

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN  
Non-Motorized Trails Committee  
Minutes from January 24, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm by Anne Small
2. Roll call: Present were Bob Schell, Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Penny McCormick, and Anne Small. Also present was Jeanna Vogel.
3. Open meeting verification: Jim Swenson posted meeting agendas before 5:30 PM on January 22, 2022
4. Bob Schell made motion to approve minutes from December meeting. Jimmy Vogel seconded motion. Motion carried.
5. Citizen Concerns - none
6. Awassa Trail
  - a. Trail Report – Jim Swenson groomed the trails last week. All look in good shape.
  - b. Candlelight event planning– Friday committee to meet to set up luminaries. Will put out candles Saturday morning. Penny McCormick has 75 packets of cookies and Karen Anderson sent a note that she would donate additional cookies. Anne Small will type up a press release for the papers and also get the event listed on the area radio station community event pages. Jim Swenson will be making up 2 banners for the town sign posts for the event that can be used each year.
    - i. Consider food pantry collection at event – Jim Swenson suggested that the donations collected be donated to local food pantries. Committee agreed and would split between the Lakeland Pantry and Vilas Food Pantry.
7. Fern Ridge Trail
  - a. Trail report – fat bike trails were groomed by Jimmy Vogel and are getting a lot of use.
  - b. Ridge Rendezvous review – there were about 140 attendees. Bob Schell noted that we used about 120 cups of hot chocolate.
  - c. Mountain bike trail progress/donation update – Anne Small noted that there was a donation through the GiveButter online page that was set up. She said she would send a thank you to the donor.
8. Bike & Hike Trail
  - a. Trail Report- Jimmy Vogel suggested that the town get bids for crack filling on trail. Committee agreed to get bid specs together and have on the agenda for February. Anne Small will contact Boulder Junction to see who they used and if they have a bid spec that we could look at.

Jimmy Vogel said he is going to make something to cut the grass that is growing over the edge of the trail blacktop.
9. Treasurer’s report
  - a. Account balances – Awassa: \$3424.67, Fern Ridge: \$28,966.24, Bike and Hike: \$55,193.35
  - b. Discussion with treasurer about combining the three trail accounts- Jeanna Vogel said that Nicolet Bank has lower minimum balance for accounts, also the \$12,000 to the Non Motorized Trails could go into one single account easier than trying to divide between the accounts. Bob Shell made motion to combine the three accounts into one Non-Motorized Trails account which will be subdivided in Quick Books. Jimmy Vogel seconded motion. Motion carried. Jim Swenson will put this on the town board meeting agenda for approval.
10. Other ideas/input from committee – Jimmy Vogel noted that the trail counters are active and will get put out this week.
11. Next meeting scheduled for February 21, 2022, at 5:30 pm.
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM by Anne Small