

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 18, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by Dave Wright.

Attendees: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, David Coleman, Warner Fisher(guest).

Last Month's Minutes: Chauncy noted that there was an error in reporting the checking account balance. It should have been \$2891, not \$4549. The total should have been \$5400, not \$7,057. Motion by Larry, seconded by Dave and carried to approve minutes from Feb. 19, 2004 meeting, as corrected.

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

CD	\$2508.76
Checking	\$3157.03
<u>Cash</u>	<u>0.00</u>
 Total	 \$5665.79

Membership: (David Coleman)

Previous month:	162
New members:	1
Rejoined:	0
Renewals:	3
Dropped:	0
Current:	163

Publicity: (Dave Wright) Voice mail was updated. Newspapers were sent e-mail for our April 10th loop hike on the old Erie Canal and the Auburn Trail in Pittsford..

Historian: Articles on: Our March hike, Auburn Trail Project open house at Town Hall, Cumming Nature Center, Corbett's Glen, .

Education: (Ruth Nellis) Ruth returned the archeological report to Dave W. Warner Fisher presented a proposal for our consideration. It involves a small group collecting historical information and folklore stories about the Auburn, Lehigh and R&E Trolley. The information would then be refined to be put on signs along the trails. A community fund raising effort would be used to pay for the materials. They would be installed after the trails have been updated. The information collected may also be incorporated into a guide book, slide show, video or some other useful article.

Newsletter: (Dave Wright) VHT Pathfinder was mailed out first week in March. Town Newsletter will be out in May. The next VHT Pathfinder will be mailed the end of May. Deadline is May 20. Finger Lakes Trail Conference would like to put a small ad in our next issue. The board agreed that would be OK. We will not charge them.

Trail Master: (Carol MacInnes) Nothing to report.

Trailboss: (Larry Fisher)

Materials for the bridge over Great Brook have not been ordered yet.

Fall/winter 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.

Last Hike:

March 13- 9 hikers trekked the Rochester Junction Branch of the Lehigh Valley Trail in Henrietta and Rush. The sun shined most of the day. 4 hiked a total of nearly 10 miles round trip. The trail consists of some small ballast stone that is scheduled to be removed this summer. The trail is clear from Lehigh Station Road to Route 251. It is also clear from Rt. 251 to Rochester Junction on Plains Road.

Old Business:

Auburn Trail Priority Study- Waiting for update from Bergmann Associates.

Auburn TEP Grant- Public Open House was Wednesday, Feb. 25 at town hall from 4 to 7 PM. Approximately 40 people came to review the status and give their input. Very favorable comments.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition- The board made two grants, although they have not been announced to the public yet. The president is contacting the applicant to work out contract details.

GPS- All of the trails currently open to the public in Victor have been mapped. The county is cleaning up some details. The information will be used for the Walkable Communities Committee and the Victor Trails Master Plan. Dave W., Brian E. and Chauncy are meeting with Kristin Bennett on Tuesday, March 23 at 4 PM at the VEC, second floor conference room to review the existing trails and the proposed future trails to make connections and fill gaps.

Bridge Inventory- Waiting for better weather. Will do Monkey Run, Bluebird, Lehigh Crossing, Seneca Trail South and 100 Acres.

Oldcastle Domine Trail- Dave sent an e-mail reminder to Jim L. Still waiting for revocable permit from them.

New Brochure- Revised cost for printing 5000 4-color one side and B&W on second side was quoted at \$418.27. 4000 at \$360.44. Messenger Post has art work to make a proof copy. It was agreed to order 5000.

National Trails Day- Suggestion

7:30 to 9:00 AM- Breakfast at Fishers Fire House on Main Street Fishers, prepared and served by Boy Scouts from Troop 60, 61 & 86. Cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for under 12 in advance. \$2.00 extra at the door. Menu to be determined.

9:00 to 9:20 AM- Welcome, introductions, short explanation of trail improvements.

9:20 to 9:30 AM- Ceremonial photo op of "first shovel" of the construction phase of the improvements.

9:30 to 11:30 AM- Guided hike to Mead Square. Water break at Route 251.

11:30 to 1:00 PM- Lunch with Pontillo's. Transport hikers back to Fishers as needed.

Tents at Fishers, Rt. 251 and Mead Square. Displays at Fishers and Mead Square.

Dave W. submitted the information to the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection web site.

Adirondack Spring Hike- May 21-23. Sign-up with Dave C. Tentatively going are Larry, Brenda Reeb, Dave W., Dave C.

Thompson Hospital 5K- Sunday, April 25th, morning in Mead Square. We will set up our tent to promote trails, VHT and National Trails Day. Race starts at 9:00 AM. Registration starts at 7:30 AM. We should be set up by 7:15 AM. Need at least two volunteers to help set up the tent and table.

Farmers Market- Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 7 PM starting in mid-May. We will set up our tent one Wednesday night in May to promote trails, VHT and National Trails Day. Need to set-up by 2:30 PM. Dave W. and Roberta L. will be there. If you are available to help, please call Dave at 924-3709.

New Business:

Donation- Canandaigua National Bank & Trust donated \$200. Dave W. sent a thank you letter.

Trail Works, Inc.- They are sponsoring a seminar on Saturday March 27 from 8:45 AM to noon at the American Legion in Williamson (Rt. 21 at Ridge Road). Subject is YES! TRAILS IN MY BACKYARD. Kristin Bennett, Dave Schaeffer, Irene Szabo and Dave Wright will be panelists.

Historical Home Plaques- On May 13th at 8 PM, Babette Huber will be presenting 6 plaques to Victor owners of historical homes at town hall.

Eagle Project- Dave W. and Brian E. are meeting with Chris Bocchino from Troop 50 regarding his project at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven. The meeting will be at the VEC on Monday, March 22 at 4 PM.

Parks Brochure- Bill Lew, Parks and Rec. part time staff, is working on a brochure for all of the Victor Parks. Dave W. will review before printing.

Geocaching- There is a NYS group that is trying to collect all of the municipality park rules and then educate members on where they can and cannot place caches. Dave W. Asked him to contact Brian E. for information about Victor Parks.

NYS Rec&Parks Society Annual Conference and Business Expo- Will be held in April 2005 in Rochester. Brian E. is on the committee to find presenters. He has invited Kristin B. and Dave W. to be a presenters.

Sierra Club Environmental Forum- To be held on Tuesday April 20 at the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. Featured speaker is

from the NYS DEC. We agreed to rent one-half of a table for \$10. Dave W. will attend. If you can help, call Dave at 924-3709.

Next Hike:

April 10, 2004. Loop hike on the Old Erie Canal and Auburn Trail in Pittsford. Meet at Town Hall at 9 AM. Back by 2 PM. Bring bag lunch and drink. Or meet at Brian E. house, 135 Willowbend Rd, off Westfall Rd. and Edgewood Ave., near Rts. 31 and 590.

Next Meeting:

April 15, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wright

Schedule of Hikes and meetings for 2004- Clip and save

- April 10- Hike Auburn, Old Erie loop. Meet at town hall & car pool to Brian's.
April 15- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
May 8- Hike Durand Eastman Park.
May 20- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
May 21-23- Adirondack Spring Hike
June 5- National Trails Day. Hike the Auburn Trail from Firehouse 1 to Mead Square
June 12- Bike ride on the Genesee Greenway
June 17- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
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

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