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VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL

April 16, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Dave Coleman, Wizzy Geno, Ruth Nellis, Carol MacInnes, Nat Fisher.

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES of March 19 meeting:

Motion by Chauncy, seconded by Larry. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young.

As of 03/31/09

Checking- \$ 9,809

Other assets- \$2,195

Total equity- \$ 12,004

Motion by Larry, seconded by Dave C. to approve the financial report. Approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Coleman.

Members last month: 126

Renewals: 2

New members: 0

Rejoined: 2

Dropped: 0

Total: 128

PUBLICITY: Dave Wright updated the phone message (585-234-8226) and sent an e-mail to the newspapers for the May 9th hike at Bentley Woods in Fishers, a little known area of old growth trees off Log Cabin Rd.

5/21/2009

EDUCATION: Ruth will contact the Teen Adventure Club to organize a workday Saturday May 2nd clearing the new trails at Victor Municipal Park.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright – The spring 2009 issue went out. The summer 2009 issue is planned for early July publication.

TRAILMASTER: The trail to connect Omnitech to the Lehigh was recently cleared by the local men's group; signage will be put up at both ends of this new trail. This group will work on one more trail project before summer, clearing the new trail at Fishers Landing.

Chauncy will contact Domine to get approval to use a marked trail through their property on National Trails Day. A temporary bridge will need to be put in to connect at the Auburn end. Also, several landowners have been contacted in hopes of continuing the Seneca Trail south to connect into Boughton Park.

TRAIL BOSS: The '09 Trail Maintenance Schedule, issued recently, will guide us through another trail maintenance season. Larry has installed the hitch on his new van and will soon have the equipment ready to go for the first outing in early May. The new Trail Maintenance shirts will look good on the trails.

LAST HIKE: On April 11th, 4 people enjoyed a cool, sunny day biking the Keuka Outlet Trail. This trail, on an old rail bed, follows a stream and remnants of an early canal connecting Keuka Lake at PennYan to Seneca Lake at Dresden.

OLD BUSINESS: Anyone who needs a special Victor Hiking Trails license plate holder, please contact Dave Wright...a few left at only \$5.00, two for \$8.00. Show your support for Victor Trails wherever you go!! And the bright yellow with green lettering can be a help in identifying your car in a busy parking lot !!

Concrete Benches- the steel forms have been made. Chauncy will send out e-mail for assistance once he has all the materials and schedules the pour. Late May installation is anticipated.

Trail parking posts and signage at Fishers Firehouse 1 and House 2 will be re-set when trails maintenance is scheduled for these two locations.

Generic Hiker Icon signs are in. These will be placed at all trail road crossings during regularly scheduled trail maintenance this summer.

Volunteer Coordinator- Wizzy Geno sent a letter to members who had indicated an interest in volunteering to introduce to them her new role. As Volunteer Coordinator she will communicate upcoming VHT activities and the volunteer assistance needed.

An LL Bean conservation grant was applied for, to construct a bridge in Ganondagan. Dave W. will attempt to get an update on our application.

VHT will have a booth again this year at the Earth Day celebration on April 22 at Victor Junior High School.

National Trails Day is June 6. Plans for this year have worked out, and details were published in the Spring Newsletter. Three different hikes will begin at Fishers Fire House 1: 1) thru Fishers Park; 2) the Auburn to Railroad Mills; 3) the Auburn to Lehigh Crossing. Postcards will be sent to both active and inactive VHT membership to communicate plans for National Trails Day.

Fisher Associates will investigate the damage to the 1st culvert on the Auburn Trail heading west out of Fishers. Thanks to Chauncy for taking pictures and communicating the problem.

The developer of the proposed Victor Station sub-division has indicated that he is willing to work with VHT and

Victor Parks and Recreation to put a trail through the project to link the Auburn Trail east to the RG&E substation.

Don't forget the VHT sponsored "Ride the Rails, Bike or Hike the Trails" on Sunday, June 7th. Information was included in the Spring VHT Newsletter and details are available on the website, www.fingerlakesscenicrailway.com , or by calling 315-374-1570. Call to reserve your tickets in advance.

NEW BUSINESS:

April 24th is Victor Arbor Day. A tree will be planted at Victor Municipal Park, near the Brace Rd. entrance. Come out and support this worthy activity.

Carol MacInnes, our VHT Trailmaster, was recognized at a recent Victor Town Board meeting for her many years of volunteering in the Town. Congratulations Carol.

NEXT HIKE AND EVENT:

Saturday, May 9th, at Bentley Woods in Fishers. We will meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot behind Fishers Fire House 1. Bring something to drink, and dress for the weather. The hike should last no more than 2 hours.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. at the new Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave C. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

Schedule of '09 hikes/outings:

May 9th → Bentley Woods, Fishers. Wild flowers and mushrooms.

Jun 6th → National Trails Day. Auburn Trail at Fishers Firehouse 1 and Fishers Park.

Jun 13th → ADK Expo and hike at Mendon Ponds Park.

Jul 11th → Grimes Glen and Tanner Gully creek walks. Naples.

Aug 8th → Letchworth Park. Gorge walk.

Sep 5th → Bare Hill "Ring of Fire" picnic supper.

Sep 12th → Hang Around Victor Days and Victor Fest. Booth and baked goods.

Oct 10th → VanDerStrict Trail on the west side of Canadice Lake.

Nov 14th → Boughton Park, East Bloomfield.

Dec 12th → Powder Mills Park, Perinton.