

HARDWICK TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Monday, January 2, 2023

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

In attendance: Norma S, Helen B, Dave M, Wayne and Lenore R, John T, Alison B. Ron and Norma W, Julia P, Eric R

1. Welcome
2. Adopt/Amend Minutes of December Meeting
–approved unanimously
3. Additions to the agenda–none
4. Updates:
 - a. Trail conditions –no snow
 - b. Grooming Equipment: Condition & Purchase–
 - Old Skidoo is back from maintenance ~\$650
 - New groomer works!
 - c. Billings Road Trail Access/Parking Project
 - Would need an Act 250 amendment
 - DM & ER formulate a plan?
 - DM will meet with HED board in Feb or March and report back
 - d. Select Board budget proposal
 - NS met with Select board
 - Not using “Sign” line item
 - Insurance went up bigly
 - e. Equipment purchase - Recreation Committee Approval skis/poles (\$1620 aprox)
 - Discussion on ownership of skis and snowshoes
 - Jason B has ordered 10 sets of mixed sizes
 - No news–ER will check on
7. Financials: Norma Spaulding
 - \$4500 in donations in December
 - Have spent 59% of our budget
 - Way over in Activities
 - Repairs \$ are mostly spent
 - Insurance up bigly
 - Didn't budget for Winter Program personnel
 - May need to consider funding for next year's budget
 - May need to tap capital fund this year
8. Winter Program Update
 - Thursday afternoon program
 - Saturday morning program (ski lessons Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 25 (no instruction on the 18 currently scheduled)

- “Hire” someone to man cabin and fit kids to skis, etc. at \$15/hr
- Will use capital fund to pay for program

Motions passed virtually:

1. I (Helen Beattie) move that the Hardwick Trails Committee financially support hiring staff to be responsible for equipment loans at the cabin for 8 Saturdays in January and February 2023 at an estimated cost of \$360.

2. I (Helen Beattie) move that the Hardwick Trails Committee allocate up to \$450 in stipends to cover the stipends for Maxfield English and Emily Willems (\$75 per session) for their services in running 2 hour ski clinics each of 6 designated Saturdays in January and February 2023.

Amendment to Motion 1: Change “financially support hiring staff” to “offer a stipend to a person” –Approved unanimously

- Ski boot purchase proposal
 - Many boots in poor condition–need to be replaced
 - No estimate yet–will put forth to group when it comes in
- Program marketing strategy
 - More sandwich boards around town
 - Social media event announcements–Lenore may need help to answer any requests
- “Long term” loans?
 - Return by Sunday afternoon
 - Helen will work with Eric to figure out

10. Volunteer Needs

11. Other business

- Kiosk at LVRT?
- Finish trail intersection (Fitness Loop to LVRT)
- Could use grant \$
- Subcommittee to study issue?
- Take up at next meeting
- Old kiosk needs love–Industrial Arts teacher??
- Use paint to mark trails–Dave M
- Geo-referenced maps and QR code–Dave M

12. Adjourn 6:34

Next meeting February 6, 2023