

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS**  
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL  
July 28, 2016

**ATTENDANCE:** Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Barb Cole, Ralph Weber, and Suzy Paquin.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Lechner, Cindy Fleischer, and Nyle Masoom

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:31pm.

***Western NY Bike Fest 2017***

Cindy Fleischer and Bob Lechner started the Western NY Bike Fest this year and it was held in Dryer Road Park on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Cindy said that the event was a success and they plan on having it again in 2017. Unfortunately, due to when they can get the rigs that come with the bikes, the event will conflict again with National Trails Day. They are hoping there is some way that VHT can participate in 2017. Many bikers are also hikers. The event will be for two days, Saturday and Sunday. They will have two changes next year: there will be no admission fee to get into the event and they are going to allow sales at the event for the vendors. Many bike shops & bike clubs were represented at the event. There were some non-profits also.

It was noted that with the exception of the top of Fort Hill, both hikers and bikers can use the trails.

Dave stated that VHT would not participate on Saturday as National Trails Day is our biggest event, but maybe we could do something on Sunday.

Cindy noted that the PTSA from Victor Schools was involved and they have a very strong wellness component to their program. They have committed to coming back next year. She thought that VHT might want to contact them for any of their events.

***Nyle Masoom, Eagle Scout Project***

Nyle will be working on his Eagle Scout Project this coming Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The project is an 80' boardwalk and small 10-12' bridge over a culvert near the Apple Farm. Volunteers will meet at the Apple Farm at 9am and follow the yellow trail back to the site. He has a lot of scouts signed up to help. Nyle passed around the plans/drawings.

Chauncy noted that the supplies were being delivered on Friday and that VHT is donating nails and spikes out of their inventory. The total cost of the materials is almost \$1,000. Dave asked how it will be financed. Nyle stated that right now it would be paid out-of-pocket and he will look into fundraising.

Dave noted that VHT usually donates up to \$250 towards projects after other fundraising efforts are exhausted. He encouraged Nyle to contact local businesses and/or organizations to contribute.

**Motion** by Dave to support Nyle Masoom's Eagle Scout Project in an amount up to \$250, if needed, seconded by Chauncy – **Approved**.

**MINUTES** of June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, **Motion** to approve the minutes by Chauncy, seconded by Barb – **Approved**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Barb Cole  
Barb passed around the financials for June.

As of 6/30/16:

- ✓ Checking and savings - \$10,364
- ✓ Other assets - \$92
- ✓ Total assets - \$10,456

Barb went over the financials and covered the highlights. Barb noted that she had not received a check yet for the bottles and cans for \$91.56. Chauncy gave her a check for \$51.18 for bottles and cans. Chauncy noted that from now on to make sure you get a receipt when dropping off bottle/cans. He will look into the other check.

Barb had received some receipts from Emily for mural supplies and has sent her a check.

Barb had purchased some stamps for sending out payments on invoices and wanted to get it approved to pay herself \$9.40. Everyone was ok with that.

**Motion** to approve the financials by Chauncy, seconded by Ralph - **Approved**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Pete Ingalsbe - *Absent*  
*No Report*

Chauncy reported that we now have 473 members on Meetup.

**PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER:** Dave Wright

Dave updated the message line and sent out a press release for the next hike which is at Conklin Gully on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 8:00am behind the Town Hall to carpool to Naples. The hike will start at 9:00am.

Dave did not publicize the Mees Observatory tour and hike as we have a limit of 25 people. This has only been posted on Meetup.

Dave will be working on the next issue of the newsletter. He will try to cut it back to 8 pages to save on cost. The fall issue should be done after the meeting in September.

**EDUCATION:** Ralph Weber

The Mees Observatory hike will be on August 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Ontario County Park at 6:00pm, hike and then drive to Mees. Bring a flashlight.

**Motion** by Dave to make a donation to Mees, if we have 20-25 attendees, donate \$50 and if we have less than 20 attendees, donate \$25, seconded by Chauncy – **Approved**.

Ralph asked if anyone had any other ideas for educational things to do. Maybe something with fossils.

The November hike is from Valentown to Woodcliff and back. Maybe we include a tour of Valentown Museum. Contact Kathy White.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** Suzy Paquin – *Interim*

**Red Cross Twilight 5/10K** – This was out of Pinnacle Athletic Campus on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. We had 10 volunteers that came and were Course Marshals along the Auburn Trail and Fishers Road. They made sure the runners stayed on route and cheered them along. They had around 300 runners sign up. It was a fundraiser for the Red Cross and VHT might get a small donation. We received a thank you letter.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Twisted Branch Trail Run – August 20<sup>th</sup>:** Chauncy will get Suzy the details. Last year the volunteers manned an aide station.

