

# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL

FEB 2014

**ATTENDANCE:** Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Pete Ingalsbe, Carol MacInnes, Wizzy Geno, Larry Fisher. Guests: Connor Reese, Barb and Kyle Bensink

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:32 p.m.

## SCOUT PRESENTATIONS:

**Connor Reese-** Troop 60, Victor, has proposed an improvement to the Seneca Trail next to the Thruway by Willowbrook Road. He would do some cut and fill on a side slope and build a small bridge over the Irondequoit Creek tributary. He will need to get permits, modify a bridge design, get quotes for the materials. He will do some fund raising to purchase the materials. He would like to do the construction in May. Chauncy made the motion that VHT provide up to \$250.00, if needed, to cover materials. Seconded by Carol. Approved.

**Kyle Bensink-** Troop 61, Victor, has accepted the Seneca Trail reroute project by High Point, in back of Office Max. This will require several switchbacks, some cut and fill and some trail clearing of small trees and brush. Kyle will recruit members of his troop as well as members of the Victor Robotics Team. He is expecting to complete the project in one or two weekends, depending on how many volunteers he gets. Motion by Dave Wright, seconded by Pete for VHT to donate up to \$150.00, if needed, for materials and lunch for the volunteers.

## MINUTES of January 16, 2014 meeting:

Motion by Larry; seconded by Peter. Approved

## TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 1/31/14:

Checking and savings - \$7,676

Other assets - \$1,498

Total assets - \$9,174

Motion by Carol, seconded by Wizzy. Approved.

We will audit the 2013 books after the Mar. meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Pete reported that membership is currently at 224, with 112 up for renewal. Pete will drop any members that have not paid within the last 24 months.

**PUBLICITY:** A press release was sent out announcing the March 8<sup>th</sup> hike at Mendon Ponds Park. Meet at Victor Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. or at the Beach Parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Our hikes and meetings are on the Victor Town calendar.

**EDUCATION:** Ralph send an email stating that he is working on future hikes.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Wizzy reported that she had volunteers at the Victor Parks and Rec Winter Fest on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Dave Wright and Chauncy attended the Penfield Indoor Hike Jamboree, also on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Dave Wright gave a presentation to the Victor-Farmington Kiwanis on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**NEWSLETTER:** The Spring newsletter will be completed and sent out after the March 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Newsletters now have limited print copies, available at the library, town and village halls and some sponsor locations. Anyone can access past and current newsletters on the VHT website. There was some discussion about advertisers. Several businesses have sent in their annual fee for an ad in our newsletter. Several Victor businesses have supported us over the years and will be included at no charge. This includes Victor Coal & Lumber, The Apple Farm, the Town of Victor and L.L.Bean. It was also suggested that we ask several other Victor businesses if they would like to have an ad. This

included Rapid Printing, Mickey Finn's, Fisher Associates, The North Face, Finger Lakes Technologies, FLCC, the hotels by Rt 96 and Co Rd 41. If anyone knows of other local businesses that would like to place an ad, contact Dave Wright.

**TRAILMASTER:** Carol sent a second letter to the owners of the property at Office Max. No reply yet.

**TRAIL BOSS:** Chauncy, Larry and Nat (the three crew chiefs) will discuss changes to our normal trail maintenance schedule. Some of the trails are too long to cover in one session. Some trails need more frequent attention. Others not as much. And we have some new trails to add. Larry will send the new schedule to Dave Wright for inclusion in the next newsletter. Larry reported that Victor Parks and Rec is putting a fishing dock at the pond in back of the MaryFrances Bluebird Cottage. He also reported that the Pinnacle sports complex project on Phillips Road has been approved for phase 1. Construction will start in the spring with completion in the fall. Parks and rec will lease a part of the building.

**LAST HIKE:** On 2/8/14 eight people met at Fishers Fire Station on Main Street Fishers, hiked the Auburn, Domine and Lehigh Trails, stopped at Chauncy's home to warm up, and then hiked back to the start through Fishers Park.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bridge over Great Brook at Ganondagan- We should hear the results in May.

Tree ID signs at Monkey Run- we will verify the correctness of the signs when the leaves pop out in the Spring.

Membership renewals continue to trickle in.

The Town of Farmington was not successful in their request for a grant to build phase I of the Auburn Trail from Farmington to Canandaigua. They just missed the cut, so they will tweek the application and resubmit for the next round. Hopefully, they will be able to build some of the trail from County Road 41 to the housing development off New Michigan Road. Chauncy suggested they contact the Wednesday trail clearing crew to cut trees and brush on the old railroad bed that is overgrown.

The new shirts have arrived. They are dark green with white stitching. The stitching was supposed to be yellow. Chauncy will see if we can get some store credit for the error.

David Coleman suggested that the Spring Adirondack Adventure weekend be held May 2-4. Please put it on your calendar and contact David if you would like to be added to his invite list.

Dan Wilson, a VHT member and a Wednesday retiree crew, contacted Chauncy about building a bridge for our trails. Chauncy suggested making the Apple Farm bridge ramp less steep and/or building a bridge over the creek by the Longhorn restaurant. The bridge will need permits from DEC, ACE and the town. The board approved both projects. Chauncy made a motion to approve up to \$400 for materials for the ramp and up to \$2000 for materials for the bridge. Seconded by Ralph. Approved. No work started yet due to the cold weather.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

As part of the High Street Improvement project, the town engineers have designed two high visibility crosswalks (ladder style); one located at the school entrance and one on the north side of the Valentown intersection. They are proposing pedestrian buttons for the crossing at Valentown.

The Town of Victor and the Victor School District have applied for a grant to provide sidewalks on and around the school property. A public open house will be held on 2/27/14 at Town Hall between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. A map showing the additional sidewalks will be on the VHT website.

### **NEXT HIKE:**

The next hike is on Saturday, 3/8/14 to hike, ski or snowshoe at Mendon Ponds Park. Meet at Victor Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. or at the Beach parking area at 9:30 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wizzy at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wright

Acting Secretary

**Schedule of '14 hikes/outings:**

Mar 8 – Mendon Ponds Park: hike/ski/snowshoe

Apr 12 – Canadice Lake trail

May 10 – Chimney Bluffs

Jun 7 – National Trails Day, Fishers Park

Jun 14 – Mendon Ponds Park, Outdoor Expo hike

Jul 12 – Conklin Gully

Aug 9 – Grimes Glen

Sep 6 – Hang Around Victor Day

Sep 13 – Lower Genesee River- bike ride

Sep 28 – Seneca Trail Challenge Hike

Oct 11 – Keuka Lake Outlet Trail on foot

Nov 8 – Monkey Run/Bluebird Sanctuary

Dec 13 – Dryer Road Park