

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 18, 2003

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Dave Wright.

Attendees: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Carol Mac Innes, David Coleman, Larry McNelly

Last Month's Minutes: Motion by Larry Fisher, seconded by Carol MacInnes and carried (Four ayes, 1 abstain) to approve minutes from November 20, 2003 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Chauncy Young) for Nov.

CD \$2,502.95

Cash \$ 0.00

Checking \$2,910.09

Total \$5,413.04

Membership: (David Coleman)

Previous month: 160

New members: 0

Rejoined: 3

Renewals: 11

Dropped: 5

Current: 158

Publicity: (Dave Wright)

Voice mail was updated. Newspapers have been notified by e-mail of January 10th hike, Auburn, Lehigh, Fishers Park loop.

Historian: (Roberta Lockwood)

Dave critiqued article from the Messenger about the Auburn Trail informational meeting on Dec. 11, 2003.

Education: (Ruth Nellis) At home sick. Starting a history trail on Auburn. Give her a call if you have any ideas for signs. Auburn TEP has a report from an expert who checked the project for NYS Parks. Dave W. has reviewed it and will pass it on to Babette Huber for review. It can be useful for ideas for creating and positioning signs.

Also, the Victor history book written by Lewis Fisher will be a great resource. And the Valentown Museum has additional information on both the Auburn and the Lehigh.

Newsletter: (Dave Wright) Mailed out first week of December. Next issue submission deadline February 19, our regular meeting. Dave C. submitted an article from Field & Stream magazine. Newsletter will be mailed around March 1, 2004.

Trail Master: (Carol MacInnes) Nothing to report this month. Dave W. sent email to Oldcastle Domine to get one time permit for next hike. He also asked them to approve the revocable permit for a trail across their property.

Trailboss: (Larry Fisher) Dave W. showed plans to Munir Bahai of proposed bridge. Munir approved. Material not ordered yet. Will talk to Jim Mattoon about pre-assembly of bridge at Parks maintenance building before ordering.

Fall/winter projects-

Ganondagan wet areas

Widen small bridge at Auburn Golf Driving Range. Also widen part of boardwalk.

Widen small bridge on Seneca Trail by the old house

Need trail head signs for Royal View Trail

Need culverts on Trolley Trail, east and west of Rt. 251

Wet areas in Fishers Park

Put up Braille signs in Fishers Park

Will meet December 30th to work on some of the items on the list for Auburn Creek area. Dave W. will take measurements.

Last Hike: Dec. 13 - Eleven hikers and a Doberman (Milo) and Cayman too. Enjoyed the new snow at Durand Eastman Park. The ground was too warm for XC skiing.

Old Business:

Auburn Trail Priority Study- Core Group met 11/21/03 at Perinton Community Center to discuss status, problem areas and first public meeting set for Dec. 11th at 7 PM at Perinton Community Center. About 50 attended. This is for the Auburn Trail from Clover Street in Pittsford to Main Street Fishers. Study is being done by Genesee Transportation Council. Brian Emelson received a letter from Gary and Penny Hutchinson, 266 Railroad Mills Road. They are in favor of the project, would like to see the section from Probst Rd. to Main St. Fishers done as soon as possible. Had many suggestions and comments.

Auburn TEP Grant- Steering committee met December 16. Reviewed schedule status and discussed problem areas. Next steering committee meeting will be Jan. 22nd at town hall. Public meeting February 11, 3:00 to 8:00PM. Check website www.auburntrail.com

for latest info.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition- They have already received request for grants. This is a 50% match. Grants will be between \$1000 and \$10,000. Applications are due by 1/15/04. Forms are on line at www.grtcinc.org. VHT will write an application to connect the Auburn to the Lehigh.

GPS- We are about 80% done. Some of the data recently collected disappeared and will have to be redone. Will need to finish up in Jan. 2004. Will include Boughton Park.

New Business:

Trail Hike Schedule for 2004-

Jan. Lehigh, Auburn loop

Feb. Harriet Hollister

Mar. Lehigh Trail in Henrietta

Apr. Auburn and Erie Canal loop. Start at Brian Emelson's house

May Durand

Jun. National Trails Day, Seneca. Breakfast at Fishers firehouse 2.

Bike ride on the 12th

Jul. TBD

Aug. TBD

Sep. Hang Around Victor Possible guided hike in Victor.

Oct. TBD

Nov. TBD

Dec. TBD

Bring your ideas to next month's meeting.

New Brochure discussed. Multi-use trails may be differentiated from foot trails on trail map.

Meetings will continue to be on the third Thursday of each month. Dave W. will reserve main room for 2004.

Boughton Park bridge inspection- Joe Logan will do an informal inspection. Troop 55 took measurements of all the bridges. Dave W. took digital pictures of all the bridges. Consider doing same on VHT bridges and boardwalks.

EPOD's discussed. Conservation Board presentation at town hall on Jan 20th. Public

invited.

Next Hike:

Jan 10: Lehigh, Auburn, Fishers Park loop . **Officers Kick-off Breakfast at Dedes Restaurant at 8 AM.. Call or e-mail Dave Wright if you will be coming.** Otherwise, meet at Tennis Court parking lot on Wangum Road in Fishers at 9 AM. Bring something to drink. We will take a break at Chauncy's house. Bring XC skis or snowshoes if there is snow. Dave W. will ask Brian Emelson to be sure the parking lot is plowed, if necessary, on Friday, Jan. 9.

Next Meeting:

Jan 15, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM

Have a HAPPY HOLIDAY and stay safe.

Notes taken at meeting by Larry Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wright

2004 Calendar

- Jan. 10- Hike or ski Lehigh, Auburn, Fishers Park loop**
- Jan. 15- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- Jan. 20- EPOD informational meeting at Town Hall at 7 PM**
- Feb. 11- Second public informational meeting for the Auburn TEP project at Town Hall 3 to 8 PM**
- Feb 14- Hike or ski Harriet Hollister**
- Feb. 19- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- Mar. 13- Hike or ski the Lehigh Trail in Henrietta**
- Mar. 18- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- April 10- Hike Auburn, Old Erie loop**
- April 15- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- May 8- Hike Durand Eastman Park**
- May 20- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- May ?- Adirondack Spring Hike**
- June 5- National Trails Day. Hike the Seneca Trail**
- June 12- Bike ride**
- June 17- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- July 10- Creek walk**
- July 15- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**
- Aug. 14- Hike**
- Aug. 19- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM**

Sept. 4- Ring of Fire
Sept. 11- Hang Around Victor Day. Guided hike in Village?
Sept. 16- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
Sept. ?- Adirondack Fall hike
Oct. 9- Hike
Oct. 14- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
Nov. 13- Hike
Nov. 18- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
Dec. 11- Hike
Dec. 16- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM