

**Non-Motorized Trail Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2019**

1. Meeting called to order by Anne Small at 5:35 PM
2. Roll call: Members present were Bob Schell, Jim Swenson, Jimmy Vogel, Marion Janssen and Anne Small. Absent were Becky Dunn and Mary Platner. Others present: Wally Geist.
3. Open meeting verification: Anne Small stated that she posted the agenda before 5:30 PM on Feb 23rd, 2019.
4. Approval of agenda: Jim Swenson made motion to approve the agenda, Marion Janssen seconded. Motion carried.
5. Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Anne Small made motion to approve, Bob Schell seconded. Motion carried.  
Citizen Concerns: None  
Bike & Hike Trail
  - a) Guest speaker Terry Duke brought in an example of a Class 2 electric bicycle and discussed the 3 main classes of these bikes. Then he explained that in the most recent NHAL State Forest master plan, the DNR decided to include a general rule that e-bikes are allowed on all bike trails on state property. He recommended that with the prevalence and recent popularity of e-bikes that St Germain should adopt a similar policy. These bikes are especially of interest to older riders.
  - b) Committee would recommend to the Town Board that we adopt rule similar to the DNR regarding e-bikes. Also recommend placings signs at trailheads stating "E-bikes are permitted" once the Town Board approves the rule.
  - c) Jimmy Vogel asked if the DNR had been contacted regarding the bridge that remains underwater or partially underwater along the east section of bike trail. Anne Small stated she would work on this before the March meeting.
  - d) ATV Trail in high-line corridor: Marion Janssen mentioned that the ATV Club is currently seeking the use of the high-line corridor east of town where the bike trail currently runs. Anne Small stated that she had been in contact with the DNR representative who is in charge of that prospective trail and the he said he would include our committee on any discussions to assure the safety of bikers on the trail. Committee suggested possibility of some physical separation between the two trails.
6. Fern Ridge Trail
  - a) Anne Small stated that they should again approach the need for a parking area along Forest Lane because the parking along Hwy 155 is very limited in size, dangerously close to the highway and the snowbanks in winter make it nearly inaccessible. Anne stated she would take some photos of it this week to show the board. Jim Swenson said that he would try to get this included on an upcoming board meeting agenda.
  - b) Bog boardwalk: Jimmy Vogel thought that we could start pre-cutting materials for the bog boardwalk even though the actual construction may be delayed due to late snow melt.
7. Awassa Trail
  - a) Trail report: Jimmy Vogel reported that all trails were rolled and he would pan them the following day. There were a lot of downed trees and branches after last snowfalls. He used one tank of gas for his chain saw on the most recent storm and two tanks for the previous storm. Jimmy did notice a lot of snowshoe use on the trails. Anne Small stated that she would like to reimburse Jimmy at least for all of his fuel costs for grooming and maintenance of the trails. Jimmy said he would let us know his total hours spent grooming and fuel expenses.
  - b) Wrap up discussion of Candlelight Event on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>: Event was well attended. People said they really liked all of the ice luminaries. Anne Small said she would compile a list of all the items we used this year and amounts needed for food and hot chocolate. Jimmy Vogel suggested lighting the entrances to the fatbike loop and orange loop for people who wanted to use them during the event. Also a trail map by a light would be good.
8. Other ideas/input from committee: None
9. Schedule next Trails Committee meeting: March 25, 2019, at 5:30 PM
10. Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM