

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Non-Motorized Trails Committee
Minutes July 21, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM
2. Roll call: Present were Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Terry Duke, Bob Schell, Penny McCormick, and Anne Small. Absent was Lynn Uthagrove.
3. Open meeting verification: Anne Small posted the meeting agenda before 5:30 on July 20, 2021
4. Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Bob Schell made motion to approve minutes, Jimmy Vogel seconded. Motion carried.
5. Citizen Concerns: None
6. Awassa Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Anne Small said that she installed a new story walk from the Plum Lake Library on the green loop. Penny McCormick noted that there were areas of heavy fern growth on the new yellow loop.
7. Fern Ridge Trail
 - a. Trail report – Jim Swenson said that there is now a portable toilet at the trailhead and it looks like a lot of people using the trails.
 - b. Mountain bike trail fundraising – Jimmy Vogel reported that we received \$500 donation from Walmart, and he left a message with the manager of the Minocqua store to arrange a photo op. Jimmy Vogel also said that Incredible Bank donated \$250. Jimmy sent a thank you note for that donation. In total, Jimmy Vogel said that the donation request letter has garnered \$10,825, and the bike raffle has earned \$4025, plus \$42 in cash donations. Jimmy Vogel said that at the raffle booth he is seeing a lot of interest from people. He said that many people are taking the trails flyer that his wife made up for the booth.
 - c. Mountain bike trail work update – Jimmy Vogel said that he, Terry Duke, and Jim Swenson were out cutting the corridor for the mountain bike trail route.
 - d. Discussion/Action: Whether to allow E-bikes on mountain bike trails and what classifications would be allowed – Jimmy Vogel said that he was worried about allowing all classes of e-bikes on the mountain bike trails, as this may mean we would have electric motorcycles on the trails, which could do a lot of damage. Committee decided to table this item and do research for discussion at future meeting.
8. Bike & Hike Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel said he and Terry Duke rode the St Germain segment to count how many mileage posts would be needed to replace the metal ones with 4x4s to accommodate the NRT signs. Jimmy Vogel repainted and fixed the donation boxes along the trail, and he would like to see NRT stickers on the donation boxes. Terry Duke stained the bike trail kiosk behind the Chamber. Jimmy Vogel said that the air pump for the bike station behind chamber had arrived, and concrete pad had been poured for it. He said it needs to cure before install.
 - b. Discuss what to display in kiosk behind Chamber – Anne Small will order aluminum map for kiosk similar to the one at South Bay trailhead.
 - c. Discuss dressing up the surface of the workstation/kiosk area behind Chamber – Jimmy Vogel said he would like to see the area from the mile marker post around back of kiosk and encompassing donation box dug out and filled with compacted, recycled blacktop. Jimmy Vogel reached out to Steve Vogel Services for a quote. The quote was \$600. Anne Small made motion to have the work done by Steve Vogel Services, seconded by Penny McCormick. Motion carried, with Jimmy Vogel abstaining.
9. Treasurer's report on account balances – Anne Small stated that Jeanna Vogel gave the following account balances: Bike & Hike Trail - \$55,219.86, Fern Ridge - \$23,826.85, Awassa - \$3278.02
10. Other ideas/input from committee – Jimmy Vogel said that we should come up with ideas for the kiosk at the Fern Ridge Trailhead. He said he would like to see a three-panel sign. Jimmy Vogel said this item should be put on future agenda.
11. Next trail meeting scheduled for August 25, at 5:30 PM.
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM