

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non-Motorized Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
04/13/2021

- 1) Meeting called to order by Anne Small at 5:31 PM
- 2) Roll call: Present were committee members Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Bob Schell, Penny McCormick, Lynn Uthagrove, and Anne Small. Also present was Terry Duke.
- 3) Open meeting verification: Anne Small posted meeting agenda before 5:30 PM on April 12, 2021
- 1) Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Bob Schell made motion to approve minutes from March meeting, Jimmy Vogel seconded, motion carried.
- 2) Citizen Concerns: none
- 3) Awassa Trail
 - a) Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel stated that grooming drag has been stored at town shop. Yellow loop is closed until it dries out.
- 4) Fern Ridge Trail
 - a) Trail report – Lynn Uthagrove said that her dad was out on the trail several times and all looked good.
 - b) Portable toilet for Fern Ridge trailhead – Jim Swenson made motion to enter into contract with Northwoods Portable Toilets for the summer for a portable toilet at the trailhead on Forest Lane. Anne Small seconded motion. Motion carried. Cost for the toilet will be approximately \$800 for the summer season.
 - c) Mountain bike trail fundraising update – Jimmy Vogel said that funds raised from the fundraising letter was about the same. Currently we have raised about \$8000, and need about \$4000 or \$5000 additional funds. A raffle of donated items (including a mountain bike from Forever Young Bike & Ski) will be conducted by the St Germain Silent Trails UA with drawing to be held the Saturday of Labor Day weekend at the soft opening for the mountain bike trails. Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Committee also discussed having a winter scavenger hunt and a fall 5K run as fundraisers.
 - d) Mountain bike trail work update – Jimmy Vogel said that Travis Bellman plans to start trail construction in August. Travis has mapped all of the trail routes and sent a bill for that portion of the work. Jimmy Vogel said that the National Honor Society has made a commitment to help with the project and he thought they could help with the brush clearing of trail corridor.

Anne Small said she would work on getting the stormwater runoff permit completed, as per the grant requirements.

Committee scheduled a meeting at the Fern Ridge trailhead to walk the flagged mountain bike route on April 21, 2021, at 5:00 PM
 - e) Schedule work session to clear brush on trails – committee will determine date after the April 21st walk of the trail route.
- 5) Bike & Hike Trail
 - a) Trail Report – Jim Swenson and Jimmy Vogel took the covers off of the trail signs. Jimmy Vogel said he was planning to blow the trails off in the next week or two.

Bob Schell noted that there were 2 signs knocked down on his section of bike trail in town.

Jimmy Vogel said that we need to either replace or repair the bike pump at work station behind Chamber. Anne Small suggested that maybe we could ask the chamber if we could install the pump under their back porch to protect it from the elements. She said she would ask Penny.
 - b) Trail damage across from Big St Germain Dr. – Jimmy Vogel said that he had a plan for this repair and should get the work done soon.
- 6) Other ideas/input from committee - none
- 7) Next meeting scheduled for May 12, 2021, at 6 PM.
- 8) Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM