Holland Trails Committee Minutes

Date: January 25, 2023

Present: Richard & Chris Haller, Jackie Proko, and Bob Pellicane

Due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting was convened remotely. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Dick Haller.

The minutes of the meeting held December 7, 2022 were approved.

Chris presented the treasurer's report. The balance is \$2,128.06.

We need to find out if we can spend left-over funding from grants. Dick will investigate.

Old Business

We need to produce a map of the trails as we build them. The map should not be an aerial view but should have elevation lines. The location of Stevens Brook should be visible. Property lines need to be clear.

When we have a map we can link to it with QR codes. Eventually we can put the map on posts at suitable points on the trail.

Once we have a map, we can ask the public for suggestions for trail names.

We need to order signage. Here a some needed signs:

A large sign with the name of the property for the trailhead and a smaller one with arrows to be placed at the intersection of Blodgett and Stafford Roads.

Boundary signs: to advise the public of the limits of the property (50 required).

We need signs asking the public to respect the property of our neighbors by remaining on town land. These should be placed wherever a trail leads beyond the property line (10 needed).

Signs telling people to stay on trails which pass through private property (2 needed).

Signs letting them know that they are back on town land (2 needed)

Signs indicating that motor vehicles are not allowed. These will be placed at access points (12 needed).

A sign indicting that leashed dogs are allowed (1 needed).

A sign indicating that hunting is allowed (1 needed)

Eventually we will need, in addition to maps, arrows with trail names.

New Business

On Friday, January 27th, from 9:00 to 12:00 we will mark the bounds of the property using Opacum tags. Meet at the trailhead. We will also evaluate sign needs.

The Holland Trails Committee will meet with the Finance Committee. We have received assurances that our budget will be level funded, but this is a chance to let members know what we are doing, to build support, and answer questions. Dick will speak.

It was decided to lead a hike on May 13th at 1:30. The hike will be titled Stories in Stone. Dick will lead and will submit a proposal to the Last Green Valley by Feb. 6th.

We will meet next on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm. It is possible that we may be required to meet in person after March 31st. We will not have a quorum for the March meeting, but we will plan to meet on April 26th at 7:00, remotely if allowed, otherwise in the Community Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Richard Haller Chairman