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VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

MEETING AT MARY FRANCES BLUEBIRD HAVEN

SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Chauncy Young, Jeff Hennick, David Coleman, David Wright, Larry Fisher, Nat Fisher, Carol MacInnes, Ruth Nellis, Gary Reif and Brian Emelson.

Meeting was called to order by Dave Wright at 7:32 PM.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2007 MEETING:

Motion by Ruth, seconded by Larry. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 08/31/07.....

CD's \$ 10,000

Checking \$ 1,262

Total \$ 11,262

Other assets \$ 2,754

Total assets \$ 14,016

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Coleman

Members last month 119 (corrected)

Renewals 0

New members 3

Rejoined 0

Dropped 0

Total 122

PUBLICITY:

Dave Wright will send an e-mail to the newspapers regarding our hike on Oct. 13. We will meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9:00 AM and car pool to the trailhead. Dress for the weather and wear good hiking boots. Plan on being back in Victor around 2:00 PM

EDUCATION:

Ruth reported that the baked sale at Victor Fest went well, inspite of lack of signage, poor lighting and less than ideal location. We did not sell out, so the leftovers are frozen and will be used at our next bridge project. Ruth would like to thank all who helped with the phone calls, baking and manning the table Saturday night.

Ruth suggested that next year we have a small, inexpensive novelty that we can sell for \$1.00 and make a large profit. Glow in the dark necklaces would be popular.

Ruth will also ask the Adventure Club students if they can help with the Black Diamond Duathlon on October 20.

NEWSLETTER:

Next issue will be mailed the end of Sept. <mailto:dwrigh10@rochester.rr.com>.

TRAILMASTER:

Carol is looking for a connection from the Auburn Trail to Powder Mills Park. Discussion followed the Auburn Connection project from Main Street Fishers to Probst Road, along Railroad Mills Road and ending near the Park.

Gary Reif is interested in connecting two trails in Powder Mills Park, crossing onto private property. We suggested he talk to the landowner directly.

Jeff Hennick asked Carol to check with St. Patrick's Church to see if they would give us permission to have our trail on their rear road/driveway, exiting onto Coville Street. The reason is to provide an alternate route for Maple Ave.

We need to continue the Seneca Trail from School Street to the RG&E substation. The foundation for the bridge over Great Brook needs some repair.

Regarding the Schrader property, a proposed loop trail has been tagged and now needs to be cleared.

Regarding the Apple Farm property, a section of trail has been tagged and needs to be

cleared. We don't want to do that during hunting season!

TRAIL BOSS:

We will help prepare the trail for the Black Diamond Duathlon the week before the race. Larry will contact volunteers to mow and trim where needed.

Ramp work remains on the new bridge over Great Brook on the Apple Farm. (Chauncy already took care of this.) Mega thanks to Chauncy for the huge amount of time he devoted to this project. Thanks to the Bahai family, owners of the Apple Farm, for the lunches, use of the tractor, generator and of course, permission to place the bridge on their property. Also thanks to the many volunteers that helped with the digging of the foundations, the construction and moral support.

Larry purchased a chainsaw for \$200. It is a 14" Echo.

Chauncy received a letter from the DEC stating that we did a good job on the Schrader Bridge over White Brook at Monkey Run.

Larry will mow the trail at Royal View.

The trail Maintenance Crew (Larry, Chauncy, Jeff, Nat and Dave W.) had an "end of season" dinner at Mickey Finn's. Cost to VHT was \$82.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

Apple Farm Bridge- Ramp work remains. (Note-Chauncy completed this.)

Adirondack Fall Weekend- Five people are signed up to go. Planning to climb Street and Nye mountains.

Reminder- The Parks and Trails New York Conference -

Will be held at Monroe Community College on Sept. 28 and 29. A field trip will be coming to Victor to see our trails on Friday afternoon. A bus will take participants from MCC at 12:30 PM to Mendon (first Rochester Junction, then the hamlet), then Victor at the Lehigh-Auburn Connection, the trestle and finally Mickey Finn's. The bus must be back to MCC by 4:45 PM. Brian and Dave will touch base with Mendon Foundation to develop the schedule. Brian is planning to attend Friday's workshops. Chauncy is planning to attend both days. Applications on available on www.ptny.org

The VHT website has been moved to a new host. Thanks Jeff and Chauncy.

Victor Emergency Preparedness Committee- Jeff and Chauncy have met with the group. Jeff is working with them to update maps to be able to turn trails on and off. Chauncy volunteered to coordinate the training. Mike Stockman will represent Dryer Road Park and one of the Victor Mountain Bike Club officers will also be a contact.

