

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Minutes of Non-Motorized Trails Committee
November 15, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM by Anne Small
2. Roll call: present were committee members Penny McCormick, Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Bob Schell, and Anne Small. Also present was Terry Duke.
3. Open meeting verification: Anne Small posted meeting agenda before 5:30 pm on Nov 14.
4. Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Jimmy Vogel made motion to approve minutes, Anne Small seconded, motion carried.
5. Citizen Concerns: none
6. Awassa Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel said he walked the fatbike loop, put up the fencing along loop. Jimmy Vogel also said that the orange loop could use a brushing to cut higher branches overhanging trail. He would arrange if we get a good stretch of weather. Anne Small to contact Karen Anderson about their group does of some of the trees on the trail. She will ask them to just do the one tree closer to school trailhead rather than multiple trees, and to not use any glass ornaments.
7. Fern Ridge Trail
 - a. Trail report – Jimmy Vogel said that mountain bike trails are currently closed for now, but if we get a good freeze we could open trails. Jimmy Vogel took snow fence along parking area down, and installed snow fence behind yard waste to prevent drift and prevent snowmobiles from getting on the bike trail. Jimmy said he may pick up the groomer next week, but has to make the drag yet. Jimmy also put lights inside storage shed and got lock which will have codes for the committee members.
 - b. Pavilion for trailhead – Jimmy Vogel asked if we still want a pavilion. He said that we could use the room tax funds for that purpose, as well as apply for small grants. Jimmy said we should all think over size and pavilion features for next meeting, possibly including a changing room and work station, and have the cost ready by April electors meeting.
 - c. Anne Small made motion to purchase leaf blower (\$690) and small chainsaw (\$420), Jimmy Vogel seconded. Motion carried.
8. Bike & Hike Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Jimmy Vogel closed the trail for season. Jimmy said that Asplundh to file a complaint to ATC about the slash along the high line from the helicopter trimming.
9. Treasurer's report
 - a. Account balances- Awassa: \$3599.46, Fern Ridge: \$1982.47, Bike & Hike Trail: \$50,209.74; It was also noted that all money was received from the DNR grant for Fern Ridge.
10. Other ideas/input from committee – Penny McCormick said she will apply for a Thrivent grant to pay for the candles for the candlelight event at Awassa. Anne Small will get her the information on which candles to order.

Jimmy Vogel asked if we should consider a motion sensor light at the trailhead sign at Fern Ridge.
11. Next Trails Committee meeting: December 13, 2022
12. Anne Small adjourned meeting at 6:14 PM