We agreed that the event should be a fund raiser for the Lodge. It will run from 6pm-9pm. Colton will verify that the Mike Fort and Trecker lodge (in case of rain) are open for us to reserve.

NEW BUSINESS

Friends of Wisconsin State Parks: Louise said we have renewed our membership for another year.

Donations to DNR: Anne K emailed saying the donation of the snow gun was acknowledged at the Feb 23rd NRB meeting. Colton is headed to Headquarters to pick up certificates later this week. Louise asked where we should be housing our various certificates, DNR donation acknowledgement, etc. Some of these for the WRSB and Snowgun were planned to be framed and hung in the WRSB, but it was agreed that they should be scanned and sent to the Secretary for filing, at the very least attaching them to minutes for record keeping.

Prescribed Burn Fund Raising:

- Colton said since Rangers are not able to do the prescribed burns themselves anymore, he and John H are leveraging a Contractor for this work. Now, an income stream is needed to fund this type of work.
- John H said we do get donations, but those support the operational needs (tools, supplies, maintenance) in addition to burning, so additional funds are needed.
- In addition to seeking Grants, Colton is proposing a Fund Raising 5K Run in the Spring or Summer, beginning in 2023. He's volunteering to spearhead things from the DNR side; he would need someone from the Friends to help him; we believe the Contractor would be a significant sponsor of the event.


Hours: Colton needs to complete his reports; any missing volunteer hours from calendar year 2021 should be send to Louise ASAP or they will not be included.

Adjourned at 7:20pm: Our next meeting – **Wednesday** April 6, 5:45 via Zoom


Respectfully Submitted, John Hillmer

Attachments (4):

1. 
2022 Jan Treas' Rpt
v2.xls

2. 
2022 Feb Treas' Rpt
v1.xls

3. 
2022 Feb Habitat
Rpt.pdf

4. 
FY22 Stew Lapham
Tentative Award.pdf