

Friends of Lapham Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 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 4:13 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were approved and will be posted on the website

Next Meeting:

- The next Board meetings will be at 4pm at Hausmann on Thursdays May 11 and June 8 - in person at Hausmann.
- Tuesday July 11 6 PM is a planned potluck for both FLP Board and the Snowmaking Committee at the Mike Fort Shelter.
- Thursday July 13 is the tentative date for the FLP Board meeting, as we usually take this month off; but we will confirm that as we get closer, based on the need to meet in person or via email.

Treasurer's Report- Karl T presented, and provided updated copies of the Jan & Feb reports, and he shared the March report, attached:



2023 Jan Treasurers
Report v4.xls



2023 Feb Treasurers
Report v2.xls



2023 March
Treasurers Report.xls

*Tom Byrne donated \$150 to Habitat

*Habitat Classes- Recommend a \$150 donation

Lodge -Mark H presented his report, attached:



March Lodge
Report.pdf

BUILDING COMMITTEE

*The 6 month financial report will be submitted 4/14/2023

*2nd Quarterly report was sent last week

*Site certification documents, review checklist, architect and engineer review checklist were sent and we Received comments and are working on a response.

*LP Ski club donated \$10K to the Lodge this year and donated last year

* No word on State \$200k grant

*Total funds \$2.2Million-Goal \$2.5Million

*We hope to go out for Bids 5/12/23

*We might send out to 20 contactors to bid and start construction as early as July 2023 and completed November 2024

*Could be a 9-13 month project

*We are looking for a grant writer on Social Media

Snowmaking-Anne R presented the SM report attached:



SM Draft.pdf

- * WI-DNR income, taken in on the property during the 3 months, Dec, Jan, Feb, has increased significantly in the 3 years since we got the PistenBully.
- * There were 105 days from the first day we made snow to the last skiable day this last winter
- * There were many cancelled events due to wet conditions and not too cold

Habitat-John H presented the Habitat report attached:



March Habitat
Report.pdf

- * Lots of volunteers in March
- * Estimate 100 burns in park this year
- * May move firewood closer to Evergreen
- * Mike Neiman has Weekend volunteer group
- * There is a Mary Ct. group that is helping with brush cutting

Ski Series-Kris M

Will update us in May

Nature Center Melissa J presented the NC report, attached:



Nature Center
Report.pdf

- * Applied for Incentive Grant and "Out Wi Go" Grants
- * Should have "Butterfly Lady" in May and August do a Monarch talk
- * There will be a Prairie Burn presentation by Evan, our burn contractor
- * Ideas-Looking for a Photography Club
- * Looking for Nature Center Volunteers- Informational meeting this Saturday with 20 new volunteers signed up
- * Sold 125 of 147 Sweat Shirts, T-shirts, hats-profits \$1393. Will order more.
- * Taxidermy-won't hear how long to finish for months. Deer Mount-\$800 we might get a grant to cover cost.

Memorial Bricks-Dan W presented:

- * 14 new orders-all bricks are now profits

Butterfly Garden

- *Irrigation system-sprinkler heads-No quote yet
- *Contract received and signed by Board President and should be finished in Spring. Any damage to Plantation Path or other DNR Property will be recouped through DNR Insurance. Once irrigation system is complete and donated to DNR, the DNR will be responsible for annual blowout and winterizing.

Membership-Rita K presented:

- * 1 more Lifetime member
- * 86 members
- * 2 Corporate Sponsors- Summerstage is one

Feel the Burn

* June 24- On Race Wire

Fright Hike

- * Contract signed with Angie Meyer
- * Fright Hike max attendance 1500 reduced from 2000
- * Fright Hike meeting planned for May 8-1pm at Maintenance shop
- * Discussed October "Friday the 13th" Hike 6-9pm \$13 admission
- * Will start at Ice Age trail and end at Summerstage

Colorama

No Report

Candlelight Hike-

- * Considering a "Fairy Forest" Summer Night Hike

Orientation Sign

- * It's complete and beautiful-about 100 lb. and will be at park entrance

Fire Pit

- * Freddy made up a flyer
- * Arranged a 10% profit donation from Culver's Wales on profits May 2nd from 4-7pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Grants:

- Knowles-Nelson Stewardship
 - 2022 \$20K (with 20K match); received 1st installment (10K).
 - 2023 \$20K (with \$20K match); requested 1st installment (10K).
- Weizenicker \$4K (with \$4.5K match); submitted/waiting, Nemahbin Springs.
- Delafield Fund \$1K; submitted/waiting, Nemahbin Springs.
- FWSP Incentive Grant for Nature Center \$3.5K (with \$4,025 match); submitted.
- DNR Partnership Enhancement Grant for "flashing lights" Traffic Crossing (coming in April 2023)
- "Out We Go" for Nature Center staff – has been applied for.

- * May 6, 9-12 Spring Work Day-Brat Hot Dog cookout
- * May 13, 10-4pm Southern Unit Friends get together <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/outwigo/green>
- * May 7, 14, 21 -7-9am Bird Hikes-meet at Evergreen
- * Making up Volunteer Waiver forms that all volunteers will be required to sign
- * July 11 Annual Snow Making Cookout-Potluck at Mike Fort Shelter 6 PM Joanne Ziarek is coordinator
- * Path to Nature Center will get crushed stone addition on workday May 6th

Adjourned at 7:35 pm: May Board meeting will be at 4pm at Hausmann on Thursday
May 11, in person.

Respectfully Submitted, M. Fischer