

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN**  
**Minutes for Non-Motorized Trails Committee Meeting**  
**Oct 25, 2021**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM by Anne Small
2. Roll call: All committee members present including Terry Duke, Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Bob Schell, Lynn Uphagrove, Penny McCormick and Anne Small.
3. Open meeting verification – Anne Small posted the meeting agenda before 5:30 PM on Oct 23, 2021.
4. Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting – Jimmy Vogel made motion to approve minutes from the September committee meeting, Bob Schell seconded. Motion carried.
5. Citizen Concerns - none
6. Awassa Trail
  - a. Trail Report- A new story walk was installed by Emilie Braunel from the Plum Lake Library. Anne Small will contact everyone to do a photo for the Thrivent grant. Jimmy Vogel said he cleared a downed tree and said that we need to get a skidsteer to take down the leaning tree on the orange loop. Anne Small said that she would make a Facebook post for the Candlelight event on Feb 19 from 6-8 PM.
7. Fern Ridge Trail
  - a. Trail report – Jim Swenson said that Stacy Swenson blew the hiking trail loops off last Saturday. Jimmy Vogel said that they worked on putting up posts to keep the snowmobiles off of the biking/hiking trails.
  - b. Mountain bike trail fundraising – Jimmy Vogel reported receiving another \$250 donation.
  - c. Mountain bike trail and sledding hill work update – Jimmy Vogel said that Travis finished the first loop and it is rideable. He is working on the second loop and that some of the guys from LAMBO rode it and said it was some of Travis’s best work. Jimmy Vogel said that they would use some of the old telephone poles for posts for the sledding hill fencing and will need to buy some metal posts for the plastic snowmobile fencing. Sledding hill is about 200’ and will fence an out-of-bounds. Jimmy Vogel said he would like to mow it before it snows.
  - d. Funding and design of kiosk at trailhead – committee looked at a several kiosk examples. After discussion of designs, Anne Small made motion to use the “Green Circle” style kiosk, Jim Swenson seconded. Motion carried.
  - e. Approval of additional cost for portable toilet winter maintenance (\$20/mo) – Anne Small made motion to approve, Bob Schell seconded, motion carried.
  - f. Installation of garbage can at trailhead – the portable toilet pumper suggested putting a garbage at the trailhead so people didn’t throw garbage into toilet. Committee decided it would be to hard to keep people from dumping household garbage and keep animals out. Anne Small would order sign for the door of the portable toilet to stress no garbage in toilet.
  - g. Concrete fire pit & picnic benches for trailhead – Terry Duke suggested the fire pits for warming fires. Jim Swenson said that that would need to be approved by town board and maybe we should wait until sledding hill was established. Jimmy Vogel would like to see picnic tables at the trailhead. Jim Swenson would ask permission from town board to move 4 picnic tables there.
  - h. Bench designs for trail and cost for memorial bench – Committee will look at designs for benches and discuss at November meeting.
8. Bike & Hike Trail
  - a. Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel said he would like to blow off trail one more time. He said last year they put up fence and closed trail the week before opening weekend of hunting. Jimmy said he would leave break in fencing to allow walking across the bridges.
  - b. Approval of the verbiage for E-bike info and Fun Facts signs on kiosk behind chamber-committee gave suggestions for changes. Terry Duke will work on the revisions.
9. Treasurer’s report
  - a. Account balances - \$3,382.41 in Awassa, \$34,474.67 in Fern Ridge, \$54,709.23 in Bike and Hike.

- b. Online donations – Jeanna Vogel gave overview of GiveButter fundraising account. Said once set up, committee would need to decide on person to be the administrator for the committee.
  - c. Discussion of donation levels for online donations – table until later date.
  - d. Discussion on combining the three trail accounts – table until after the board discusses possibility of changing banks.
10. 2022 fundraising ideas and goals – Anne Small said she didn't hear back from Adam at Forever Young Bike and Ski about purchasing a bike from him for the raffle. Jimmy Vogel said he would reach out to some other shops.
  11. Other ideas/input from committee – Committee set the date of January 15, 2022, from 1:00-4:00 PM for the snowshoe & fatbike event at Fern Ridge.
  12. Next committee meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2021, at 5:30 PM
  13. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM