

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL
June 15, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Denni Harbaugh, Jeff Hennick, Pete Ingalsbe, Ruth Rugaber and Suzy Mandrino-Paquin.

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:00pm.

MINUTES of the May 18th meeting, **Motion** to approve the minutes by Suzy, seconded by Denni – **Approved**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth Rugaber
Ruth passed out the financials, thanking Barb for help.
As of 5/31/17:
Savings - \$2002.62
WePay – 20.00
Checking – 8333.36
Total - \$10356.03

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

PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright
Dave will update the message line and send out a press release for the next hike on July 8th at Wesley Nature Preserve. Meet at the Town Hall to carpool at 9am or meet at 9:45am on Wesley Road.

The spring issue of the newsletter will be out around June 21st.

At the Chamber event tonight, Mitch Donovan noted that there will be a big announcement from the "Explore Victor Trails" group soon.

Articles for the Town's newsletter are due to Suzy by June 26th. Would anyone be interested in writing the article as Dave will be working on the VHT newsletter? Otherwise Dave will use the same article for both. Let him know.

EDUCATION: Ralph Weber - *Absent*
Dave said that Ralph had nothing to report. If we think of something, please contact him.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Suzy Paquin

National Trails Day – June 3^d

We had a great day with perfect weather. Turnout was a bit lighter with approx. 50-60 people. We had 15 volunteers during the day – THANK YOU to everyone who helped! We had 17 businesses donate wonderful prizes that we raffled off. We had more prizes than tickets, so we auctioned off the last two bigger prizes. We had several people finish all three hikes to get a free one year membership.

ADK Expo, Mendon Ponds – June 10th

Another beautiful day. We had 7 people volunteer to man the booth. It was busy – we handed out a lot of brochures.

Chauncy led a hike at 10:30am. There were 5 hikers that went 6.3 miles in two hours.

Coming up:

Victor Parks & Recreation Senior Lunch on July 19th, Jeff will be speaking to the Seniors

Farmington Family Fun Festival on August 12th, same day as our Chimney Bluffs hike

The Twisted Branch Trail Run on August 19th

Hang Around Victor Day on September 9th, Chauncy will do a hike around the Village

Suzy will send out emails for volunteers for these events.

The Volunteer Appreciation dinner will be in October.

TRAILMASTER: Carol MacInnes - *Absent*

Note: We should contact the owner of Auburn Creek Apartments for permission to have the trail go along the edge of their property due to the beaver activity flooding out the meadow on the Seneca Trail.

TRAIL BOSS: Chauncy Young

The turnout has been good for Monday and Wednesday nights and still light for Friday mornings.

We received a donation of various tools from Lisa from her Dad's house.

One Billy Goat is down and will need to be taken to Victor Power equipment for repair. He received the other parts he ordered for the Billy Goats. He also received the 'arrows' and work shirts he ordered.

Chauncy would like to order a banner for VHT that says, "Explore Victor Trails" that would be 2x4 and we could hang in our tent. This would be smaller than the Hike 'n Bike 4x8 banner.

Motion by Chauncy to purchase a 2x4 banner from Rapid Printing not to exceed \$60, seconded by Ruth – **Approved**.

Chauncy met with Brian and looked at 100 acre woods for a possible Boy Scout project. They also looked at Lehigh Crossing Park on where to put an observation deck/platform in memory of Hans Wolff from a donation by his wife.

Need posts with multi-use signs for Summer Hill, Carrington Way and either side of Dryer Road.

We should also ask for crosswalks and signs for pedestrian crossing for Dryer Road, Modock Road, Route 251, School Street, County Road 41, Dryer Road (RG&E Substation) and Main Street Fishers. Chauncy will remind Brian to write a letter requesting them from the Town Highway Department.

Jeff noted that if any Scouts need to raise money for projects, to use VHT's PayPal on our website and not GoFundMe. The fees for PayPal are lower than the fees for GoFundMe. Jeff can set up a separate page for them.

LAST HIKE:

The monthly hike was at the ADK Expo in Mendon Ponds Park on June 10th. There were 5 hikers that went 6.3 miles in two hours.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave is still working on the list of projects that VHT has completed. Once ready he will send the list to Mobile Graphics and they will make the small plates for \$6 each.

Auburn Trail Improvements – Farmington

Pete said they were still working on the easements. Hoping to go out for Bid after July 4th.

VHT received a \$1600 grant from National Hiking Society. It will be used for a bridge over the creek in Boughton Park. Chauncy is looking for a Scout to do the project. He will start the paperwork for the DEC.

Dave asked if we had moved to a secure website yet? Jeff stated that he will initiate that and it will cost an additional \$10/month.

Dave like the trail directional signs that Jeff made. Thank you.

NEW BUSINESS:

Received:

Quarterly Newsletter – Trailworks

Backpacker Magazine (Dave noted there was a great article about a hiker in Canada who experienced a bear attack, twice)

Jeff suggested a sympathy note for Lisa. Chauncy & Suzy brought a card and it was signed.

NEXT HIKE:

The next monthly hike on July 8th at Wesley Nature Preserve east of Honeoye. Meet at the Town Hall at 9am to carpool or meet at Wesley Road at 9:45am.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, July 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Victor Town Hall. Dave will be out of town. Jeff will Chair the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Denni Harbaugh & Pete Ingalsbe
Membership is at 247 with 53 due to renew.

Chauncy reported that we now have 653 members on Meetup.

Motion to adjourn by Pete at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Suzy Paquin for Lisa Roberts

Schedule of 2017 Hikes/Outings:

- July 8th – Wesley Nature Preserve east of Honeoye
- August 12th – Chimney Bluffs State Park
- September 2nd – Bare Hill Ring of Fire, evening hike
- September 9th Hang Around Victor Day, Village hike
- October 14th – Dryer Road Park to Lehigh Crossing Park
- November 11th – PowderMill Park
- December 9th – Lucien Moran Park (Old Rifle Range)