

HARDWICK TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Monday, November 7, 2022

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

In attendance: Norma S, Eric R, Meghan L, Bevin B-C, Dave M, John T, Nancy S, Lenore and Wayne R

1. Adopt/Amend Minutes of October Meeting

2. Additions to the agenda

- Budget
- GMTCC news
 - Dead skidder on trail...needs parts
 - Needs to move before snow flies
 - Buried sap line on Red Trail?
 - 50 or taps isolated on inner yellow trail...
 - Abandon trail?
 - Use ladder (?) to get sap into mainline
 - Too gradual a grade to bury
 - Much discussion...probably a ladder

3. Updates:

a. Trail conditions

- Good, dry, leafy
- Some blowdowns, quickly cleaned up

b. Signs (see note below from Norma W.)

- Signs downtown
- Helen has files and will get printed at SPARC
- Meghan found one of the missing "Larry's Legacy" signs, Eric has it now

4. Financials: Norma Spaulding

- Pumpkin walk brought in \$75 in donations
- Overspent "Activities" line item...need to bump up for next year
- Oil and gas need to be upped for next year's budget (from \$700 to \$1000)
- Birdwalks have gone up too
- Raise Wayne's pay rate
 - 8.7% increase? (SS COLA rate)
 - Eric will check with town about pay rate increases

5. Pumpkin Walk Debrief

- Went well, great weather!
- Pumpkin costs almost doubled! (\$1100)
 - With CAE in local schools could kids grow pumpkins
 - GMTCC Sustainable Ag??
- Donuts (\$300)
- Cider, cups, napkins, lighters all donated
- Local donuts for next year??
- Include other schools in the district??

6. Winter Planning

Maintenance

- Not too much anticipated...
- Old Skandic needs some love with the starter
- Ginsu groomer needs welding? (ML knows someone)
- Groomer needs replacing (\$ from Capital funds) Eric will inquire

Loans of Equipment

- A lot of work
- New snowshoes need to be added to our inventory
- No REACH this year 😞
- Schedule of cabin duty?!?
 - Dave will make a sign up sheet for weekend duty
 - No long term loans

Programming

- Moonlight snowshoe?
- Let's put this off until we see how winter plays out

7. Other business

- Billings Road trail access?
 - Up top on Shepard's land?
 - At gate on HED/Hardwick land?
 - 2-3 cars?
 - Dave M and Nancy S will pursue this
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8. Adjourn at 6:55

Next meeting December 5, 2022 @ 5:30