

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 17, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Jeff Hennick.

Attendees: Dave Wright (arrived at 7:35 PM), David Coleman, Carol MacInnes, Jeff Hennick, Larry Fisher, Chauncy Young.

Last Month's Minutes: Motion by Larry, seconded by Carol and carried to approve minutes from May 20, 2004 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Chauncy Young) for May.

CD	\$3000
Checking	\$2564
<u>Cash</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Total \$5564

Chauncy found an old invoice from Victor Coal and Lumber for materials for Chris Sonnefeld's bridge project. Victor Parks and Rec. had agreed to split the cost with us, so Chauncy will pass this on to Brian Emelson.

Membership: (David Coleman)

Previous month:	154
New members:	2
Rejoined:	0
Renewals:	9
Dropped:	2
Current:	154

Post cards will be sent to delinquent members.

Publicity: (Dave Wright) Voice mail was updated. Newspapers were sent e-mail for our creek walk at Conklin's Gully on July 10.

Historian: Articles on: National Trails Day.

Education: Dave W. updated everyone on Warner's continuing efforts on the Project "All Aboard". Warner has talked to many key people in the Village and continues to have good response to the plan. He is planning to meet with the merchants and other local businesses.

Larry Fisher brought in a sample of the mounting for the tree identification signs for Fisher Park Nature Trail. It was suggested we try routing a board to set the aluminum sign in a recess and then cover with it polyurethane. Larry will find out if the poly will hold up to outdoor conditions and sunlight.

Newsletter: (Dave Wright) Last issue was mailed June 1. Printed in color because of the many color photos. Printed 250 for extra promotion. Still have a few left. Cost was \$1.08 each compared to \$.37 for B&W. Invoice for newsletters, NTD brochures and flyers was submitted to the Treasurer. Check sent to printer.

It was decided to stay with B&W, maybe color once a year for a special issue, and see if we can send out color version via e-mail and post on our website. Dave W. will investigate.

Next issue is due to be mailed Sept. 1. Deadline is Thursday, August 19. Ideas?

Trail Master: (Carol MacInnes) Carol met with Helen Schraeder to see where the trail on her property can connect to Monkey Run. Decided to blaze the trail on Wednesday evening, June 23 at our scheduled trail maintenance. Carol will try to contact the new home owner on Break of Day Road to see if they will allow us to continue to have our Auburn Trail on their property. Otherwise, we will be on the road.

Trailboss: (Larry Fisher)

Materials for the bridge over Great Brook have not been ordered yet. It was suggested we contact Fritz again to see if he can put a small crew together to build the bridge. (Note: Dave W. contacted Fritz the next day. Fritz had recently broken his leg and he was leaving for a vacation for a month. He asked that we contact him in the fall.) Dave W. will see if we can bring the materials in from the Apple Farm. It is still felt that we should build the bridge at the Parks Maintenance building and then transport to the site.

Future projects-

- Ganondagan wet areas
- Widen small bridge at Auburn Golf Driving Range
- Need trail head signs for Royal View Trail
- Widen small bridge on Seneca Trail by the old house
- Need culverts on Trolley Trail, east and west of Rt. 251
- Wet areas in Fishers Park
- Put up Braille signs in Fishers Park.
- Replant post at Brace Road
- Replant post at Farmington town line.

Larry has developed a maintenance schedule for the season. Call him for a copy if you want to help with trail cutting. We need more trail workers. Larry will call some of the people who have helped in the past or expressed a desire to help. He will get their e-mail addresses to remind them of where we are meeting. It was also suggested we carry schedules with us and give to trail users. Also, post the maintenance schedule on the trails. Also notify Adopt A Trail groups so they know when their trail will be mowed. New trail helpers should be trained to use the power equipment.

Larry would like to purchase a weed cutter, so he doesn't have to use his own. On motion by Chauncy, seconded by Larry and carried, Larry can spend up to \$300.00 for an Echo gas powered weed cutter with automatic string feed and a blade for cutting heavy weeds and small trees and shrubs.

Last Hike:

National Trails Day, June 5- Approximately 40 people plus the scouts enjoyed breakfast. Speakers included Brian Emelson, Leslie Bamann, Rich Brauer (Fisher Associates), a representative from RG&E, Assemblyman Joseph Errigo, Warner Fisher, Larry Rhoads (Village Trustee) and Jack Richter. Officially started construction phase of the Auburn Trail improvements, and led approximately 40 hikers on the Auburn to Mead Square. Three hiked back to Fishers. It was a beautiful day.

Bike ride, June 12- Four from Victor rode on the Genesee Valley Greenway from Scottsville to Route 5 in Avon, and back, approximately 12 miles. Another delightful morning.

