

Victor Hiking Trail Meeting at Victor Town Hall

June 15, 2006

Attendance: Dave Wright, Larry Fisher, David Coleman, Carol MacInnes, Chauncy Young, Jeff Hennick,

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes of May 18, 2006

Motion to accept by Larry, seconded by David C. Approved as corrected (change last month's new members from 2 to 1, change total membership from 129 to 128.)

Treasurer's Report by Chauncy Young.

CD	\$3533
Checking	\$3791
Total	\$7324
Total assets	\$10,295

Membership Report by David Coleman.

128	members last month
5	renewals
2	new member
0	rejoined
130	total

Publicity

Dave Wright updated the phone message & sent out press releases for our July 8th creek walk.

Education

No report.

Newsletter by Dave Wright

Last issue was mailed in time for National Trails Day. Next issue will be mailed end of August. Deadline for articles will be August 17th.

Trail Master by Carol MacInnes

Dave Wright asked the Town Board to include a sidewalk on one side of the new road from Omnitech to Rt. 96 in the re-bid for construction plans. The board was receptive to the

suggestion. Carol will review our trail maps to determine where there are gaps that she should pursue closing.

Trail Boss by Larry Fisher

Trail maintenance is on schedule. Jeff reported that the section of the Auburn between Main St. Fishers and Probst Road needs mowing. Larry and Chauncy will get to it on the weekend. Someone had mowed part of Monkey Run for us. Thank you mystery mower. Bluebird trail at MaryFrances may need mowing.

Last Hike

National Trails Day breakfast and hike had about 20 people. Although it had rained early that morning and the sky was gray, the weather was OK for our hike. No one wanted to take a chance on the bike ride. We collected a total of \$142.00, sold a few license plate frames and got a new member from Webster. Everyone enjoyed the hike and got back to the fire house by noon.

The bike ride on June 10th ended up going on the Lehigh Trail from Old Dutch Rd. to Chamberlain Rd. instead of the Ontario Pathways. The 4 bikers made a side trip over to the Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds Park to see the displays.

Old Business

Dave picked up the license plate holders. The yellow frames with dark green lettering look fantastic. You can order one or several by replying to this e-mail. They are \$5 each, no sales tax or shipping charge.

Still have work to do on the main Fishers Park trail as well as the new trail over to the ball field and the bridge replacement. We will coordinate with Brian Emelson and his staff.

National Trails Day was June 3, 2006. See above.

ADK Expo 2006 was held on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at Mendon Ponds Park. Although it was cool and windy most of the day, there was a good turnout of visitors. Dave Wright, Loki and Carol MacInnes handed out lots of trail maps and trail info.

SAFTEA-LU Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP)- Town of Victor will apply for a \$1.25M grant to extend the Auburn Trail from Main Street Fishers to Powder Mills Park and to extend the Lehigh Trail from the ramp near Phillips Road to Lehigh Crossing Park and Route 251. The bulk of the cost is for the refurbishing of the stone arch bridge over Irondequoit Creek and the decking and railing on the trestle over the Auburn Trail.

Motion by Chauncy, seconded by Larry, VHT will provide funding and in-kind service

(volunteer man-power and use of equipment) up to \$4000 for the trail extensions. Approved unanimously.

Bridge over Great Brook at the Apple Farm. Chauncy revisited the site to verify the span. He suggested that the crossing be slightly south of where we originally looked to place it. Need to get material list and cost of materials and schedule a weekend to preassemble it at the Town Parks Facility. Brian will review grant money that the town received for trail improvements. Fritz B. may be available to help us, depending on his schedule. Then we should be able to transport the material in from either Apple Farm, Murray Road or Christmas Tree Farm. Plan for August construction. Carol mentioned that Frontier is replacing poles on Taylor Road and the town might be able to get them delivered to the Parks Maintenance building for future bridge use.

Trail at Falcon's Nest- Need to schedule a day to flag the trail.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition has a new Grant program for small projects. We discussed a variety of projects in Victor and decided to apply for funds to help with the decking and railing on the trestle bridge over the Auburn. A rubber mat down the center would be needed for the bikes. This could be a supplement to the SAFTEA-LU grant from VHT. Dave and Brian will submit the application. Deadline is June 30, 2006.

New Business

We have the latest issue of American Hiker magazine (published quarterly by the American Hiking Society.) Dave W. Noticed that several local trail groups are members of the Alliance of Hiking Organizations. Motion by Chauncy, seconded by Larry to have VHT join for one year at a cost of \$50 per year. Carried.

Jeff Hennick has had computer problems the last month, so our website has not been updated recently. He is getting back to normal.

Next Hike- Saturday, July 8th. Zoar Valley Creek Walk. We will meet at Victor Town Hall at 9 AM and car pool to the trail head. We will return to Victor around 4 PM. Bring hiking boots, water shoes, bathing suit, towel, lunch, drink, sun screen, extra socks, etc.

Next Meeting- Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 7:30 pm at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Dave C., seconded by Carol. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dave Wright

2006 HIKES and EVENTS

Jul. 8- Zoar Valley

Jul. 16 & 17- Fat Tire Festival at Dryer Road Park

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

Oct. 14- Adventure Race at Dryer Road Park, hosted by Pack, Paddle and Ski

Oct. 21- 2nd Annual Black Diamond Dualthon

Nov. 11- Boughton Park

Dec. 9- Mendon Ponds