

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
Minutes of Non-Motorized Trails Committee Meeting
January 17, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by Anne Small at 5:30 PM
2. Roll call: present were Bob Schell, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Penny McComick & Anne Small. Also present was Terry Duke.
3. Open meeting verification: Anne Small posted the meeting agenda on January 16th before 5:30 PM
4. Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Bob Schell made motion to approve the meeting agenda from December, Jim Swenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Citizen Concerns – Terry Duke asked if we needed additional lights for the holiday decorations.
6. Awassa Trail
 - a. Trail Report – Penny McCormick mentioned an encounter with owner of off-leash dog. Committee also discussed allowing for one designated tree as the tree to be decorated over the holidays rather than allow a bunch of random decorations all along the trails. Also, ask that decorations get removed by January 15th.

Jimmy Vogel said that the tree with the signage at the first intersection of the green trail with snowmobile trail fell over and will need to be replaced with a post in spring.
7. Fern Ridge Trail
 - a. Trail report – Jim Swenson said that the bike trail was good riding on Sunday and trail event was well attended. There were about \$480 in donations at the event. Committee decided to keep the event on the same weekend next year.

Jimmy Vogel said that we could possibly put a kicksled trail for next year. It would be short, groomed loop.

Bob Schell mentioned that the Vilas County Trails app is somewhat confusing with the different trail types being all one color. Anne Small said that she was contacted about this by an individual, as well. Anne Small will contact Adam at the county’s mapping department to see if they can at least have hiking and biking trails different colors within app. Jimmy Vogel said he will check on interactive maps.
 - b. Pavilion for trailhead – Jimmy Vogel said that there is a possibility that we would have to go through MSA engineering, which will raise the cost for the pavilion. The town board will have to decide on this and where the funds to cover the MSA costs will come from. Jim Swenson will talk with Gary from ATV club and Ozzy from snowmobile club to see if either organization would be interested in contributing to the cost of the pavilion, since it will be available for use by both of those groups.
8. Bike & Hike Trail
 - a. Trail Report – nothing to report
9. Treasurer’s report
 - a. Account balances – Awassa Trail: \$3723.46, Fern Ridge: \$11,819.61, Bike & Hike Trail: \$50,514.74
10. Awassa Candlelight event – Feb 18, 6:00-8:00 PM – Jimmy Vogel said he found new lighters for lighting the candles. Bob Schell will be bringing hot chocolate. Anne Small to update posters and get press release sent to the newspapers.
11. Next meeting scheduled for Feb 15, at 6:30 PM
12. Anne Small adjourned meeting at 7:18 PM