

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT MARY FRANCES BLUEBIRD HAVEN
OCTOBER 18, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Chauncy Young, Jeff Hennick, David Wright, Larry Fisher, Carol MacInnes,
Meeting was called to order by Dave Wright at 7:3 PM.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 MEETING:

Motion by Larry, seconded by Carol. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 09/30/07.....

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| CD's | \$ 8,000 |
| Checking | \$ 553 |
| Total | \$ 8553 |
| Other assets | <u>\$ 2754</u> |
| Total assets | \$ 11,307 |

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Coleman (by e-mail)

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| Members last month | 122 |
| Renewals | 3 |
| New members | 1 |
| Rejoined | 1 |
| Dropped | 0 |
| Total | 124 |

Note that 11 renewals were received on 10/18 and will be included next month.

PUBLICITY:

Dave Wright will send an e-mail to the newspapers regarding our hike on Nov. 10th. We will hike some new trails in Webster. We will meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9:00 AM and car pool to the trailhead. Dress for the weather and wear good hiking boots. Plan on being back in Victor around 2:00 PM

EDUCATION:

Ruth was absent but asked if there was any work for the Victor Adventure Club to call her.

NEWSLETTER:

The fall issue was mailed Oct. 10th. Everyone should have received it. Next issue will be the winter issue and will be mailed around December 31. Deadline for articles and ads is December 20.

TRAILMASTER:

Carol has tried to contact St. Patrick's Church regarding permission to route the trail through their property. She is concerned about bike traffic in the parking lot when Mass is conducted. She will continue to try to contact them and discuss possible routes.

A new development is proposed on Route 96, across from Rt 251. A road is proposed to be where the French might have been ambushed by the Seneca in 1687. Carol has expressed her concern about the area to the developer and the Planning Board. It will be an issue during the SEQR process.

A resident on Break of Day Road is not happy with the new parking area across from his home. Can we or the town add evergreen trees to screen the view?

The Quality of Life Task Force will be working on getting the town trail master plan completed. Either GTC or Ontario County Planning Dept. Or both will help us through the process of getting citizen input and developing the plan as part of the town's comprehensive plan.

TRAIL BOSS:

Larry and Chauncy made a final pass on the Trolley Trail for the Black Diamond Duathlon race on Saturday.

The decking and railing of the Lehigh Trestle is complete. Need to finish the approaches at both ends. This winter VHT can remove some of the trees and brush on the trail between the trestle and Rt. 251. There may be some large boulders on the Lehigh Crossing Park property that we can use by the trestle.

This winter we need to clear the Schrader loop trail and the Apple Farm loop trail. We can scout out the connection between the Lehigh Trail and the new road from Rt 96 to Omnitech.

Chauncy saw Tom Judson and he said he would be willing to talk about shared trails from the Apple Farm to Boughton Park.

The town looked at the Apple Farm bridge and approved it.

We can present the Bahai's with a plaque thanking them for the completion of the bridge dated October 17, 2007.

LAST HIKE

From Dave Coleman- The last Victor Hiking Trails monthly hike was on Saturday, October 13, 2007. On a chilly morning six hikers and one dog drove to Prattsburg, New York, after stopping briefly at Bob & Ruth's in Naples, New York to meet any additional hikers (there were none). After placing a car at the north end of the proposed route, they hiked a 4.77 mile section of the Bristol Hills Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail. Those hiking were: Bob Kelly, Nan and Woody Woodring, Rebecca Jones, Jim Heliotis, David Coleman and "Mountain" (all members of Victor Hiking Trails). Temperatures stayed cool, even at the lunch time break a fleece

was still required. Fall colors were partially on display. They returned to Victor about 3:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Apple Farm Bridge- Ruth will contact the Bahai's to find out when we can present them with a plaque thanking them for their support of VHT. Dave W will work with Brian to get the plaque.

Adirondack Fall Weekend- Six members hiked Street and Nye mountains on Saturday and Pillsbury Mountain on Sunday. A good time was had by all.

The Parks and Trails New York Conference -

Approximately 30 participants came by bus to Mendon (Rochester Junction and Hamlet) and Victor (Pump house, trestle and collapsed stone culvert) to see what our multi-use trails look like before and after. Also learned about federal grants and municipal partnerships.

Victor Emergency Preparedness Committee-

Chauncy needs some VHT members to be at Fishers Fire House II on High Street on Monday, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 at 7:00 PM to help with explanations of the trails and a practice drill at Monkey Run. Larry Fisher and Jeff will attend. Dave W will be available on 11/5 only. If you can help, please contact Chauncy.

New EMS store at Pittsford Plaza opens Sept. 19th-

The store would like to have local clubs come and make a presentation to their customers. Our night is Wednesday, October 24th from 6 to 9 PM. This will be a recruitment night to show hikers/bikers/skiers what we have to offer. We will have a slide show running continuously showing our trails, hikes, parks, trips, etc. Larry made a DVD from pictures and music. We will have our brochures and displays.

