

NON - MOTORIZED TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 21, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM

Roll Call: Present were Becky Dunn, Mary Platner, Bob Schell, Marion Janssen, Anne Small, Jim Swensen. Also present was Joyce Owens & Wally Geist

Open Meeting Verification: Anne Small stated that the meeting notice was posted on Saturday, December 20, 2015

Approval of agenda: Motion to approve by Mary Platner, 2nd by Marion Janssen, approved

Minutes of previous meeting: Mary Platner made motion to approve with corrections, 2nd by Becky Dunn, approved

Citizen Concerns: Joyce Owens was concerned about the donation box across from South Bay Road, it was verified that the donation box should be sanded and repainted. Wally Geist expressed his concerns regarding the widening of the Awassa trail that was done by Jimmy & Steve Vogel. He questioned whether soils were disturbed, why the trail was widened over 12 feet in spots and the pushing over of young trees.

Trail work discussion: This was quite a long discussion regarding the widening of the trails that were recently done with the following recommendations/motions made:

Mary Platner motioned that the width of all the Awassa Ski trails will be no greater than ten (10) feet in width for perpetuity. 2nd by Marion Janssen. Passed unanimously.

Marion Janssen motioned that guidelines be established by the committee prior to any further work being done on the trails. 2nd by Jim Swensen. Passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed the presence of fat bikes on the Awassa Trail system. Mary Platner made a motion that fat bikes are not to be allowed on the Awassa Trail System, 2nd by Marion Janssen. Motion approved.

Purchasing the ski groomer was discussed and it was decided to table the purchase for this season. The Committee will use John Vojta's drag until one can be purchased.

Discussion of the wording for the entrance banner: It was decided that the banner should say "winter trails" rather than Awassa Trails

Other ideas:

Marion Janssen stated that she would give the committee a financial report at each meeting. Minutes of the meetings are on the town's web site. The questions of the status of Outlot 1 was discussed.

Bob Schell made a suggestion of putting up gates to block snowmobiles from using the trails.

Marion Janssen also stated that she would do a draft of the donation request letter to First National Bank. Other grant ideas were discussed.

Bike & Hike:

Trail connector to Community Park: Pitlik & Wick were awarded the bid for the connector to be done in the spring, 2016.

Trail root problem is still being researched.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 5:30 PM