

April 17, 2025, FOLP meeting minutes

In attendance: John Hillmer, John Kolbe, Rita Keeber, Melissa Jarecki, Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Mark Fischer, Mark Herr, Christina Ciszek, Steve Huser, Becky Burton

Absent: Kris Maki

DNR representative: Collin Bergholz

Guest: Matthew Grimmer, Delafield

Meeting started at 3:02 pm in Lapham Lodge Meeting Room

- February meeting minutes approved by the board unanimously (no March meeting).

Old Business

Treasure's report

- See reports from Karl Timm
- Karl made a motion to move funds from 2025 Colorama to create an accessible path between Hausmann Nature Center and the current accessible path. Anne seconded the motion. John M. reported on the proposed accessible fishing pier and path. The entire project would cost an estimated \$65,000. The 2025 Colorama funds are approximately \$3,000. The motion carried.
- Anne thanked Karl for creating an easy-to-follow transaction list.

Lapham Lodge

- See report from Mark Herr and the Building Committee
- Karl made a motion that all interest earned on any cash assets of FLP go into the General Fund. Motion carried.
- The donor catalog will be closed as all furnishings have been purchased.
- Five more names will be added to the Recognition Wall, then it will be closed to additional names
- More Lapham Lodge personalized bricks will be available for donors
- Mark H. investigated Spectrum's proposal to be our cable provider. They may be installing a cable to the area at no charge to us. The cost would be \$250 per month and would include audio and video. We currently pay \$120 for Starlink. The consensus was not to switch to Spectrum.
- John M. made a motion that the Board allow the Building Committee to decide on the Lapham Peak Ski Club's proposed Heroes of Lapham Peak plaque. The motion carried.

Snowmaking, Ski league/Series/Loppet

- All income from the Loppet will go to snowmaking.

Habitat

- See report from John Hillmer. Report covers time until mid-April.

Hausmann Nature Center and Jarecki Prairie

- See Report from Melissa Jarecki
- Melissa reported good attendance at the open house for potential volunteers and refresher for returning volunteers
- Some programs have already sold out
- New merchandise is arriving soon, including Hausmann the owl
- An Eagle Scout will be working on a new kiosk

Butterfly Garden

New native plants will be arriving at the end of May for planting in the garden

Membership

- Rita reported that there are currently 104 paid annual members and 205 Lifetime Members

Personalized Bricks in Butterfly Garden

- See report from Becky Burton

Fright Hike

- John Hillmer reported that it would occur October 23rd and 24th

Feel the Burn

- Scheduled for July 11th

Accessible fishing pier and path

- John M. reported the estimated cost of entire project as approximately \$65,000
- Federal Rec Trails Grant submitted by John M. Can be used for Stewardship match needed for the Knowles Nelson grant already submitted

Hausmann Nature Center accessible path

- John M. has submitted a plan for the route and is getting estimates for the work. Paving will likely be around \$17,000, which does not include grading or putting down gravel. Path will be 440 feet long, with an elevation change of 21 feet.

Supervisor's Report

- See report from Mike Ring
- Signage at the crossing has been installed. As officially required, these just say "Caution"
- Board requested that DNR provide a throwable life preserver ring to the new fishing pier
- DNR equipment that is no longer needed will go to the Wisconsin Surplus auction site. This will include equipment purchased by FLP and given to the DNR

Bugbee/Redmond Property

- Mountain bike trails are being planned
- Property will be named the Kay Redmund Reserve
- The Ice Age Trail will still go through the property

New Business

Liability insurance

- Christine agreed to lead a committee to explore the effect of these changes

New property owners

- Former Timm's farm property on NW corner of Lapham has new owners
- There will be a public hearing on the owners' plans for a hobby farm

John M. reported on his attendance at the Conservation Conference

Upcoming events

- Wednesday, July 29, 6:35, Lake Country Dockhounds fundraiser. Tickets available through Events tab
- September 17 will be Wine and Women in the Woods
- Tuesday, July 14 is joint meeting/potluck with the Board and the Snowmaking committee at Lapham Lodge
- May 2 will be the next work day. At 9 am meet at maintenance shop, projects, tools, and lunch provided. RSVP to Rita for work and lunch.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Minutes recorded by Becky Burton, Secretary