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Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM with 8 attending:

Dave Wright Ruth Nellis Larry Fisher John McVay
David Coleman Chauncy Young Jeff Hennick Carol MacInnes

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

July: Aug

CD	\$2089.11
Checking account	465.39
Savings account	<u>1604.11</u>
Total	4158.61

The CD is due Oct. 22, 2000.

Chauncy would like to transfer our funds to Canandaigua National. No one objected.

Membership:

There were 2 new members: Welcome to David A. Feindel, a member of Trail Works in Wayne County and Daniel Borew of Farmington. We also had 12 renewals. The total is now 140 households. Several were dropped for non-payment of dues.

Publicity:

Dave W. sent faxes to the local papers regarding our Oct. 14 hike to Taughannock Falls. The phone line has been updated. 3000 new brochures were printed and are available to anyone.

Historian:

Articles on the following were submitted: our hike to Bare Hill; the Thousand Acre Swamp in Penfield; a Master Trail plan for Penfield and a 700-acre land donation by Emil Muller's widow at the southern end of Honeoye Lake to the Nature Conservancy. After a year they will turn it over to the DEC. Also an article on Victor growth and the rte. 96 reconstruction.

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

The Town newsletter will be sent November 1. Deadline for articles to the Town Clerk is Oct. 5. VHT will focus on the many Eagle Scout projects, an update on Monkey Run, purchasing

of books and an application to join VHT. Orders will be taken for bluebird houses, butterfly and bat houses with limited quantities available

The VHT Pathfinder was mailed Aug. 30. The next issue will be mailed Dec.1, 2000. The deadline for submission will be Nov. 16. An article on winter clothing was suggested.

Trailmaster:

We need to cut the brush on the Weavers' property along rte.444.

We are waiting for Bill Patterson to return our call. Carol tried to call him, but he was not home. Jeff Hennick had recently talked to Bill on several matters including Bentley Woods.

Carol led 22 Wednesday Hikers along the Seneca Trail.

Trail Boss:

Larry thanks all who helped with the trail maintenance this year. With all the rain, it kept the crew busy.

The blades on the billy goat and hedge trimmers need to be sharpened; Sears will service the lawnmower before Larry winterizes it.

Meet Sat., Oct. 7 at 9AM at the RG&E substation on Dryer Rd. to work on the bridge over Great Brook.

On Sun., Oct. 15, 10AM – 12 noon, weather permitting, the Weaver trail will be cleared.

Before the snow falls, the following will be mowed/repared: Culvert on Auburn east of School St.; repair steps on Seneca Trail at House #2 (call Troop 86 for community project); trail at Monkey Run; Trail at Bluebird Haven; mow Ganondagan trail; mow Seneca at 251 – Auburn Driving Range.

Last Hikes:

20 people met at Victor Town Hall on the evening of Sept. 2. They drove to the trailhead for Bare Hill and walked to the top for the annual Ring of Fire celebration. Unfortunately, it was very misty at the top, so the lake was not to be seen that night. Everyone had a great time watching the huge bonfire and then joining in for Seneca social dancing. They returned to Victor by 10:30PM.

Old Business:

Hang Around Victor Day – While it rained a bit in the morning and kept the numbers of people down, by noon, the sun was shining and the people came to town. We signed up one new member, got a few renewals and sold some bluebird houses. We also took orders for 4 more birdhouses, 6 butterfly houses and 4 bat houses. Thanks to Dick Ryon for donating his time and materials in constructing the 20 bluebird houses.

The Fall Adirondack Hike will be leaving Sept. 29, 2000, with 9 people to visit Marcia Bryan and hike Dix Mt.. They are already thinking of next spring's hike.

New Business:

Parks and Recreation is working with an architect for a concept for a community center.

The NY Parks and Conservation Association is seeking nominations for Greenway and Community Trail Awards Program, to recognize noteworthy people and organizations working to create greenways, rail-trails, canal trails, bikeways and riverwalks throughout NYS.

Awards will be presented Oct. 27 & 28 at the "Building Community Trails Across New York" conference in Syracuse. There will be 5 different awards.

RG&E may expand the substation on Dryer Rd. at rte.444. Trail easement with landscaping will be considered. Trail relocation may be required.

The Footprint Press newsletters for July/Aug. and Sept./Oct. are available.

The Town Board created the position of Recreation Supervisor. Charlene hopes to fill the position this fall.

The Historic Resources Committee has completed their study of old structures in the Town of Victor and will have a list for the various boards to use as a reference when reviewing projects.

The Victor Historical Society hired Ben Barbash as their executive director, a full-time paid position.

Deer hunting season begins with archery on Oct. 15 and firearms on Nov. 20. Wear safety orange when hiking the trails during this season. It ends Dec. 20.

Dave W. received more brochures from Wayne County Office of Tourism for fall activities.

Dave W. filled out 2 surveys for the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy - one on the Auburn and one on the Lehigh. The data base for all rail trails can be found on TrailLink.com.

The Planning Board has approved the D.E.I.S. Scoping outline for Victor Commerce Park (Wal-Mart). Now the developer, Benderson, must provide answers to all of the concerns, including traffic, lighting, noise, economic impact, buffers, open space, trails, etc.

Oct. 26 - EMS is giving 20% off to members of outdoor groups – just show your membership card.

Next Hike:

Taughanock Falls St. Park. Meet 9AM at the Town Hall. Bring a bag lunch, drink and boots. Park entrance fee will be paid by VHT if necessary.

Next Meeting: 7:30PM, Thurs., Oct. 26, 2000.

Adjournment: 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Nellis, Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

Sept.28, 29, Oct. 1 Fall hike in the Adirondacks.
Oct. 14 9AM Hike at Taughanock Falls State Park (Ithaca)
Oct. 26 7:30PM Monthly meeting
Nov. 11 9AM Hike at Greece Canal Park
Dec. 9 9AM Hike Durand Eastman Park

“A thunderstorm in October is a sign of a long, cold winter.” From Yankee Weather Proverbs