

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS**  
**MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL**

April 21, 2011

**ATTENDANCE:** Carol MacInnes, Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Wizzy Geno, Pete Ingalsbe, Nat Fisher.

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7: 30 p.m.

**MINUTES** of March 17 meeting:

Motion by Wizzy, seconded by Carol. Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Chauncy Young

As of 03/31/11.

Checking & savings - \$10,923

Other assets - \$1,840

Total equity - \$ 12,763

Motion by Wizzy, seconded by Nat. Approved.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No report**

**PUBLICITY:** Dave Wright updated the phone message. Our hikes and meetings are now on the Victor Town calendar. The next hike is on May 14 at Genesee Land Trust, Ganargua Meadow Preserve and Monkey Run. Meet at Victor Town Hall at 9 a.m.

**EDUCATION:** May 7<sup>th</sup> will be the first monthly "Talk Along the Trails" outing featuring geocaching. Chauncy will make up three VHT membership certificates to be given away as prizes. This monthly series, co-hosted by VHT and Victor Parks and Recreation, will explore an environmental or recreational topic related to Victor's trails. Following a presentation, participants may hike the related trail. VHT will announce each activity on their web site and VP&R will get a notice in the local newspaper.

**VOLUNTEERS:** VHT will be supporting a United Way Day of Caring group on 5/11. The activity will be to cut and fill a trail on a steep slope around the beaver pond behind The Apple Farm. On 5/14 Victor Helping Hands, in the form of the Victor High School Track Team, will begin building a boardwalk through a wet area off the Auburn Trail near the old village dump. Chauncy made a motion that VHT support this project with up to \$3,500 in materials for approx. 600 ft. of boardwalk. Larry seconded. Approved.

**NEWSLETTER:** The deadline for the Summer newsletter will be June 16<sup>th</sup>. Early July publishing is expected.

**TRAILMASTER:** Carol has been successful in getting permits for the entire length of the new trail connecting Valentown with the Seneca Trail at Fishers House #2. Chauncy will contact the retiree's group to see if they would be available to clear this new trail. Carol will continue her focus on a trail connect with The Crescent Trail in Perinton by contacting The Valentown Hall Board of Directors.

**TRAIL BOSS:** Larry reported that the trailer would get inspected before the first night of maintenance. The maintenance schedule for the season has been sent out. Please contact Larry for a copy, or go to the VHT web site. Larry initiated a discussion on spreading the work of trail maintenance among more volunteers. Currently the schedule is set for routine trail maintenance work on three days; Monday a.m., Wednesday p.m., and Saturday a.m. If one person was to be responsible for the equipment and volunteers for each of these days, it could provide relief for those who now feel they have to work the entire schedule. If we still think this is a good idea, a more formal plan can be outlined at the next meeting.

In anticipation of new volunteers, Chauncy made a motion to spend up to \$350 on volunteer work shirts. Larry seconded. Approved.

Larry made a motion to spend up to \$300 on replacement parts for the maintenance equipment. Pete seconded. Approved.

**LAST HIKE:** On April 9th 10 people hiked Corbett's Glenn. .

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

VHT has received a \$5,000 grant from The American Hiking Society for a planned 2011 project to construct a bridge over the small creek connecting the Auburn Trail in Fishers to the Domine Trail. Thanks to Dave for writing the grant application. The bridge design work is about 85% complete.

ADK Outdoor Expo will be June 11<sup>th</sup>. VHT will do a seminar on the trails in Victor.

Dave worked with Advio to begin free digital board advertising at Tim Horton's in Victor. They will display an ad for our National Trails Day event, beginning on May 14.

The American Hiking Society's 19<sup>th</sup> annual National Trails Day will be June 4<sup>th</sup>. This year's slogan is "Made with all Natural Ingredients". FLCC's Victor Campus on Rt. 251 will be VHT's National Trails Day center. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. A light breakfast, post hike snack, and lunch will be provided. There will be 3 hikes, each approximately 45 min. to 1 ½ hr. long. The last hike will be to Victor Municipal Park where Victor Parks and Recreation personnel will conduct a tour of the new park. Rides will be provided back to FLCC at the conclusion.

Chauncy will have 400 post cards produced for mailing to the VHT mailing list.

Dave spoke about trails in Victor at the April Victor-Farmington Rotary meeting.

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual CANAL SPLASH will be held August 12-14. Sponsored by NYS

Canal Corporation, events are being planned along the Erie/Barge Canal celebrating the history, culture, and recreational appeal of the NYS canal system.

The Town of Bloomfield has contacted VHT and is requesting information on trail organization.

The section of The Auburn Trail north from Fishers Rd. to the other side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> culvert will be closed beginning in late spring and thru the summer. Completion of the bridge and this section of the trail is expected by the end of August.

In response to Ruth's suggestion several months ago that VHT needed something to hand out at various VHT activities (ex. Hang Around Victor Days) Wizzy will get a quote from three local printers for 1,000 business card sized magnets with the VHT logo and contact info.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Friends of Webster Trails contacted VHT looking for information on the construction of truss bridges. Dave sent them information on the bridge built at The Apple Farm.

Work on the Thruway bridge over the Auburn Trail in Fishers has started. The trail will be closed during work hours.

The Lock 32 white water event will be held on July 16 & 17.

Joanie Towarnicky has volunteered to get sponsors for National Trail Day on June 4<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Larry to establish sponsor levels as follows:

\$50 will get sponsor name on signs at FLCC headquarters.

\$100 will get the \$50 level PLUS mention in the VHT newsletter.

\$200 will get the \$100 level PLUS a link to their website in the VHT newsletter.

Chauncy seconded the motion. Approved.

#### **NEXT HIKE:**

The next hike will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at Genesee Land Trust, Ganargua Creek Meadow Preserve and Monkey Run.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Motion to adjourn was made by Larry. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

## **Schedule of '11 hikes/outings:**

Jun 4 - National Trails Day

Jun 11 – bike ride to Genesee River and back on the Lehigh Trail.

Jul 9 – Wesley Hill and Briggs Gulley

Aug 13 – Powder Mills Park

Sep 3 – Ring of Fire

Sep 10 – Hang around Victor Day and Victor Fest

Oct 8 – Cleveland Hill

Nov 12 – Mendon Ponds Park

Dec 10 – Boughton Park