

HARDWICK TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday, March 7, 2022  
5:30 pm

Present: Levi Bourne, Norma Spaulding, Norma & Ron Wiesen, Lenore and Wayne Renaud,  
Meghan Luther, Helen Beattie

1. Adopt/Amend Minutes of February 14 Meeting
  - Tabled until next meeting
  
2. Updates:
  - Trail Conditions
    - Ice and mud
  - REACH & Hazen Middle School winter ski program
    - Programs have ended. Thanks extended to Wayne for his care of the trails over the winter.
  - Ski loan experience
    - 5 REACH participants and 11 community members participated in the week long loan offering. All were returned.
  - “Better Places” planning update
    - Bevin and Helen have been researching background information in preparation for a meeting with Jason in the near future.
  
3. Financials: Norma Spaulding
  - Financials were reviewed. Major expenditure was for 10 pair of skate skis. Will consider programming next year to encourage skate ski use (eg possible Saturday clinic, working with REACH coordinator).
  
4. Vacation Art Scavenger Hunt Proposal - Next Fall
  - James Lockhart, Hazen art teacher, is very receptive to planning something for the fall. Helen will get in touch with James and Beth this spring to plan.
  
5. Map & Signage Update
  - Ron reported that maps are at Staples awaiting finalization/pick up/posting.
  
6. Spring programming planning
  - Norma W. will be lining up Saturday morning birding naturalists for the month of May

## 7. Brainstorm: Enhanced Summer Programming

- More nature walks covering a greater diversity of topics (plants, fungus, flowers, etc.).
- Increased publicity re: availability of great single track
- Secure a fleet of bikes for rentals/loans
- Participate in Local Motion's program for e-bike month-long loan availability
- Build an ADA accessible trail
- Develop geocaching option (unknown status of existing site)
- Triathlon host - working with Green Team (kayaking - not swimming in Hardwick Lake)
- Biking passport/challenge to community members, honor system, solicit prizes when reach goals
- Host bike maintenance event (Emmet Avery and Jake - Spark- possibly help)
- Host Biking Rodeo (collaborate with Kiwanis to secure free helmets, and Wonder
- Meghan offered to lead a tree identification walk.
- Having a weekly ride with designated leader

### Actions:

- Norma, Ron and Norma will expand spring/summer naturalist programming
- Bevin, Helen (& Dave? Cathy?) will work on hosting a Bike Rodeo right after school ends in late June
- Norma S. & Bevin will research trails policies re: e-bikes as a focus at our next meeting
- Bevin, Helen (& Dave? Cathay?) will create a format for a summer "Biking Challenge/Passport" program
- Ask Dave about the condition of the mtn biking bridges/obstacles in readiness for summer riding
- Helen will talk to Jason about any increased school use of the Fitness Course & write a story for the Gazette in late spring about the course when trails are dry.
- Bevin will check with Local Motion about participation in e-bike loan program.

8. The meeting adjourned at 6:30. The next meeting will be on April 4 at 5:30.