ITGRA Board Meeting
Zoom
February 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 9:32

Present: Mike Cunningham, Al Puches, Becky Petro, Rick Dewitt, Craig Weber, Steve Bayne, Kathy Miville, Pete Nichols, Kent Stivers and Jeff Glans

A motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Pete submitted the grant proposal to the Ridgefield Thrift shop for $4300.

Rick will put together a draft of a sign for the church parking lot directing hikers to the trail.

Two additional signs at each end of the Long Ridge roadwalk were discussed.

The hikers drop off lot on Long Ridge road is not for parking per the city of Danbury.

A replacement for Jack was discussed. Perhaps someone with outreach experience. Anna Winskill was proposed, Mike will contact her to determine if she's interested.

Our page on CT Trailfinder has not garnered any comments yet. Pete will act as the gatekeeper if and when comments do get posted.

It was suggested that the Ives trail should be added to the fastest known times website. Mike will add us to the site.

Two Ridgefield HS seniors will be doing an internship on the trail. This will consist of four 30 hour workweeks on the trail (May 9 – June 10th). Potential areas for them to work on include more clearing in the meadow, the route 7 steps, the fence by the Bramson property and trail improvements between the meadow and Bethel. Committee members will likely need to commit some time over the four weeks to supervise the work.

Our Avenza map has been downloaded 200 times since it was posted.

Kent suggested it was time to update/upgrade our website as it's getting a bit cluttered. The idea of going to a multi page site with a menu system was discussed. Potential page ideas were put forward. Rick will send this list to Kent who will discuss with our webmaster. It was agreed that we'd like to convince the webmaster to accept payment for this work. All committee members should visit the site and we'll discuss further at our next meeting.

Adjourned: 10:07 AM

Next meeting: Thursday March 3rd at 9:30 am by Zoom (Jeff will organize Zoom)