

Non-Motorized Trail Committee Minutes

Dec 19 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 5:38 PM
2. Roll call- Bob Schell, Penny McCormic, Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel and Anne Small were present. Absent were Marion Janssen, Beck Dunn and Mary Platner. Also present was Sherry Stecker.
3. Anne Small stated she posted the minutes before noon on December 18 2017.
4. Jim Swenson made a motion to approve the agenda. Jimmy Vogel seconds the motion.
5. Jimmy Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the November committee meeting. Anne Small seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Citizen Concerns – none
7. Awassa Trail Items for discussion/action:
 - a. Candlelight ski/snowshoe event – Anne Small said that she had put the candlelight event notice in Silent Sports magazine, as well as a variety of other area community calendars. She said she would get the posters printed and up in January. Committee said we would keep the same plan as last year, but start a little earlier putting out the candles. We would try to get more volunteers for setting up/retrieving all the candles. Jim Vogel and Anne Small will work on making some ice luminaries for section from parking lot to the bonfire. We will serve the s'mores packets and hot chocolate again, and Green Rich Tea will provide tea.
 - b. Anne Small passed around info about a roller for grooming the trails. She stated that the roller will help to compact the trails without losing snow, like you would when just simply pulling the drag over the trail first. She priced out rollers at ABR Ski in Ironwood, MI. The cost is \$1000 for the 5 ½' roller. Bob Schell makes motion to approve purchase of a roller for the Awassa Trails from ABR Ski. Jim Swenson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jimmy Vogel said that he could run up and pick up the roller.
 - c. Committee looked at the updated Awassa Trails brochure created by Anne Small. All members liked the layout and Anne Small said she would send a pdf to the Chamber and drop off the paper there for printing.
 - d. Jimmy Vogel said that he picked up the grooming drag and track setter. He added lights to the grooming drag so that he can groom after dark. He said that brushing is needed at the snowmobile trail crossings to allow for better visibility. Jimmy Vogel also suggested putting "Awassa Trails" on the drag, or possibly mount a sign to the trail saying "Grooming is provided by volunteers" or something similar.
8. Fat Bike Loop update – Jimmy Vogel said that there were snowmobile tracks on much of the fat bike loop. Suggested adding "no snowmobiles" signs, more fencing, and finding out and talking to the person/people who are riding their snowmobiles on the trail. Some committee members agreed to take a look at it on Dec 20th to see what can be done to fix the problem. Jim Swenson suggested putting up some snow fencing to prevent drifting along the stretch of trail by the school.
9. 501c3 Organization for the trails – Anne Small said that this would be an organization just for fundraising and raffles to put money back into the Non-Motorized Trails in town. She said that Becky Dunn did some background research about setting up such an organization.
10. Next Trails Committee meeting scheduled for January 15, 2018, at 5:30 PM
11. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM by Anne Small