Old Business:

Auburn Trail Priority Study- Still waiting for update from Bergmann Associates.

Auburn TEP Grant- Core group met May 25 for an update. Design phase is basically finished. Some paperwork needs to be signed off by the NYSDOT. Rich Brauer, a Fishers Associate engineer, Brian Emelson, Jim Mattoon, Troy Paige and Dave Wright field checked the entire trail on June 14. Troy and his crew will be ready to start on the Lehigh on July 12. Will probably start at the trestle end by Phillips Road. They will clear a 14' to 16' wide path, grade at the intersections, fill and grade for the parking areas and begin to clear the path from the Auburn to the Lehigh at the trestle. Jim Mattoon will spray herbicides to kill the vegetation on the path. Gates will be removed and stored for VHT. The section from Old Dutch Road to the Mendon line will have a 5' wide path for horses. There will be a parking lot at Fishers Park for one or two horse trailers.

GPS- Still waiting for Kristin Bennett to reply with ideas for our master trails plan. Still waiting for Kevin Schultz to finish with map of all our trails.

Bridge Inventory- Will do Monkey Run, Bluebird, Lehigh Crossing, Seneca Trail South and 100 Acres soon.

Oldcastle Domine Trail- Dave sent another e-mail reminder to Jim L. Still waiting for revocable permit from them. No response to last e-mail. Dave W. will try again.

National Trails Day-

See above.

Adirondack Spring Hike- May 21-23. Although the weather wasn't ideal, it could have been worse. Nine people drove to Marcia's house, 5 hiked the Brothers and Big Slide, 5 went to John's Brook Lodge and Adirondack Loj and hiked Mt. Jo. Everyone enjoyed a great meal at the Ausable Inn Saturday night and sang *Happy Birthday* to Marcia. Several times. Six of us hiked Treadway on Sunday morning. Three went to the top. Lots of clouds and mosquitoes.

Eagle Project- Chris Bocchino from Troop 50 planted 12 cherry trees at Mary Frances Bluebird Haven and several evergreens along the path to 100 Acre Woods at Yale Court..

Parks Dept. picked up the two ramps for use as small bridges for Fishers Park from Bowering Homes.

Fund Raiser- Don't forget to visit Pizzeria Uno on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month and give them the VHT coupon. At the end of the month, they will send us a check for 20% of your bill.

Outdoor Expo, June 12 at Mendon Ponds- One of the nicest days for this event in many years. Steady flow of spectators. Handed out many maps and brochures.

New VHT Shirts- They are in, except for one that is back-ordered. Call Chauncy with your size if you want to order one. They are hunter green with khaki trim. The VHT logo outline is embroidered. Name is extra.

New Business:

Trail Survey- We need to collect data on trail use, preferably before construction starts. Need a list of trail places to survey, day of week and times.

Suggestion-

East Victor Road, Mickey Finn's parking lot, Route 251, Main Street Fishers, Wangum Road, Old Dutch Road, Monkey Run, Seneca Trail between Willowbrook and fire house on High St.

Wednesday night, June 30 from 4 to 8 PM.

Saturday, June 26 from 7 AM to 9 PM. Break it down into 2-hour shifts.

Make phone tree and call to get volunteers.

Monitor for hikers and bikers, helmet users. Keep track in half hour blocks.

Dave C. will e-mail Dave W. a list of members and their phone numbers in Victor and the surrounding towns. Dave W. will break the list down and send an e-mail to the board members who will make the calls to get volunteers for all the time slots at one specific location. Volunteers will be asked to take at least one time slot, but encouraged to take two or more. Dave W. will make up the sheets for the volunteers to use.

Donation- VHT received a check for \$50.00 from a visitor from Fairbanks, AK. Dave W. wrote him a thank you letter.

Fishers Fire District- Chauncy reported that the fire district will be filing a SEQR Type I action for the addition to the fire house on Main Street Fishers. Various interested agencies are being asked to allow the Fire District to be lead agency.

On motion by Larry, seconded by Dave C., and carried (Chauncy abstained) to approve VHT Chairman David Wright to sign off on a document naming the Fishers Fire District lead agency for SEQR action for the addition of the fire house on Main Street Fishers.

Wesley Hill Preserve- We had been invited to have a group hike at the preserve. Suggested we put it on our schedule for 2005 monthly hikes.

Next Hike:

July 10- Creek walk at Conklin's Gully. Bring water shoes, hiking shoes, dry socks, lunch, drink.