Auburn Trail Improvements-

The stone dust is complete. Next is top soil and seeding.

Picnic Shelter at Dryer Road-

A ribbon cutting is scheduled for October 27th at 11:00 am. All are invited to attend..

Jack-O-Lantern Walk-

This was very successful. Wizzy Geno, Carole Fisher and Chauncy helped with the registration.

Black Diamond Dualthon, Saturday, October 20-

The race is all set to go.

Newsletter Ads- Dave W. came up with a list of businesses in Victor that may want to advertize in our newsletter. Members at the table volunteered to contact them.

Brian- Tri Running & Walking, TrailBlazers, Mahar Sports Apparell (sent in a check for \$40 and one ad), Fisher Associates, Bernado's,

Chauncy- Victor Coal & Lumber, Rapid Printing, Mickey Finn's, Bristol's, Canadaigua Bank, Cole & Parks, The Trailer Center, Saxby's

Larry- Iron Butterfly

Ruth- Mead Square Pharmacy, The Apple Farm

Carol- The Grind

Dave- EMS, Victor Hills Golf, Springdale Farm B&B, Mobile Graphics

If anyone has a contact with a Victor business that would like to place an add in our quarterly newsletter, we are charging \$40.00 for an 1/8 of a page (2 x 3.5") for 4 issues. They also get a link to their website on our website. Contact Dave Wright at 924-3709.

NEW BUSINESS:

Start thinking about hikes for 2008. Send your ideas to Dave. Can be an old favorite or a new one.

Elections are in November. Current staff agreed to stay on for another year.

Need to create goals and objectives for 2008.

Suggested projects:

Reblaze all trails.

Small bridge in Ganondagan south of CR41 needs to be replaced.

Need a bridge over Great Brook by School Street on Ganondagan.

Need Master Plan for Fishers Park for trails.

Fishers Park bridge by ball field needs replacement.

Need bridge or culvert in Lehigh Crossing Park for Trolley Trail.

Need to clear Lehigh Trail from Trestle to Lehigh Crossing Park

Need to resume talks with Domine.

What is the priority and what do we feel we can accomplish in 2008?

Need to develop a budget for 2008, based on goals.

Dave Wright received a call from the NYS Parks Dept. regarding the creation of a rails-to-trails brochure. It will be printed in the Spring and will have information on the Auburn, Lehigh and Trolley trails in Victor. Jeff Hennick also gave them some information.

Hamlet of Rush and Honeoye Creek Greenway Strategic Plan will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Wildwood Country Club, 1201 Rush-West Rush Road, Rush, NY. Learn what these communities would like to do to

enrich this unique corridor. Registration is required. Call Dave Wright if interested in attending. Dave and Chauncy are planning to attend.

Charlie's Old Goat 10 Miler- Saturday, November 3rd. Race starts at 9 AM. Begins and ends at Dryer Road Park. This is the second annual for this event. Charlie Sabatine has requested our help again this year. We will need at least six people. Call Dave Wright at 924-3709 if you can help.

Fisher Associates has been hired to lead the project for the Auburn Trail Connections, from Main Street Fishers to Powder Mills Park.

The Victor Local Development Corporation is hosting a wine and food fund-raising event on Thursday, November 8th at Cobblestone Creek Country Club from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. \$25/ticket, two for \$45. Silent auction, live auction, music, wine and food tasting. Proceeds to Village Beautification fund.

Finger Lakes Scenic Railroad will be coming to Victor in July, 2008. The track will be upgraded for passenger service. A railroad festival is being planned for this summer. Watch for further details.

Jeff Hennick has updated our website with new photos and made it easier to upload and view the pictures. He is also working on a new map. You can check these out at www.victorhikingtrails.org/map and www.victorhikingtrails.org/photoalbum

NEXT HIKE:

Saturday, November 10th. Hike some new trails in Webster on lands recently acquired. Don Baird from Webster will lead us. Meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9:00 AM. Watch out for falling bricks and bulldozers! Or meet at the Whiting Road Nature Preserve in Webster at 9:45 AM. There will be two separate hikes. The first will be 4 miles long and will take 2 hours. The second hike will be 2.2 miles and will take 1 hour. Dress for the weather and expect some muddy areas. Should be back in Victor around 2:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, November 15th , 7:30 PM at the **Bluebird Haven Caretaker's Cottage** on Victor-Egypt Road.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry, seconded by Carol. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

2007 HIKES AND EVENTS

Nov.10
Dec.8

New Webster trails. Whiting Road Nature Preserve.
Helmer Nature Center, Durand Eastman Park, and new
Lakeshore Trail at Seabreeze.