**Family Fun Festival – August 27<sup>th</sup>:** This will be at the Farmington Town Hall Park from 11am to 6pm. We would like to have a tent there to show our support. *Dave W, Suzy and Chauncy are unavailable on this date.* Suzy will send out an email with the volunteer times needed.

**Hang Around Victor Day – September 10<sup>th</sup>:** VHT will have a tent and Suzy will send out an email with the volunteer times needed.

**TRAILMASTER:** Carol MacInnes - *Absent*  
*No Report*

Chauncy has the maps for the Genesee Land Trust trail easements and the adjacent lands. We will look at them after the meeting.

**TRAIL BOSS:** Chauncy Young

***Scout Projects***

- Nyle Masoom – *He wishes to do a short boardwalk and a short bridge near the Apple Farm with the possibility of shorter ramps on the existing bridge. Chauncy met with him and his father. The Boardwalk will be 60’ long and the bridge will be 10’. Chauncy will sign off on the papers. Chauncy has sent him some sketches*
  - Nyle attended the VHT July meeting to apprise them of his project
  - The project will be started & completed on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>
  
- Lori Buggie –*Her project is a boardwalk on the yellow trail behind Monroe Muffler off Route 96. Chauncy met with her and her dad. She will do a 150’ Boardwalk on the yellow trail plus some stone/chips just before it.*
  - This project was completed with the help of DiMarco on July 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>
  - The supplies came to \$1,800 and an email has been sent to the DiMarco Group for a suggested donation in that amount
  
- *George Heltz - a 40’ bridge project at Fishbrook/East Victor. George noted that his goal is \$6,000. George is seeking additional funding from other organizations. Joe Logan is working on the Fishcreek Bridge design.*
  - This project is almost complete. Hopefully it will be completed on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>
  
- Daniel Waldman - *He is looking to replace a boardwalk that was set too low at Lehigh Crossing Park. He proposes a dock-like Boardwalk which would be 154’ / 168’ in length. Dan will check with Al Benedict, Building Inspector, to see if a DEC or ACE application is needed as it is a wetland area.*
  - Submitted the Short Environmental Assessment form to the DEC
  - Daniel will be out of town for two weeks and the GoFundMe account was just started – the project maybe pushed back until October

***Fisher Memorial Bridge: Update***

*Chauncy has drawn a sketch, written the narrative and filled out the application for the permit. It has gone to the Building Department and the State for permits. VHT has been awarded the grant from the American Hiking Society towards the Nat Fisher Bridge in the amount of \$2,500. We are looking at August to complete the project. Larry & Carole Fisher came over to help correlate the paperwork for the DEC and Army Corp of Engineers.*

- We are waiting on the design from Joe Logan

- This project will hopefully be done before the construction of Daniel's project is started.

There was an issue with a homeowner regarding a trail in Lehigh Crossing Park. Parks & Rec has rerouted the trail and VHT needs to move a couple of posts. **(Note: this was completed 7/29)**

Chauncy noted the possibility of setting up a budget line for refreshments after the trail maintenance sessions.

He took one of the mowers to Victor Power Equipment for repairs.

#### *Proposed Sewer Line Along the Auburn Trail*

Chauncy will be meeting with Steve Metzger, Town Engineer, tomorrow at the RG&E substation at 4:30pm to discuss the possible sewer line installation along the Auburn Trail near the Victor Insulators. The desire is to keep it straight along the trail and not reroute it out to Dryer Road to go around the Victor Insulator property.

#### *Fishers Park Signs*

Dave asked what the status was on the "You Are Here" signs for Fishers Park. Chauncy said we need to talk with Brian to see if he is on board with having them.

- Chauncy noted that nothing new has been done. The posts are still out there. He suggested printing some of the maps and placing them in boxes to let people know what is proposed.

