

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN**  
**Non-Motorized Trails Committee Meeting Minutes – Jan 18, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Anne Small

Roll call: Present were Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Bob Schell, Marion Jansen, Mary Platner and Anne Small

Open meeting verification: Anne Small verified that meeting agenda was posted prior to Jan 17 at 5:30 PM

Marion Jansen made motion to approve agenda, seconded by Jim Swenson, approved

Bob Schell made motion to approve minutes from December meeting, seconded by Jim Swenson, approved with no changes

No citizen concerns were expressed

Awassa Trails discussion:

Anne Small discussed correspondence received from Melissa Yarrington, the Storm Water Runoff agent with the DNR regarding work done on the Aspen Loop. Committee discussed work needed to be done in spring to address her concerns including raking out of soils and seeding along trail edges. Marion Jansen suggested that we get McNaughton crew to do the work. Anne Small commented that this work could be done by the committee and volunteers.

Anne Small consulted with Town Chair, Tom Christensen about the requirements for bidding out the trail design for new trails at Awassa. Since it would be under \$5,000, we can send out the bid description to three firms of our choice. It was decided that Anne Small would come up with a bid description and would email it to committee members for review during January so that it could be sent out to the firms prior to February meeting.

Marion Jansen discussed some ideas of fundraising for Awassa. She had compiled a letter to send to First National Bank to request a donation. She also suggested that the Town could join the American Hiking Society at the Bronze level of \$125 so that it could apply for funding through one of their grants. Grant requests for 2016 needed to be submitted by Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. Marion also noted that we could do a trail event for National Trail Days on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June.

Marion Jansen made a motion to spend \$125 for membership in the American Hiking Society (AHS), motion was seconded by Bob Schell, approved.

Dick and Lolly Kloepfer, citizens present at the meeting, offered to donate \$125 to the Awassa Trails for the purpose of offsetting the membership in the AHS.

Other ideas and input from committee: Mary Platner suggested that the trails should have a float in the St Germain 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

Bike Trail items for discussion:

Jim Swenson reported that the repair of bumps in trail should be done this spring.

Anne Small tabled discussion of the bike trail extension to Half-Mile Rd. until February meeting because two committee members had to leave early.

Next committee meeting was scheduled for Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30.

Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.