

HARDWICK TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Monday, February 12, 2022

5:30 pm meeting - email hardwicktrails@gmail.com for an invite
VIRTUAL Format

In attendance: K & D Mitchell, L & W Renaud, N & R Wiesen, H Beattie, J Tuthill, A Blackwell, M Luther, Bevin B-C

1. Adopt/Amend Minutes of January 3 Meeting
 - Approved unanimously
2. Additions to the agenda
3. Updates:
 - a. Trail Conditions
 - Dangerous?
 - May not be able to groom
 - Tapping beginning soon...probably after next week
 - b. MOU (?) –no news
 - c. REACH & Hazen Middle School winter ski program
 - 18 students, having lots of fun!
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 - d. Ski order Plan
 - 10 sets of new skis have arrived
 - Eric will install bindings and inventory
 - Need ski poles and boots
 - e. VOREC grant
 - Still waiting...
 - f. Banner Opportunity
 - Downtown commission got a grant to hang 15, Helen applied
 - Thank Sheri Cornish
 - May be a small cost
 - g. Storywalk –no news
4. Financials: Norma Spaulding –looks good!
5. "[Better Places](#)" fundraising opportunity for equipment?
 - Requires a lot of participation on our part

- 2:1 match
- Wide-open, we can use it for just about anything
- Non-competitive
- Will help us fundraise
- Fund non-winter activities?
- Crowdsourcing worked well for Coop
- Junior Naturalists??
- Bicycles?
 - Need a program to support
 - Need space/facility to accommodate it
 - Collaborate with REACH?
 - Bevin will contact principal and Jason B

6. February Break Loan Proposal (see attached)

- Skis and snowshoes available to borrow
- Students have priority
- Drop off in shed?
- Already approved

7. April Vacation Art Scavenger Hunt Proposal (see attached)

- Involves school groups creating art to place on the trails
- Probably not going to happen until next fall...
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8. Map & Signage Plan

a. Downtown display–

- needs replacing
- SPARC can print large format
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b. Trail junctures

- Dave and Ron will meet

9. Snowshoes - lending plan? (Jason)

10. Other business

- Coin drop–Helen will find out when we sign up for next year
- Animal tracking event? Norma W will contact

11. Adjourn 6:25

Next meeting March 7 @ 5:30

Spring Break Loan Proposal (Saturday, February 19 - 27th)

- Priority: Lend equipment to any REACH or Middle School Ski program participants
- Lend equipment to the community at large for the duration of the break (Community: Pick up loans in person, drop off loans in the shed beside the cabin School Groups: Take home on last day of program, return on Wednesday, February 2)

Tasks:

Publicity:

1. Submit article to the Gazette by Monday, Feb. 14 (done)
2. Post opportunity on social media
 - a. HT Facebook Page
 - b. FPF
 - c. Neighbor to Neighbor

Loan Paperwork/Documentation:

1. Parental permission form to Hazen & REACH staff to distribute to students by Feb. 14 (done)
2. Log-out form for community member loans by Feb. 19

Cabin Staffing//Coordination tasks:

1. Morning of February 19 9:00 - 10:30 for loans
2. Inventory drop offs on Monday, February 28.
3. Track down any missing inventory

Art Scavenger Hunt Proposal:

Partner with HU, HES and REACH to solicit a limited number of art pieces (10ish) in the week before April break.

Distribute art pieces along a trail. Create a scavenger hunt fill-in-the-blank sheet for submission by participants (like HCA model). Collect submissions and offer prize(s) via a random draw.

Tasks:

1. Solicit collaboration by HU & HES art teachers (REACH already signed on)
2. Develop scavenger hunt documentation sheet
3. Decide on/purchase/solicit prizes
4. Install the art pieces
5. Publicize the event (Gazette, social media, school publications)
6. Create system and monitor collection of completed sheets
7. Identify raffle winner and publicize

New event volunteer support: Fan Wilkinson