

Victor Hiking Trail Meeting at Victor Town Hall

November 16, 2006

Attendance: Dave Wright, David Coleman, Carol MacInnes, Chauncy Young, Jeff Hennick, Ruth Nellis, Brian Emelson

Brian gave us a recap of his participation in the World Tri-athlete Race in Clearwater FL. Over 1400 world class competing. 100 were pros. Over 2000 volunteers and marshals. Had to swim 1.2 miles in the Gulf, bike 56 miles and then run 13.1 miles. Brian finished 441st overall, in the top 25%. Congratulations Brian.

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:45 pm.

Minutes of October 19, 2006

Motion to accept by Ruth, seconded by Brian. Approved.

Treasurer's Report by Chauncy Young

CD	\$3603
Checking	\$ 4719
Total	\$ 8321
Other assets	\$ 3076
Total assets	\$ 11,398

Motion by Jeff, seconded by David C. to accept the report. Approved.

Membership Report by David Coleman.

132 members last month
2 renewals
0 new members
0 rejoined
17 dropped. 17 postcards sent to the dropped members.
115 total

Publicity

Dave Wright will update the phone message for our December 9th hike at Mendon Ponds.

Education

Ruth met with the high school students at the SEAS meeting. Her time was cut short, so she didn't really have enough time to talk with them. There are about 30 to 40 students in the

club. Steve Cranmiller is their councilor. They are interested in studying the environment and building bridges. Ruth needs to get their names and see who is interested in what. Ruth took 4 students from the Adventure Club on a hike from Dryer Road Park to School Street and back. She is planning to take another group on a hike on Tuesday, Dec. 19. They will meet in Dryer Road parking lot at 9 AM and hike over to the parking lot on County Road 41 (Boughton Hill Road.). All are welcome to join them.

Newsletter by Dave Wright

Next issue will be mailed in Dec. Deadline for articles is Nov. 17. David C. and Jeff are working on a list serve and a way to e-mail the newsletter to members. Let David C. know if you would like to get the newsletter a week early and in color via e-mail.

Trail Master by Carol MacInnes

Colyer subdivision on County Road 9- Carol has been trying to contact Rudy Kumpf, the landowner between the Colyer subdivision and the 100 Acre Woods Trail that is on town property. Brian Emelson is meeting with Brian Reh on 11/21 at 8 AM at Brian's office to review where the trail can go. This subject is on the Planning Board agenda for Nov. 28. Dave W. will attend.

Trail Boss by Larry Fisher (absent)

Will try to mow the Royal View Trail under the power lines and cut a new entrance into the woods if the weather permits. Planning to winterize the equipment soon.

Bridge over Great Brook on Apple Farm property- DEC needs topo maps of all the bridges we have planned to build. Chauncy will print the Google maps from our website.

Domine property- Because of the size and cost of this bridge, we feel we should have a permanent (or at least long term) easement for the trail and bridge. We are waiting for Domine to OK the revocable permit. Chauncy is checking on the possibility of a concrete bridge. This would be a good test site. Brian mentioned that he is expecting another multi-use grant in 2007 and that there are still some funds left from a 2005 grant.

The bridge over White Brook on Helen Schrader's property needs to be replaced. Chauncy has a design, and a rough cost. Mrs. Schrader said she would pay for half of the materials. VHT will pay for the remainder of the cost (~\$700).

Last Hike

Seven hikers and two dogs enjoyed the hike at Boughton Park. Hiked almost every inch of trail in the park. Started to sprinkle just as we were finishing.

Old Business

Anyone who needs a special Victor Hiking license plate holder, please contact Dave Wright. They are only \$5. **Show your support for Victor Trails.** Brian asked for eight for the 4 parks & rec. vehicles. Dave W. will deliver them and give them an invoice.