Next Meeting:

July 15, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wright

Trail Maintenance 2004

We need volunteers to help with trail maintenance! We meet Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM and most Saturday mornings at 8:00 AM, from May to September. Volunteers should come equipped with sturdy shoes, pruning shears, and small pruning saw or loppers. The work usually lasts about one hour. Please feel free to work all or just part of a shift. **Sometimes we cancel due to rain and then shift the schedule. Please call if you are unsure where we will be meeting. Call 924-5803**

Date	Trail	Start Location	Destination
5/1 Sa	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail, Trolley
5/5 We	Seneca	RG&E Substation, Dryer Rd.	Into Ganondagan
5/8 Sa	Hike	Durand Eastman	
5/9 Su	Seneca	Willow brook	Through Ambush Pass to Route 96
5/12 We	Monkey Run	Victor Egypt Road	All
5/15 Sa	Seneca	Fishers House 2	Willow Brook
5/16 Su	Seneca	Rawson Road	Through marsh out to Auburn
5/19 We	100 Acre	Hamptons off Gillis Road	North Section
5/20 Th	Meeting		
5/22 Sa	Hike	Adirondacks	
5/26 We	Auburn	East Victor Road	To Break of Day Rd.
5/29 Sa	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail, Trolley
5/30 Su	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
6/2 We	Seneca	Fishers House 2	Willow Brook
6/5 Sa	Fundraiser	Fishers House 1	National Trails day Breakfast/Hike
6/6 Su	Seneca	Willow brook	Through Ambush Pass to Route 96
6/9 We	Brace Rd. Park	East Street.	To Brace Road Park
6/12 Sa	Hike	Bike Genesee Greenway	
6/13 Su	Seneca	RG&E Substation, Dryer Rd.	Into Ganondagan
6/17 We	Auburn	Mickey Finn's	To Brace Road
6/17 Th	Meeting		
6/19 Sa	Auburn	Rawson Road	To Bridge Near RG&E Substation
6/20 Su	Seneca	Abandoned house Section	Auburn to Auburn
6/23 We	Monkey Run	Victor Egypt Road	All
6/26 Sa	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail And Trolley
6/27 Su	Auburn	Fishers House 1	To Lehigh Bridge
6/30 We	Auburn	East Victor Road	To Break of Day Rd.
7/3 Sa	Trolley	Route 251	To Auburn
7/7 We	Brace Rd. Park	East Street.	To Brace Road Park
7/10 Sa	Hike	Stony Brook State Park	
7/11 Su	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
7/14 We	Auburn	Mickey Finn's	To Brace Road
7/15 Th	Meeting		
7/17 Sa	Monkey Run	Victor Egypt Road	All
7/21 We	Seneca	Fishers House 2	Willow Brook
7/24 Sa	Seneca	Abandoned house Section	Auburn to Auburn

7/28 We	Bluebird	Woods	
7/31 Sa	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail And Trolley
8/4 We	Auburn	Rawson Road	To Bridge Near RG&E Substation
8/7 Sa	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
8/11 We	Seneca	Willow brook	Through Ambush Pass to Route 96
8/14 Sa	Hike	Dishmill Creek	
8/15 Su	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
8/18 We	Auburn	East Victor Road	To Break of Day Rd.
8/19 Th	Meeting		
8/21 Sa	Seneca	RG&E Substation, Dryer Rd.	Into Ganondagan
8/25 We	Auburn	Route 251	ToPhillips Road
8/28 Sa	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
9/1 We	Auburn	Mickey Finn's	To Brace Road
9/4 Sa	Seneca	Fishers Fire Dept. House 2	To Willow Brook
9/8 We	Monkey Run	Victor Egypt Road	All
9/11Sa	Hang Around	Victor	
9/15 We	Seneca	RG&E Substation, Dryer Rd.	Into Ganondagan
9/16 Th	Meeting		
9/18 Sa	Hike	Adirondacks	
9/22 We	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
9/25 Sa	Dead end	Benson	
9/29 We	Make up	Call 924-5803 for location	

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Schedule of Hikes and meetings for remainder of 2004- Clip and save

- July 10- Creek walk at Conklin's Gully
- July 15- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- Aug. 14- Creek walk at Grimes Glen and Tanner Gully
- Aug. 19- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- Sept. 4- Ring of Fire
- Sept. 11- Hang Around Victor Day. Guided loop hike in Village.
- Sept. 16- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- Sept. 17-19 - Adirondack Fall hike
- Oct. 9- Hike Finger Lakes Trail through Hi Tor
- Oct. 14- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- Nov. 13- Hike Ellison Park
- Nov. 18- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- Dec. 11- Hike Cummings Nature Center
- Dec. 16- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM

2005- Hike Wesley Hill Preserve

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