

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL
October 20, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Wizzy Geno, Carol MacInnes, Ruth Nellis, Nat Fisher.
Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7: 34 p.m.

MINUTES of September 15 meeting:

Motion by Ruth, seconded by Wizzy. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 9/30/11.

Checking and savings - \$9,358

Other assets - \$1,840

Total assets - \$ 11,197

Motion by Carol. Seconded by Wizzy. Approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: no report

PUBLICITY: The phone message has been updated and a press release made announcing the November 12th hike at Mendon Ponds Park. Our hikes and meetings are now on the Victor Town calendar.

EDUCATION: Ruth is in conversation with an organization of RIT students, S.E.A.L. (Student Environmental Action League). She will have their representative talk with Dave to see if there is a fit between their organization and VHT.

Ruth announced that she would be stepping down after many years as Education Coordinator for VHT. Anyone interested in this vital position on the VHT Board of Directors can contact Dave Wright or any one on the Board for more information. Many thanks to Ruth for the creation and development of this very important function of our trail organization.

VOLUNTEERS: The annual VHT volunteer appreciation dinner was October 12th at Mickey Finn's. The record attendance is a testament to the importance of trails to Victor and the recognition that the volunteer involvement of community residents is fundamental to their prosperity. Many thanks to Wizzy, Nance, Chauncy, and Nat for building and placing the VHT scarecrow on Main St.

NEWSLETTER: The Winter newsletter will be put out after the December meeting. Please get articles you would like included to Dave Wright by December 15th. Many thanks to Dave for the great Fall newsletter just published.

TRAILMASTER: Carol will contact Wayne Pickering to explore a path through his property to connect the Seneca Trail to the Crescent Trail in Perinton.

TRAIL BOSS: The Billy Goats are hibernating. Thanks to all who helped keep the many miles of VHT trails accessible this season.

LAST HIKE: Chauncy led seven people up to Cleveland Hill on October 8th.

OLD BUSINESS:

The section of The Auburn Trail north from Fishers Rd. has a new steel bridge but will not be officially open to use by the public until VP&R is able to complete the trail surface later this fall.

*e-mail
Budget to Chauncy
DONE*

*on website
send to Wizzy
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The Domine Trail bridge is completed. This bridge is giving access to a popular trail, judging by the number of hikers spotted on the trail already by this writer. Many thanks to Chauncy for his leadership and the many volunteers who made this a fun project.

The Town of Victor will be celebrating 200 years in 2012. There will be something planned for every month. VHT will help the committee plan a historic walk in October 2012.

The next meeting of the Farmington Auburn Trail Extension Committee is November 10th. The work to narrow the list of possible routes through Farmington to Canandaigua down to 3 will be discussed then.

The flooding along the Trolley Trail caused by the nearby beaver dam is getting worse. A motion was made by Chauncy to spend no more than \$200 to construct a temporary elevated walkway through the worst part of the trail. Second by Ruth. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave has been in contact with the developer of High Point (Fred Rinaldi) to discuss a trail through High Point property.

The thruway underpass work on the Auburn in Fishers is complete. Dave proposed that a mural be painted on the inside reconditioned surface. The idea was received favorably by those present. It was proposed that this be a project of the High School Art Department. Dave will contact Brian so that Victor Parks and Recreation can take the lead.

Dave will submit a request to the Day of Giving for a volunteer project on our trails by that group.

The Messenger Post (Melodi Burri) has requested that VHT support a blog on their website. The main concern of this activity was the frequency of reporting required by the newspaper. No decision was reached at the meeting.

Dave made a motion to spend up to \$25 to purchase a pumpkin which Chauncy volunteered to carve for the 10/22 Pumpkin Walk in the Village. Ruth seconded. Approved.

VHT has scheduled "A Tasty Way to Raise Dough" on 3/15/12 at Uno's. More information to come on this fund raising activity.

Signs will again be put up on trails that VHT maintains warning of the upcoming hunting season dates.

Anyone have any ideas on ways to "creatively" get rid of about 100 VHT license covers??

The November 17th meeting agenda will include discussions on the 2012 hike schedule and the 2012 budget review.

NEXT HIKE:

The next outing will be November 12th, a hike in Mendon Ponds Park.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, November 17th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Motion to adjourn was made by Wizzy. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

Schedule of '11 hikes/outings:

Nov 12 – Mendon Ponds Park

Dec 10 – Boughton Park

2012 Hikes -

Send list to officers. Ask for suggestions