Hang Around Victor Day, Sept 8-

Thank you to Chauncy and crew for manning our booth, handing out brochures and promoting our trails.

Victor Fest, Sept. 8-

This was a success, but we have room for improvement for next year. Thank you to Ruth and her committee.

New EMS store at Pittsford Plaza opens Sept. 19th-

The store would like to have local clubs come and make a presentation to their customers. Our tentative night is Wednesday, October 24th from 6 to 9 PM. This could be a recruitment night to show hikers/bikers/skiers what we have to offer. We could have a slide show running continuously showing our trails, hikes, parks, trips, etc.

Volunteers- Larry will make a DVD from pictures and music. Include our website and interactive trail map. Brian put it on his calendar. Dave W. will be there to answer questions and hand out brochures. Brian will take 100 brochures to them around Sept. 21.

Auburn Trail Improvements-

Brian gave an update on the Auburn Trail from Mickey Finn's to the Farmington line. Trail has crusher run on it. Next is stone dust, top soil on edges and grass seed before the end of the season. Parking areas are roughed out. Break of Day and E. Victor Roads will get wide shoulders. Wolf and Trowbridge will be coming to Victor to get our ideas for signs. Larry and Chauncy volunteered to work with Brian. The trolley trail between School Street and Maple Ave has been improved and will be blacktopped soon. Discussed the type of bollards to be used at the road crossings. Brian would like to get them ordered and installed to keep motorized traffic off the trail.

Lehigh Trestle Decking-

Larry, Chauncy, Brian, Nat and Dave W. met prior to the meeting to discuss manpower and schedule. If you can help on Oct. 6 or 7, call Brian at 742-0142. This is a big project and needs lots of help. Brian has the material ordered.

Picnic Shelter at Dryer Road-

The pad is complete. The kit will be assembled the first week in October. A tentative ribbon cutting is scheduled for October 27th.

Jack-O-Lantern Walk-

Saturday, October 13. Carve your design and drop it off at the Fireman's Field on Maple Ave. between noon and 3:00 PM. Then come back at 7:00 PM to see them all lit up along the trolley trail.

Black Diamond Dualthon, Saturday, October 20-

Signed up yet? Call Carol Fisher at 924-5803 to volunteer.

Newsletter Ads- Dave W. came up with a list of businesses in Victor that may want to advertise in our newsletter. Members at the table volunteered to contact them.

Brian- Tri Running & Walking, TrailBlazers, Mahar Sports Apparel, Fisher Associates, Bernado's,

Chauncy- Victor Coal & Lumber, Rapid Printing, Mickey Finn's, Bristol's, Canadaigua Bank, Cole & Parks, The Trailer Center, Saxby's

Larry- Iron Butterfly

Ruth- Mead Square Pharmacy, The Apple Farm

Carol- The Grind

Dave- EMS, Victor Hills Golf, Springdale Farm B&B, Mobile Graphics

If anyone has a contact with a Victor business that would like to place an add in our quarterly newsletter, we are charging \$40.00 for an 1/8 of a page (2 x 3.5") for 4 issues. They also get a link to their website on our website. Contact Dave Wright at 924-3709.

NEW BUSINESS:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/36016.html>

Start thinking about hikes for 2008.

If any officers will not be continuing in 2008, please contact Dave W. so a replacement can be solicited. Elections are in November. Proposed slate is due in October.

Need to create goals and objectives for 2008.

Need to develop a budget for 2008.

NEXT HIKE:

Saturday, October 13. Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol Section. Dave Coleman will lead. Meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9:00 AM. Watch out for falling bricks and bulldozers! Or meet at Bob and Ruth's restaurant in Naples at 9:45 AM. Should be back in Victor around 2:00 PM, depending on group, weather, ice cream, etc.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, October 18, 7:30 PM at the **Bluebird Haven Caretaker's Cottage** on Victor-Egypt Road.

Motion to adjourn was made by David C., seconded by Chauncy. Meeting adjourned at 9:48

PM.

Remaining Hikes and Events for 2007

Sep. 28-29 Parks and Trails New York Conference at MCC

Oct. 6 & 7 Work on Lehigh Trestle all day, both days

Oct. 13 Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol branch.

Oct. 13 Jack-O-Lantern Trail Walk on the Trolley Trail at Maple Ave.

Oct. 20 Black Diamond Run, Ride, Run Race at Fishers Park

Oct. 27 Ribbon Cutting at Dryer Road Park for first pavilion

Nov. 10 New Webster trails.

Dec. 8 Helmer Nature Center, Durand Eastman Park, and new Lakeshore Trail at Seabreeze.