

R E V I S E D MINUTES
Trails Committee
October 5, 2015

Attending: Norma & Ron Wiesen, Wayne & Lenore Renaud, Chris & Katherine Ingram, Emmet Avery, Sue Trecartin, Dave Mitchell, Alex Utevsky Guest: Michael Bielawski, *The Hardwick Gazette*

1. **Financials.** We received copies of the proposed budget for 2016-2017 and the Addendum with detailed description of the past year's events that Lenore and Norma worked up. They were able to level fund for the next fiscal year. Right now, we have \$5,859.63. In our capital fund for a new groomer, we have \$5,012.62. Hard copies are on file.

2. **Trails Condition.** As of last week, they are in pretty good shape. Hazen's cross-country meet is rescheduled for next week, and the tape is still up, so people have been asking why the trails are off. Dave will talk with Coach Dylan.

3. **Minutes.** Dave moved the Minutes for September; Katherine seconded. Approved.

4. **Pumpkin Walk.** The walk is scheduled for Sunday, the 11th. The Key Club will come between 4:30 and 5:00 to help put out pumpkins. Adults will gather at 4:30. The pumpkins are small, so groupings will be best. If possible, we will leave the tops off. If the high school is interested in carving pumpkins, High Mowing has pumpkins we can have. We can contact Jodi Lew-Smith. Dave will talk to James Lockhart about doing this. We would really like 20 or so large pumpkins to go with the small ones. Dave Stratton of Dave's Sawmill donated a large bundle of slats that will feed our fire two-three years. Joe Zabinski will come to tend the fire.

5. **Poetry.** The new poems are up. Chris will donate and drop off cedar posts next to the cabin for poetry post replacements and for new signage. Thank you, Chris.

6. **Mountain Bike Trails.** Chris and two people benched out up to the ski trail on the last work day. There haven't been a lot of people riding lately. He will put the word out on Facebook that the single-track trails are open and welcome riders. Emmet will get and post a sign at the start of the trail so that it's clear.

7. **Grant Money.** Chip Troiano attended our last meeting. In follow-up, he spoke with Ted Brady, the state director of rural development regarding the new round of REAP grants. The grants have to be connected to job creation. He has more questions to ask but is willing to help us identify sources. Chip is in Spain right now, coming back on the 12th, and will look into it further when he returns.

Executive Session. (Michael B. left for the HED meeting.)

8. In July, the Hazen School Board granted our request to have the two principals work with us on a new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). We need to get a new MOA in place as soon as possible. We have Eric's email of Sept. 24 that addresses material for the pump track, the Hazen X-C meet, and the fall/winter plans of GMTCC. Lenore spoke with Eric on the phone. Tom Fadden will be bringing dirt to the pump track, but did not say when. Eric will set up a meeting with the Hazen principals soon to get to work on the MOA.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Trecartin

Next Meeting: Nov. 2, 2015, 5:30 PM, at the Cabin.