

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN**  
**Minutes of Non-Motorized Trails Committee Meeting**  
**20.01.30**

- 1) Anne Small called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM
- 2) Roll call: Present were Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Bob Schell and Anne Small. Absent were Penny McCormick and Brigette Ryan.
- 3) Open meeting verification: Anne Small stated that she posted the agenda before 5:30 PM on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) Approval of agenda: Bob Schell made motion to approve agenda, Jim Swenson seconded. Motion carried.
- 5) Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Jim Swenson made motion to approve minutes from the December 16, 2019, meeting with a correction in item 11 (Weiss should be changed to Strom). Bob Schell seconded motion. Motion carried.
- 6) Citizen Concerns : none
- 7) Bike & Hike Trail
  - a) Trail report – nothing to report
- 8) Fern Ridge Trail
  - a) Trail report: Trail is well packed and getting regular use from snowshoers. Anne Small suggested that the current trail route through the old trailhead along Hwy 155 seems to be easy for snowshoers to follow, so would be good to just keep the current trail route rather than making a reroute on that end of the trail. Bob Schell suggested that early in spring, we should walk and mark a new proposed route for the snowmobile trail reroute on south property line so that we can get town board approval.
  - b) Snowshoe event wrap-up: Overall, the event went well and was well-attended, with about 120 people. There was \$228 in the donation box from the event.

For next year: Jimmy Vogel suggested moving the fire area out of the parking lot for next year's event so that there is more room to park. He also suggested having a larger sign indicating trail entrance. Anne Small suggested maybe we should look into getting a portable toilet. Jim Swenson suggested asking Bob Richardson if he would consider donating the use of a portable toilet for the event.

- 9) Awassa Trail
  - a) Trail Report – Grooming has been excellent this winter. Many people giving compliments on trail conditions.
  - b) Candlelight Event planning – Event to take place on Feb 15, from 6-8 pm. Committee discussed who was bringing each of the needed supplies for event. Friday setup: set benches, set luminaries along trail. Saturday morning put sign by road and place candles in luminaries. Meet at 5:00 pm, on Saturday to set up hot chocolate/s'mores, fire, and light luminaries. Anne Small said that Terry Duke offered to help with the event.
- 10) Other ideas/input from committee: Jimmy Vogel stated that he would like to write for grants to put in mountain bike trails at Fern Ridge. Vogel thought that, based on discussion with LAMBO trail designers, that it would cost about \$10,000 per mile of trail. The grant he is thinking of requires matching half of the grant amount. He asked for this to be put on the agenda for next town board meeting for February 10<sup>th</sup>, for town board approval of funding \$25,000 in matching money on a \$50,000 grant.
- 11) Next committee meeting scheduled for February 25, 2020, at 5:30 PM.
- 12) Meeting adjourned by Anne Small at 6:47 PM