

Friends of Lapham Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2023



Attendees: (Everyone in attendance)

Mark Fischer, Mark Herr, John Hillmer, Melissa Jarecki, Rita Keber, Colton Kelly (DNR), John Kolbe, Anne Korman (DNR), Kris Maki, John McCarthy, Anne Riendl, Karl Timm, Dan Wiley

Meeting was held at the Hausmann House: Meeting was called to order at 4:13 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the December meetings were approved and will be posted on the website

Next Meeting: Next Board meeting will be at 4pm at Hausmann on Thursday February 9th-in person.

Treasurer's Report: Karl

- Over 100 deposits with strong contributions to both the Lapham Lodge and Snowmaking
- We moved \$750,000 to CD's. This will result in about \$15,000 in interest after 6 months.
- Anne R & Karl are now on the brokerage account; can now perform and monitor stock donations.
- Fright Hike is nearing resolution of financial transactions. The Friends should net about \$17,000.
- We have settled on the price of \$7,500 for the Ritz Holman accounting firm to perform the audit on our organization this year. As a side effect, all our financial transactions will need to be placed into QuickBooks (which our treasurer has committed to do), for them to perform the audit.

Officers unanimously approved/appointed for 2023:

John H - President

Melissa – Vice President

Karl – Treasurer

Anne R – Assistant Treasurer

Mark F - Secretary

Lodge (Mark H presented)

Here are the current amounts from Rita and Paul as of 12/31/2022.

Total Cash: \$655,411.25

- \$442.98 PayPal expenses

Net Cash: \$654,968.27 (doesn't include other expenses) that is an increase of \$63,620.68 since 12/4/22

Future pledges: \$171,688 (including \$100,000 from Friends of Lapham Peak, \$50,000 from City of Delafield Tourism Commission, and \$3,200 from Donor Paver Credit Orders minus \$112 credit charge fees)

Grants: \$1,319,900; Grant receipts: \$10,000

Total pledges, grants, and net cash: \$2,146,556.27 (89.4% of \$2.4 million goal) that is an increase of \$104,854.18 since 12/4/22

Received \$50K from City of Delafield Tourism-from Hotel Tax

\$25K-2022, \$25K 2023. Possibly another \$25K next year.

State Land Use Agreement (LUA) & Site Certification process are moving forward.

95% of construction drawings are complete

John K indicated IATA has materials to advertise our Lodge for free for us now (mailings and social media), local and statewide

Snowmaking

Indicated Mike Koester is now lead snowmaker

There is a contract signed with Haze Landscape for snow making and grooming.

The pond never ran out of water yet this year- but it's been close to running out.

Habitat

John H provided a written report to the board, attached



Jan 23 Habitat
Report.docx

Other notes:

We just bought 2 front snow tires because the original ones wore out-\$550

Last year, we bought 4 summer tires for summer use-\$500

Will need 2 more snow tires soon.

We just bought 1 new chainsaw-\$600.

We now have 3 Brush saws and 7 Chainsaws.

John K sharpens chains 3 times a week.

Spending about \$1000 a month on Habitat expenses.

Ski Series Kris M presented

Ski -Tuesday Series, Wednesday Series and the Loppet

\$1800 Ski Series

\$1400 Wednesday

90 Entries so far for Loppet this Saturday-we usually get 68-144 people. Limit is 150.

Memorial Bricks Dan W reported

Sold 30 bricks-about half of previous year.

Cost of brick and excavation is \$19K and has been paid-so everything forward is profit.

Butterfly Garden

We trimmed the Oak trees for Eva (John H later found out that more trimming will be needed)

\$1000 donation from Louise for the garden!

Membership Rita said:

Many new members.

41 out of 78 renewed membership-181 Lifetime members

Fright Hike Anne R reported:

Total Income \$86K-\$88K

\$17K Profit-2022

Colorama Kris said:

Jon Jeffords has volunteered to run it next year

Candlelight Hike-

Over 100 free vouchers have been picked up so far

Many more volunteers needed-especially for later parking

The Southern Unit has 300 puck lights that we can purchase ½ ownership for \$700.

It was agreed that this would be safer than lit candles.

Ann Riendl made a motion to purchase the puck lights out of General fund and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Meetings-

Continue our meetings at Hausmann

Prefer 4pm meetings

Next meeting 2/9/2023 at 4pm

Fire Pit Trecker Lodge

4 foot diameter recommended

There is an Eagle Scout looking for a project-Colton will contact him.

Anne K said there is a fire ring at Southern Unit and we can have that.

Would be nice to have something in place for Candlelight Hike (Jan 28th)

The 2018 Funded Sign at Park entrance update

It will be 3 feet by 4 feet, and will be up by the office to the right of the office entrance, possibly near the bulletin board there. John H will update Louise with this info as she was concerned that this would ever happen

See attachment for a small / draft of the sign



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Adjourned at 6:05 pm: Next February Board meeting will be at 4pm at Hausmann on Thursday February 9, in person.

Respectfully Submitted, M. Fischer