

Victor Hiking Trail Meeting at Victor Town Hall

October 19, 2006

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

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

Minutes of September 21, 2006

Motion to accept by Larry, seconded by Dave C. Approved.

Treasurer's Report by Chauncy Young

CD	\$3567
Checking	\$4824
Total	\$8392
Other assets	\$3029
Total assets	\$11,421

Motion by Carol, seconded by Jeff to accept the report. Approved.

Membership Report by David Coleman.

128	members last month
2	renewals
4	new members
0	rejoined
0	dropped
132	total

Carol requested a copy of the membership list. Dave C. will e-mail it to her.

Publicity

Dave Wright will update the phone message for our November 11 hike at Boughton Park.

Education

Ruth met with Michelle Shoots and led a group of 4 junior high students on a hike from Fort Hill to Dryer Road Park and back on Friday, October 13. Because of hunting season, they will wait until just before Christmas for any additional outdoor hikes. They will come up with some indoor activities. If anyone has specific ideas for environmental or health related projects, please call Ruth at 924-5869. They might be able to help with some projects in Monkey Run.

Request to Brian Emelson- Would it be possible to have the soil on the Lehigh, just east of the trestle, tested?

Newsletter by Dave Wright

Next issue will be mailed in Dec. Deadline for articles is Nov. 17. David C and Jeff are working on a list serve and a way to e-mail the newsletter to members.

Trail Master by Carol MacInnes

Colyer subdivision on County Road 9 has a trail to connect with the 100 Acre Woods trail that begins on Yale Court shown on the site plan. The neighbors would like to know where exactly the trail will be and who will maintain the trail.

The bridge over White Brook on Helen Schrader's property needs to be replaced. Chauncy recommended that we build a bridge like the other two on town property in Monkey Run. Mrs. Schrader has asked that the bridge be large enough to get her lawn mower and trailer across it. Chauncy will get the dimensions of the tractor, sketch up a design, make a material list and get a cost. Mrs. Schrader said she would pay for the materials. VHT may help her with the cost.

Trail Boss by Larry Fisher

Regular trail maintenance is done for the season. We will mow the Royal View Trail under the power lines and cut a new entrance to the woods on Saturday, October 28 at 8 AM.

Bridge over Great Brook on Apple Farm property- Mr. Biahi confirmed that we can build the bridge. We will try to get this going in Nov.

Chauncy took care of the downed trees on the Monkey Run Trail. Thanks Chauncy.

Domine property- Because of the size and cost of this bridge, we feel we should have a permanent easement for the trail and bridge. We are waiting for Domine to OK the recoverable permit.

Chauncy, Jeff, Nat Fisher, Larry and Dave W. had an "End of Trail Maintenance" dinner at Uno Chicago Grill on 10/18/06 after doing some final trimming on the Trolley Trail.

Last Hike

Dave C., Jeff and Brenda Reeb took Liberty and Milo (two of three VHT mascots) on a 8-9 mile hike on the Finger Lakes Trail near Italy Hill. The weather was a mixture of sun, clouds, rain, snow and sleet. But it was still a good hike.

Old Business

Anyone who needs a special Victor Hiking license plate holder, please contact Dave Wright. They are only \$5. **Show your support for Victor Trails.**

SAFTEA-LU Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP)- Hope to hear the good news by Nov. 6.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition grants were awarded to VHT/Town of Victor Parks and Rec., Penfield Trails, Mendon Foundation, Trail Works and Webster Trails. We asked for and were granted \$2000 to be used to put decking on the Lehigh Trail trestle over the Auburn Trail, near Phillips Road. VHT will match the \$2000 and the Town of Victor Parks and Rec. will provide the balance. There may be monies left over from the Auburn Trail project that can be used for this.

Walkable Community Committee: Next meeting is Oct. 24. Will start working on recommended code changes. Jeff reminded us that there is a gap of about 20 feet between the Auburn and an existing sidewalk on School St., in front of the storage facility.

Adirondack Weekend- Sept. 22-24. Although the weather was threatening to rain, it was just overcast and cool, ideal for hiking. There was good color and some short views. 7 made the trek up Rooster Comb and 5 also did Lower Wolfjaw. Great weekend.

Black Diamond Dualthon- Saturday, October 21 at Fishers Park. All systems are go.

Charlie's Old Goat Trail Run will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th at 9:00 AM at Dryer Road Park. Scheduled to be a 10 mile trail run. All proceeds benefit Serenity House. See Victor Newsletter for details.

World Triathlete Competition will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11. Watch for our own Brian Emelson!

Hunting Season- As in past years, be aware of big game hunting season. Wear blaze orange, don't hike alone, make noise or don't hike until Jan. 1. Bow season start Oct. 14. Shotgun starts Nov. 18.

Trails Central- Jeff has a small problem with the new release of Microsoft I.E. 7.0. He will be adding some more links.

New Business

Our Mission- Discussed our Vision and Mission Statement. Decided that our Vision statement should include the following:

- Support the Town of Victor in the creation of multi-use trails that will be used for hiking, biking, equestrian, cross country skiing, running, snowshoeing and other non-motorized activities.

Goals and budget for 2007- discussed the projects we want to complete in 2007. Bridges and boardwalks. Discussed capital equipment purchases. Chainsaw, hedge trimmer, hand tools, safety equipment, mower repairs. Discussed trail amenities like signs. Came up with a total of approximately \$12,000. This did not include normal expenses like newsletter,

postage, fuel. On the revenue side we expect to have approximately \$3000 from dues, donations, book and license plate sales and fund raisers. Chauncy will make a brief presentation to the Victor Town Board on Oct. 23. Please attend to support VHT.

Next Hike- Saturday, November 11 hike in Boughton Park. Meet at Victor Town Hall at 9 am. The hike will be between 5 miles on fairly easy terrain. Bring a bag lunch and something to drink..

Next Meeting- Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006 at 7:30 pm at Victor Town Hall. Election of Officers for 2007 and monthly hikes for 2007. Two suggestions are Turning Point Park and Webster Trails.

Motion to adjourn by Cave C., seconded by Jeff. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dave Wright

2006 HIKES and EVENTS

Nov. 4- Charlie's Old Goat Trail Run at Dryer Road Park and on the Seneca Trail.

Nov. 11- Boughton Park hike

Dec. 9- Mendon Ponds hike