

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN  
NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – JULY 20, 2017**

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Anne Small at 5:31PM
2. Roll Call: Present were Penny McCormick, Anne Small, Bob Schell, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Becky Dunn and Marion Janssen. Absent was Mary Platner
3. Anne Small verified that she posted the meeting as per the open meeting laws
4. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Marion Janssen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Schell, motion carried
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Marion Janssen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky Dunn with one correction that Becky Dunn was not present at that meeting. Motion Carried
6. Citizen's Concerns: None present
  
7. AWASSA TRAIL ITEMS:
  - a. Review bid description for completing new trail: Discussion of bid including completion and who to send out bid requests to. It was decided to have a completion date of November 15, 2017 and to send out bid requests to Dave Walker, Steve Vogel and Jim Harmon with bids due by August 15, 2017, so that it can be placed on town board agenda.
  - b. Gates & Signage for trail access point off of Weber Road: Jimmy Vogel will be building gate for spot where snowmobile trail crosses on Weber Road
  - c. Working with VASSA for fundraising: VASSA has a nonprofit status (501-C3) and discussion was to go through VASSA for next fundraiser or possibly obtain our own nonprofit status. The committee felt that we should research getting our own, Marion Janssen & Bob Schell will try to obtain more information on the application process.
  - d. Bench update: Mary Platner was not present, but the committee felt this has been delayed too long and that if Mary's carpenter could not finish this project, we should proceed with ordering a bench.
  
8. BIKE & HIKE TRAIL ITEMS.
  - a. Complaints of ATV traffic on bike trail at east end of Sunrise Lane: A post at the end of the road at the end of Sunrise has been broken off, discussion of replacement of that post and possibly installing a gate. It is was decided to replace the sign now and fix with wood posts to restrict traffic. Jim Swenson to contact Dennis Dieter from the UTV club to request that the club puts up stop signs (trail ends sign) and "No ATV/UTV Allowed" signs where needed to restrict access to bike trails and for safety at crossings.
  - b. GHT River Trail: The GHT is asking St. Germain for community support in the expansion of bike trail system in the Town of Cloverland. They are asking for the chamber & town board to support this trail: Motion by Marion Janssen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Schell to have Jim Swenson inform town board of project.
  
9. FERN RIDGE TRAIL: Discussion of parking limitations. Hikers will need to park along fence.
  
10. FREEDOM 5K: There were 351 runners. Becky Dunn volunteered to update names in mailing list. Possibilities of doing a raffle next year, discussion of doing another raffle for fall/winter

with snowshoe package. Discussion of receiving a drag in lieu of a cash donation from Freedom 5k group. Jim Swenson to talk to Tom Christensen regarding receiving this donation.

11. OTHER IDEAS: Jimmy Vogel & Anne Small to review bike trails to see if there are some areas that will need crack filling and give assessment to John Vojta. Becky Dunn asked who maintains trimming of branches and it is the trail committee that is responsible for this maintenance.

12. Date of Next Meeting: August 21, 2017 @ 5:30 pm