

Victor Hiking Trail Meeting at Victor Town Hall

January 19, 2006

Attendance: Dave Wright, Larry Fisher, David Coleman, Carol MacInnes, Chauncy Young, Ruth Nellis, Brian Emelson

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

Minutes of Dec. 15, 2005.

Motion to accept by Larry, seconded by Ruth. Approved.

Treasurer's Report by Chauncy Young.

Monthly report through 12/31/05.

\$6719 CD and checking.

\$2980 other assets, after depreciation.

\$9689 total assets.

Motion to accept monthly report by Carol, seconded by Larry. Approved. Audit committee of Larry, Carol & David appointed.. Review finances after Feb. meeting.

Membership Report by David Coleman.

140 members last month

10~~7~~ renewals

○ ~~1~~ new member

22 dropped

118~~7~~ total

Brian will send our brochure to all of the Black Diamond Dualthon participants when he sends notification of this year's event.

Publicity

Dave Wright updated phone message & sent out press releases for our Feb. 11 hike.

Education

Ruth mentioned that there are geo-caches in Harlan Fisher Park. Brian talked about making this park a walk-in park and making the parking lot on Lynaugh Road smaller. Brian and Victor Village Mayor John Holden will hold a neighborhood meeting to see if the residents agree. The park has been mis-used in the past. There is a new sheriff deputy living on East Parkway. Ruth will talk to him about checking on the park. Chauncy said similar actions are happening at Fishers Park in the parking areas.

Apr. 8- Outlet Trail/Penn Yan to Dresden

May 13- Spring Farm

Jun. 3- National Trails Day. Hike and bike the Auburn and Lehigh Trails

Jun. 4- International Trails Day, Buffalo/Fort Erie

Jun. 10- Bike ride on Ontario Pathways Trail

Jul. 8- Zoar Valley

Aug. 12- Sampson State Park, Support Our Troops

Sep. 2- Ring of Fire Supper and Hike

Sep. 9- Hang Around Victor Day

Oct. 14- Finger Lakes Trail

Nov. 11- Boughton Park

Dec. 9- Mendon Ponds

Newsletter by Dave Wright

The winter VHT Newsletter was mailed. Next issue will be mailed at the end of March. Deadline for articles is March 16. Please send ideas for spring/summer ideas to Dave W.

A Fat Tire Festival at Dryer Road Park is being planned for July 15 and 16. Dave W. will ask Victor Gaspar for details to include in the next two newsletters.

Marcia Bryan is working on a date for our Spring Adirondack Weekend.

Trail Master by Carol MacInnes

Carol will talk to Bill Mendick at Omnitech and Klaus G. (CEO at Redcom) to see where we can have a trail from Lehigh Crossing Park to Main Street Fishers and Route 96. Brian agreed to go with Carol to talk to these gentlemen. We looked at several alternatives.

Trail Boss by Larry Fisher

Chauncy cut the big log on the Trolley Trail and cleaned out some stumps with his mattock. There is still some work to be done on the Auburn in Fishers.

Working on a new trail in Fishers Park from the picnic area to the tennis courts. Looking at adding crushed stone on a wet trail. Need to be able to get it over the bridge. Discussed some solutions. Town is looking at purchasing some equipment for maintaining trails. Renting a motorized wheelbarrow is a possible solution. Tentatively scheduled for April 22, Earth Day. Some trail preparation will be needed. Also need some small culverts for drainage. Stone dust section needs to be about 5' wide by 500' long. Dave W. will call Stone Construction to see if they have any equipment we could borrow. Discussed some work to be done on the ball field near the creek. Larry said he could work on the trail on Saturday morning (1/21/06) at 8:30 am. Chauncy and Brian are also available. Meet at picnic area and start at that end.

The wetland near Rt. 96 and the village line, in back of Hoffand's, has beaver activity again. The culvert is blocked. Dave will call Troy and let him know.

Last Hike

Due to the inclement weather, the group of 6 that showed up decided to hike at Ganondagan. When they were in the woods and out of the wind and rain, it wasn't too bad. It was a good hour and a half hike.

Old Business

Wellness Center project agreement meetings between the school and town. are continuing. Goal is to have a public vote by June or the fall. Town is looking at alternate properties in case this falls apart.

Pizzeria Uno fund raiser program still active. 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Dave W. will call them to see about our check.

License plate fund raiser. Dave W. will get more info. "I'd Rather be Hiking....in Victor NY."

Brace Road Park and Papparone Park Master Plan. Interviewed 3 professional firms.

Recommendation for professional park designers will be made to the Town Board at the 1/22/06 meeting. Town and village will put in the road from Brace Road into the park, south of Serenity Home. The state has signed off on the transfer of land for the access road.

DiMarco project on Rt. 96 at Lane Road. Dave W. will discuss the future of the Seneca Trail with them.

Nature signs for Fishers Park. Larry will give the materials to Brian to construct and install.

New Business

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22, 2006. We will work on Fisher Park trail and possibly Irondequoit Creek and the other tributary. Will check to see if there are other areas in town that need to be cleaned up.

Temp. bollards have been placed on the Auburn. The VHT signs can be placed on them for short term. The old gates and posts will be stored at the Park maintenance building for use by the town or VHT. The Auburn Connections steering committee will meet with the engineers on Monday, Feb. 6th at 3 pm at town hall. There are a number of ROW easements that need to be acquired. Fisher Assoc. is coordinating.

Brian has been talking to Rochester Cross Country Ski Foundation. Looking to have them groom our trails for a nominal fee. They can make trails for skate skiing or traditional two-track trails.

Brian met with the Rochester Orienteering Club to see about an event at Dryer Road Park in 2007. They will provide a detailed map of the trails and features.

Pack, Paddle and Ski would like to have an Adventure Race at Dryer Road Park on October 14.

The Second Annual Black Diamond Dualthon is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2006.

Next Hike- Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006. Hike, ski or snowshoe at Dryer Road Park. Meet at Dryer Road parking lot at 9:00 am.

Also, for the March 11 hike at Tug Hill, if anyone wants to stay overnight with the Nordic Ski Club, they need to contact the leader. Dave W. will send the details to our "regular" hikers.

Next Meeting- Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006 at 7:30 pm at Victor Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dave Wright

2006 HIKES

Feb. 11- Dryer Road Park

Mar. 11- Tug Hill/Salmon Creek