SAFTEA-LU Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP)- We got the grant!!!! Federal reimbursement of up to \$619,500 on the \$885,000 project. A selection committee will interview acceptable engineering firms. Actual construction may not start until 2008.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition - Motion was made by Dave C. and seconded by Chauncy to authorize Dave W. to sign and return the letter of agreement. We will need to give GRTC a six month update on or before April 29, 2007. Brian will contact Fisher Associates to get a sketch of the bridge re-decking and hand rails. Recommended width is 8 feet. The Lehigh Trail will then be able to continue east to Lehigh Crossing Park.

Walkable Community Committee: Next meeting is Nov. 21. Working on code changes.

Black Diamond Dualthon- Saturday, October 21 at Fishers Park. 145 participants. Over 50 volunteers. Seasonal weather. Great event. They ended up with a small profit which will be used for trail improvements.

Charlie's Old Goat Trail Run 65 participants. All completed the course. Lots of volunteers, food and sponsors.

Hunting Season- As in past years, be aware of big game hunting season. Wear blaze orange, don't hike alone, make noise or don't hike until Jan. 1. Shotgun starts Saturday, Nov. 18.

Trails Central- Jeff has completed his work. Trying to transfer it to www.trailsnewyork.org.

Auburn Trails Project- Still waiting for two landowners to sign off on the ROW. Brian meeting with them next week.

Goals and budget for 2007- Chauncy made a brief presentation to the Victor Town Board on Oct. 23. We are looking to spend about \$10,000 on foot bridges, some of which are on town property.

New Business

Election of Officers for 2007

Chairman-	Dave Wright
Vice Chairman-	Jeff Hennick
Secretary-	Nat Fisher
Treasurer-	Chauncy Young
Trailmaster-	Carol MacInnes
Trail boss-	Larry Fisher

Membership- David Coleman
Education- Ruth Nellis.

Motion by Dave C., seconded by Chauncy to vote for the slate of officers. Approved.

Hikes for 2007

Jeff Hennick suggested we try some short, close-by hikes to attract more hikers. He suggested nature preserve in Mendon, one in Farmington. He suggested we do a progressive hike in Victor, covering several short hikes, He suggested a bike ride on the new Genesee River Trail from Charlotte to Turning Point Park. Because it was getting late, we decided to finish this next month. If anyone has any suggestion, please send them to Dave Wright at 924-3709 or e-mail at dwrigh10@rochester.rr.com.

Jan. 13- Kick-off Breakfast at Denny's. Meet there at 7:30 am. 2006 & 2007 officers and spouses or guest. Paid by VHT to thank the officers. Hike or ski at Powder Mills Park. Meet at the Fish Hatchery parking lot at 9:00 am.

Feb. 10- Harriet Hollister

Mar. 10- Dryer Road Park

Apr. 14-

May 12- Turning Point Park

Jun. 2- NTD-

Jun. 9-

Jul. 14-

Aug. 11-

Sep. 8- Hang Around Victor-

Oct. 13-

Nov. 10- New Webster Trails

Dec. 8-

Meeting dates for 2007- Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Parks & Trails New York- Statewide conference to be Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29 at Monroe Community College. Theme is again *Healthy Trails, Healthy Communities*. They are looking for ideas for field trips, session topics, potential speakers and presenters. There will be an awards dinner Friday night. Please funnel your suggestions to Dave Wright. The first steering committee is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 am in Albany. Conference calling will be available for anyone who can't attend.

ADK hike at Boughton Park- Saturday, Dec. 16. Meet at Dryer Road Parking lot at 9 am and car pool to the Stirnie Road parking lot. Dave Wright, Chauncy and David Coleman plan to lead the hike.

Next Hike- Saturday, Dec. 9th hike in Mendon Ponds Park.. Meet at Victor Town Hall at 9 am or at the 100 Acre Pond beach parking lot at 9:25 am. The hike will be about 6 miles. Bring a bag lunch and something to drink. Dress for the weather.

Next Meeting- Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006 at 7:30 pm at Victor Town Hall. Bring two dozen cookies for a holiday exchange.

Motion to adjourn by Dave C., seconded by Jeff. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dave Wright

2006 HIKES and EVENTS

Dec. 9- Mendon Ponds hike