

**Town of St Germain
Non-Motorized Trail Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2017**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Anne Small
2. Roll Call: Committee members present were Becky Dunn, Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Bob Schell and Anne Small. Absent were Mary Platner and Marion Janssen. Also present was Penny McCormick, Patrick McCabe and Travis Bellman.
3. Anne Small verified that this meeting was posted as per the Open Meeting Law
4. Motion to approve the agenda by Bob Schell, seconded by Jimmy Vogel, passed unanimously
5. Motion to approve minutes of meeting of February 23, 2017 by Jim Swenson, seconded by Becky Dunn, passed unanimously
6. Citizen concerns – none
7. Fern Ridge Trail
 - a. Patrick McCabe and Travis Bellman from Lakeland Area Mountain Biking Organization (LAMBO) spoke about their organization and its hopes to make the Lakeland area a premier mountain biking destination by building between 80-100 miles of trails in the area. LAMBO is a 401 C3 that coordinates volunteers and fundraisers to help build mountain bike trails on public lands in the area. They expressed interest in helping our committee and town to establish such trails on the newly purchased Fern Ridge Trail property. Anne Small said that they would keep the LAMBO group informed as we move forward with planning for the property once the Town closes on the sale from the DNR. Patrick and Travis felt that they would like to start working on such a project in 2018.
8. Volunteers from the committee agreed to meet on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:00 PM to take down the old Awassa Trails highway sign and would Jimmy Vogel would store it until spring. At that time, the committee would like to utilize the sign by placing it at the trail entrance behind the elementary school.
9. Anne Small said that she spoke with Melissa Hrdlicka, whose group from DaVita dialysis clinic, who wanted to do an Earth Day Trail Work project at Awassa Trails. The work day will be on April 22 from 9 am until 3 pm. The event is open to all who would like to volunteer and Melissa will be planning to bring food and drink for participants. Volunteers will be clearing brush and small trees along the new section of hiking/ski trail in the northern part of the Awassa Stewardship parcel. Anne said that prior to the work date, she would arrange for a time for committee members to mark the trail edges at a 10' width with pin flags to facilitate with the clearing of brush in the trail corridor. Anne will email everyone with possible dates/times for that work.
10. Marion Janssen had mentioned that she would speak with Greg Shewty from Wausau Homes as to whether his company was going to block/remove the old entrance to the Awassa Trails trailhead. She was not in attendance at this meeting so Anne said she would check with her to see if she had any information.
11. Penny McCormick asked about the picnic table donation for the Shambo memorial. Anne said she had researched picnic table memorials on the web, but found that there weren't any really

great ideas of how to place a plaque on the picnic table itself. Jimmy Vogel suggested placing a memorial plaque on a sign or in a large rock next to the table. Jimmy said that he would be able to do the work of getting the plaque into the rock and also getting a rock for this purpose. Penny would ask Geri Shambo if she liked the idea. Anne reported that the Wildlife Club is definitely going to pay for the memorial. Bob Schell said he would check with Ozzie Ausloos about what kind of plaque would work best.

12. E-bikes on Bike & Hike Trail – Anne Small said that she was contacted by a couple of different people asking whether E-bikes were allowed on our paved bike trail. She gave the committee some background on what defines an E-bike (Electric assist bike) and an example of what the State of Minnesota has as their rules regarding E-bikes on its paved bicycle trails. The committee discussed whether this would be something that the town board should include in their policies for the bike trail. It was agreed that it makes sense to allow e-bikes, but that town should set down rules similar to those of the State of Minnesota defining e-bikes that would be acceptable for use on the bike trail. Anne will check with Ted Ritter as to what the town board needs from our committee in order to move forth with setting these rules.
13. Jimmy Vogel noted to Jim Swenson that there are several trees down by the stretch of bike trail near Nystrom’s house on Hwy 70 E.
14. Becky Dunn showed committee some of the t-shirts that her company has purchased for their workers from Triple Crown. Prices were low and it was agreed that we should come up with an Awassa Trails t-shirt design and eventually purchase shirts for fundraiser sales at various events. We will check with some area businesses if they would be willing to sell the shirts to help us out.
15. Bob Schell reminded committee that Tom Christenson had said he would pass our Awassa Trails brochures out with his St Germain Business Directory this spring. Anne Small said she would contact Tom to see about timing and total amount of brochures that are needed.
16. Next committee meeting scheduled on Tues, April 25, at 5:30PM.

Minutes taken by Anne Small