#### ***Parks and Trails New York, Growing the Grassroots Capacity-Building Grant:***

*Awarded the grant in the amount of \$2,500. The kick-off meeting was in April 2015. We met with the consultant, Ed Flynn of LaBella Associates. The final report was received and the public meeting was held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. Presentations have been made to the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Conservation Board and the P&R Citizens' Advisory Committee. Dave W made the presentation to the Town Board on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Need to submit final report PTNY. Chauncy needs to compile the publicity for the grant for the final report. Then will start the implementation. A special meeting was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss updating the website and a new brochure plus revamping the newsletter to match.*

- Chauncy has not submitted the grant final report yet

Dave noted that Bristol's called and needed a Tax Exempt form and he dropped one off.

#### **LAST HIKE:**

The monthly hike was a bike ride on the Ontario Pathways trail, Route 96 to Stanley and back on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The ride was led by Lisa Roberts. There were a total four bikers, Lisa, Suzy, Gregg Richards and Kelly. Kelly is new to the area and just happened to

Google trails and found the bike ride. We did not go all the way to Stanley, we turned around at the point where the route went along the road. We rode approx. 6 miles. We then went drove back to Manchester and rode almost 3 miles along the Manchester Gateway Trail. It was very nice. It was paved and had workout stations along the way.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### ***Farmington – Auburn Trail Connector Project***

*Still under the engineering design and hope for a bid date this fall, winter at the latest.*

- Nothing New

Dave noted that he has not contacted Kevin and Anita Bruckner yet regarding their donation of property, portion of the Trolley Trail that is adjacent to the Town, to the Town of Victor Hiking Trails. Chauncy mentioned that he talked to them and told them to call Brian Emelson.

#### ***Brochure Revision***

*A special meeting was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss updating the website and a new brochure plus revamping the newsletter to match.*

- *Regarding the map for the brochure, who was going to work on it, Jeff or Chauncy? For the brochure, if we take out some words and put in more pictures do we want both sides to be in color? It would cost more.*

***Note: We need to work on this so that an order can be placed in time for Hang Around Victor Day***

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dave showed the Certificate of Appreciation for Contribution Received that was awarded to VHT for their donation to the Gateway Sign Project. This was given by the Victor Garden Club and Parks and Recreation. We will have it hung at the Town Hall.

Dave received a call from a resident regarding the proposed sewer line along the Auburn Trail. She wanted to know if the trail was to be closed during construction or not. Dave talked to Brian Emelson, who did not have much info on it, but he thought that the sections being worked on at the time would be closed.

Chauncy received an email from Eric Eagen saying that they built a picnic table for Valentown and worked on the trail from Valentown over to Perinton Town line. They tried to tackle the big oak tree that is down, but it was too big and needs to be removed professionally. Chauncy was thinking of contacting the ADK group to see if they would clear it.

Chauncy and Suzy attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Kyle Bensink on July 8<sup>th</sup>. There were two other scouts besides Kyle who received their Eagle Scout. There were approx. 40 people.

Dave passed around the following:

- Backpacker magazine
- Ontario Pathways Newsletter
- Finger Lakes Trail Magazine

VHT received a letter from the Town of Victor's Wellness Committee. They are having a Wellness Fair on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8am to noon and wish for VHT to participate. Dave recommended that VHT participate and have a booth. Suzy will send out an email for volunteers.

### **NEXT HIKE:**

On August 13<sup>th</sup> the hike will be at Conklin Gully. Meet at 8:00am behind the Town Hall to carpool to Naples. Hike start at 9:00am. Dave read the press release for the hike. This was posted to Facebook today and on the Town's community calendar.

Dave read the Meetup write-up for Mees Observatory, thank you Chauncy for writing it.

Chauncy noted that we need another position just to do social media – it takes a lot of time to post everything on Meetup and Facebook on a timely basis.

Still need to fill the position for either Volunteer Coordinator or Secretary. Suzy would like to continue doing the Volunteer Coordinator position and that would mean we need to fill the spot of Secretary.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, August 18, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

**Motion** to adjourn by Barb at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted by Suzy Paquin

### **Schedule of 2016 Hikes/Outings:**

- August 5<sup>th</sup> – Mees Observatory, Educational tour & hike, 6pm
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Conklin Gully
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ring of Fire Hike, 5:30pm

- September 10<sup>th</sup> – *HAVD* - Victor Municipal Park/Trolley/Auburn/Ganondagan, 11am
- September 25<sup>th</sup> – Challenge Hike - TBD
- October 8<sup>th</sup> – Finger Lakes Trail – Bristol Hills Branch
- November 12<sup>th</sup> – Valentown to Woodcliff & back
- December 10<sup>th</sup> – Meet at Lehigh Crossing Park - Lehigh/Auburn/Trolley