VICTOR HIKING TRAILS MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL FEB. 15, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Dave Wright, David Coleman, Carol MacInnes, Ruth Nellis, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Brian Emilson, Nat Fisher.

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:30.₽ ►

MINUTES OF JAN. 18, 2006 MEETING:

No changes.

Motion to accept as written made by Larry, seconded by Ruth. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 01/31/07.....

CD \$ 0 Checking \$ 8,764.53 Total \$ 8,764.53 Other assets \$ 2,553.84 Total assets \$ 11,318.37

Motion by Ruth, seconded by Nat to accept the report. Approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Coleman

Members last month
Renewals

New members

Rejoined

Dropped

Total

123

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124

127

PUBLICITY:

Dave Wright updated the phone message and sent a press release to the Daily Messenger and Democrat & Chronicle for our Mar. 10th hike at Dryer Road Park.

EDUCATION:

Ruth reminded all that April 21 is Earth Day. No VHT sponsored activity is planned. She requested the '07 schedule for bridge repair/construction and a list of tasks that she could line up volunteer labor for. Larry and Chauncy will coordinate and provide lists.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright

The next issue will be mailed in March. Please send articles by 3/15 to Dave at dwright@victorhikingtrails.org

TRAILMASTER: Carol MacInnes

No activity.

TRAIL BOSS: Larry Fisher

Larry reported on contact with Voss (sp) Signs regarding options available for re-ordering trail markers. Discussion revolved around shape, color, material, price, and quantity. Larry was asked to contact them to answer these questions and make buy decision at next month's meeting.

Larry will set up and issue the '07 Season Maintenance Schedule with May 2 as the first trail maintenance date. The work to replace the bridge on the Schrader property was set for the weekend of 4/28. Chauncy and Brian will coordinate with Parks & Recreation to use the large interior space at their facility to construct, and then to use Parks & Recreation equipment to transport to the site.

LAST HIKE

Four people joined the VHT outing at Mendon Ponds Park on Saturday, 2/10. This was a venue change from Harriet Hollister Park, which was extremely busy that day with school race activities. Two folks snow shoed and two folks XC skied on trails near the beach. Conditions were good; the weather was brisk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anyone who needs a special Victor Hiking license plate holder, please contact Dave Wright.....still only \$5.00. Show your support for Victor Trails wherever you go!!

Bridges over creeks: Chauncy reported that he is making progress, and expects all approvals and permits in hand in time for construction season.

Trails Central website is up and running. Please visit it (<u>www.trailsnewyork.org</u>) and give Jeff Hennick some good feedback.

National Trails Day is celebrating 15 years in 2007 on Saturday, June 2. VHT will participate; see calendar below. More details to follow, as the date gets closer. Plan on joining us for a great day of hiking.

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NEW BUSINESS:

The Victor Hiking Trails brochure was identified as needing to be updated and reprinted. Dave W, will make new cover.

Brian provided an update on the Auburn Trail:

- -) the connection grant → Protracted negotiations with one property owner hold out were finally concluded unsuccessfully. A decision was subsequently made to proceed with the alternate plan. Start date of April 1, depending on the weather, is being planned for work on the portion of the trail from School St. east to Mertensia Rd. This will include a review of necessary improvements to the rail crossing and the bridge over the creek east of School St. to comply with ADA specs.
- -) Auburn Trail West (Fishers to Perinton) -> Design work will take place this year; construction will commence in '08 and finish in '09.

Chauncy announced that the Dill Foundation has given Victor Hiking Trails an unrestricted \$2,000 donation. It was decided to use this donation to meet VHT's financial obligation towards construction of the trail over the Lehigh Black Bridge Trestle. Dave W., seconded by Carol, made a motion to add recognition of this donation to the plaque being planned at the trestle crossing. It passed unanimously. Chauncy volunteered to write Jean Ottalagana a thank you note from VHT.

NEXT HIKE:

Saturday, Mar. 10th, hike / snowshoe at Dryer Road Park. Meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9 a.m. or at the park approximately 9.005 a.m. Dress for the weather. We will return to Victor around noon.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, Mar. 22, 7:30 at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ruth, seconded by Larry. Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

The annual financial audit was conducted immediately following the meeting; the audit committee consisted of Dave Wright, Dave Coleman, Larry Fisher, Carol MacInnes, and Nat Fisher.

2007 HIKES AND EVENTS

- Mar.10 → Dryer Road Park
- Apr.14 → Turning Point Park Bike Ride
- May12 → Farmington Nature Trail, MaryFrances Bluebird Haven, Monkey Run
- Jun.2 → National Trails Day: Fishers Firehouse 2 on Seneca Trail to Auburn Trail to Paparone Park to Parks and Recreation Headquarters; shuttle cars available.
- Jun.9 → Mendon Ponds Park. Outdoor Expo.
- Jul.14 → Clark's Gully and Briggs Gully Creek walk.
- Aug.11 → Garnsey Road; McCoord Woods, Horizon Hill section
- Sep.8 → Hang Around Victor Day.
- Oct.13 → Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol branch.
- Nov.10 → New Webster trails.
- Dec.8 → Helmer Nature Center, Durand Eastman Park, and new Lakeshore Trail at Seabreaze.

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