

Friends of Lapham Peak  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 9, 2023



**Attendees: (\* Unable to attend)**

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 4:05 pm.

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

**Next Meeting:** Next Board meeting will be at 4pm at Hausmann on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>-in person.

Eagle Scout project-Freddy Hertneky-Troop 73 Dousman

Freddy is willing to take on the Fire Pit project by Trekker Lodge

Great presentation with handouts and discussion about a 4 foot fire ring

With discussions about fire ring materials and surrounding rocks and fundraising Ideas

Treasurer's Report: Karl

- We have \$50k more in January for Lapham Lodge
- Snowmaking has \$180k total
- \$3k more in bench fund (there is one bench left-Overlook Bench-that could be sold for \$3k).
- Anne R is requesting that we establish a "Finance Committee" to oversee finances:
  - Mark H, Karl, and Anne R plan to be on the committee will review at quarterly intervals, the financial reports from all the institutions which hold FLP money. Dan Wiley will also be asked to join them
- Our financial transactions will be placed into QuickBooks (this has been an on-going project)
- Final Colorama money \$5,677.13 to General Fund
- Fright Hike-\$16,199.16 will be split between Habitat and Snowmaking 50/50
- Firewood sales \$40, Habitat donation-\$90, Candlelight -\$293, Butterfly Garden--\$75
- Endowment Fund up 12%

Lodge -Mark H presented (he emailed his report which is also below):

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

- On January 9, the Building Committee received the draft Land Use Agreement (LUA) for the Construction of Lapham Lodge from the DNR.
- On January 16, the Building Committee submitted the first required Quarterly Report to the EDA covering the period from the Sept. 2, 2022 grant award date to Dec. 31, 2022
- On January 19, Galbraith Carnahan Architects and GRAEF were informed that the deadline for 95% complete construction documents was extended from Feb. 1 to Feb. 17.
- On January 24, after review by John McCarthy, John Hillmer and Mark Herr, a marked-up copy of the LUA was returned to the DNR.
- On January 25, John McCarthy and Mark Herr met with Colton Kelly via Teams regarding DNR preferred plumbing fixtures and restroom accessories for the three Lapham Lodge restrooms.
- On January 27, the DNR incorporated our FLP comments into the LUA and forwarded the LUA to the DNR real estate and legal teams for review and approval. Note: The DNR acknowledged that a second LUA will be drafted to cover the operation of the new Lapham Lodge. The Building Committee would like to see a draft of this LUA as soon as possible.

## FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

- Total pledges, grants and net cash as of Jan. 31, 2023, is \$2,155,471.04 (89.8% of \$2.4 million goal).
- This is an increase of \$8,914.77 since Dec. 31, 2022.
- Charlie Ritter authored an article regarding Lapham Lodge that appeared in the January issue of Silent Sport magazine. Silent Sport Magazine donated 100 copies of the magazine which were placed in Evergreen shelter.
- On January 17 and January 19, CBS Channel 58 featured Lapham Peak and Lapham Lodge in their Hometown series that was broadcast during their news programs throughout the day. The Lapham Lodge project was mentioned in interviews with Colton Kelly, John McCarthy and Kate Barbour.
- On January 18, Will Edwards called a meeting of the Fund-Raising Committee to discuss and develop a 2023 fund-raising plan and schedule including additional mailings, promotion of the brick paver donation program, contacts with potential major donors, design of the donor recognition wall, specific item donations and groundbreaking event.
- In the month of January, the Ice Age Trail Alliance has been promoting Lapham Lodge to their members in Southeast Wisconsin and throughout the State using social media and their direct member communications. Thankyou John Kolbe.

Snowmaking- Anne R sent snowmaking minutes:



SM Report.pdf

And then presented, and indicated Mike Koester continues his transition into the lead snowmaker role.

Habitat-John H presented; he emailed the attached report:



Feb 5 Habitat  
Report.pdf

He and Colton also added that for Earth Day, Red Dogwood plants around WRSB were planned. Oak trees at Butterfly Garden were trimmed back further. Firewood building filled to capacity, and they are now stacking nicely outside the building. Firewood-Should ideally be used within the Park.

Ski Series Kris M presented

Tuesday Series-\$240

Good conditions for Wednesday night races due to much preparation work.

May move Tuesdays to Thursday next year to get to improved snow conditions for this event.

Peak Nordic-\$790 so far this season

Will pay for banquet 3/1/2023 90-100 attendees

Loppet had 143 skiers

Butterfly Garden

\$1000 donation received.

Another anonymous donor-\$2000 (1/2 of the new sprinkler system)

Colton will get details on the new irrigation system.

Membership Rita K presented  
Sent out email for members to renew  
Some new and sustaining members

Colorama  
Profits to General Fund  
Ski profits to Lodge

Candlelight Hike-  
64.5 Volunteer hours  
Not great weather (snowy night)-\$293 donations  
4pm start time and online registration planned for next year

Volunteer hours 2022  
Over 13,000 hours  
Everyone should track their time and their volunteers' hours-include travel time (if travel time is unknown, use ½ hour roundtrip)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Angela had an idea for a Fairy themed event this summer in the park

“Feel the Burn” this year will be June 24<sup>th</sup> with 1 water stop-not two

Nature Center Deer mount: a 10 point buck died when 2 bucks were fighting. 1 stabbed the other in the heart with its antler. Meat was donated and the Shoulder/Head will be mounted at Hausmann. A 50/50 cost sharing motion was made by Anne R that if the cost is under \$1200-\$600 would come out of the General Fund. Seconded by John K and passed unanimously

Adjourned at 7:00 pm: March Board meeting will be at 4pm at Hausmann on Thursday March 9, in person.  
Respectfully Submitted, M. Fischer