

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

Minutes of Non-Motorized Trails Committee

April 12, 2022

1. Meeting called to order by Anne Small at 5:30 PM
2. Roll call: Present were all committee members, Bob Schell, Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Penny McCormick and Anne Small. Also present were Terry Duke and Penny Strom.
3. Open meeting verification: Anne Small posted meeting agenda before April 11, 2022 at 5:30 PM.
4. Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Bob Schell made motion to approve agenda, Jimmy Vogel seconded. Motion carried.
5. Penny Strom from St Germain Chamber discussed doing a video series featuring the St Germain silent sport trails. She said Dan Dumas would work with us to do the filming and video production. She would like to do two videos a month starting in May and running through October.
6. Citizen Concerns: Terry Duke said he would be interested in adopting a mile of the bike trail that was available last fall. Anne Small said she would get back to him if the other party was no longer interested.
7. Awassa Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Jim Swenson and Jimmy Vogel picked up the downed branches and cleared trees.
8. Fern Ridge Trail
 - a. Trail report – Jim Swenson cleared down trees a couple weeks ago.
9. Bike & Hike Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Jim Swenson and Jimmy Vogel took out the Gator to check the stretch by South Bay Rd. Still snow covered. They said there was a lot of gravel along the usual stretches by highway and may need to have the town use the brush on those segments to clear.
 - b. Schedule work day and discuss renting chipper – Committee will meet on April 29th, weather permitting, at 8 am, for a work session to clear and trim along bike trail. Jim Swenson will set up rental of chipper for that day.
10. Treasurer's report
 - a. Account balances: Awassa \$3457.21, Fern Ridge \$29,069.26, Bike & Hike \$51,127.82
11. Raffle items for this year and discuss what we would be fundraising for this year: Jimmy Vogel presented idea of raising funds for a Snowdog grooming machine for the winter fat bike trails at Fern Ridge, along with a storage shed for the Fern Ridge Recreation Area. Committee agreed that these would be good items to raise funds for in 2022. Committee agreed to hold a raffle again with first prize being a fat bike, second prize a kicksled, and third prize \$100 Chamber Check. Committee to figure out flea market schedule at later date. Anne Small will make arrangements for the Independence Day craft sale booth to sell tickets. Jimmy Vogel would also be sending out a fundraising letter for the Snowdog and storage shed like he did for the trail construction at Fern Ridge.
12. Forest Management Plan for Fern Ridge and Awassa – item tabled until the May meeting.
13. Town email account for the Non-Motorized Committee – Anne Small made motion to get a town email set up for the committee with emails going to Jimmy Vogel, Jimmy Vogel seconded motion. Motion carried. Jim Swenson said he would get this on the agenda for the town board meeting on April 28th.
14. Other ideas/input from committee: Jim Swenson said that the Golf Course is getting a machine to edge the cart paths for \$3995 and if we put in half of the funds, we could use it along the bike trail. Bob Schell made motion to spend up to \$2250 for the edger coming out of the Bike & Hike funds, Jimmy Vogel seconded. Motion carried.
15. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 5:30 PM
16. Meeting adjourned by Anne Small at 7:13 PM.