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** Need 2 license plates
for Chauncy.*

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

MEETING AT MARY FRANCES BLUEBIRD HAVEN

JANUARY 17, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Brian Emelson, Ruth Nellis, Dave Coleman, Nat Fisher.

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

MINUTES OF Dec. 20, 2007 MEETING:

Corrections:

Membership was 126, not 128 as reported.

Notes regarding Trails Central were from an old file. Delete them.

Motion to accept as amended made by Nat, seconded by Ruth. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 12/31/07.....

CD \$ 2,000

Checking \$ 4,024.77

Total \$ 6,024.77

Other assets \$ 2,286.04

Total assets \$ 8,310.81

The annual financial audit will be conducted immediately following the 2/21 meeting; 3 'volunteers' will be needed.

Motion by Ruth, seconded by Dave C. to accept the report. Approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Coleman

Members last month 126

Renewals 9

New members 1

Rejoined 1

Dropped 0

Total 128

Hold

ASAP

PUBLICITY:

Dave Wright updated the phone message and sent an e-mail to the newspapers for our February 9th hike at Harriet Hollister Park.

EDUCATION:

Teen Adventure group - ~~At~~ Alex Thomas & Dad helped first Sat.

Ruth reported no new activities. She stated that the Victor Teen Adventure Club would like to be involved with our winter trail maintenance activities, but may not be available for our trail clearing scheduled for 1/19.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright

The next issue will be the spring issue and will be mailed approximately April 1st. Dead line for submissions is March 20th.

TRAILMASTER: Carol MacInnes

No report.

TRAIL BOSS: Larry Fisher

*Bring hand tools - E-mail
Helen Schrader's loop - March 1st 8:30AM
Apple Farm - March 15th 8:30AM
16th 8:30AM*

Jan. 19th trail clearing on the Lehigh Trail from Lehigh Crossing Park to the Trestle Bridge.

Feb. 2nd: meet a Victor Parks Maintenance Bldg. at 8 a.m. to construct concrete mile markers. Chauncy will call for assistance getting materials in advance.

LAST HIKE

Ten people enjoyed a nice winter VHT outing on January 12th, hiking both marked and unmarked trails at Mendon Ponds Park. The need for bringing a GPS on future hikes was discussed if Chauncy is going to be allowed to lead them!!!

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board of VHT had it's annual kick-off business breakfast prior to the hike at Mendon Ponds. Dave W. brought us up to speed on all the activities of the Railroad Festival Committee and how plans are progressing for the May 31 festival.

Anyone who needs a special Victor Hiking license plate holder, please contact Dave Wright.....still only \$5.00. **Show your support for Victor Trails wherever you go!!**

National Trails Day is celebrating 16 years in 2008 on Saturday, June 7. VHT will participate; see calendar below. We will work out details at our next meeting in Feb. Plan on joining us for a great day of hiking.

Auburn Trail activities:

- ① Apple Farm 8-9
- ③ Monkey Run N-t
- ② Lehigh Crossing 10-N

The Auburn Trail Signage Committee at their last meeting received a hard copy of every sign, excluding the 5 interpretative signs. After review, they will go out for bids, which should be received back in March. Installation should occur in late May or June. It would be great to have them done before NTD, June 7.

There was a good turnout of representatives from a cross-section of interested groups at the recent 'stake holders' meeting on 1/11. Fisher Associates summarized the values, objectives, and goals for the extension project discussed at this meeting. The first of several anticipated open houses for the community will be held on 1/31 from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Town Parks & Recreation facility at 1290 Blossom Dr. in East Victor. Dave will e-mail the VHT membership to alert them of this open house.

The Railroad Festival Committee, of which Dave W. is a member, is continuing to meet. They are putting together an exciting weekend of events on May 31, kicking off regular passenger rail service to Victor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fishers Ridge - Seneca Trail

The VHT Board has determined that the new position of Volunteer Coordinator would be a valuable addition to the organization. Anyone with questions about the position and/or might be interested in helping out in this capacity, please contact Dave Wright at 924-3709 or e-mail him at dwrigh10@rochester.rr.com.

NEXT HIKE:

TEP grant - Extend Auburn

Saturday, February 9th, at Harriet Hollister Park, south of Honeoye Lake. We will meet in the parking lot behind the old Town Hall site, 85 E. Main St. at 9:00 a.m. Bring X-C skis, snowshoes, and/or hiking boots and a bag lunch; and dress for the weather. We should be back in Victor by 2 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, February 21, 7:30 at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven

Motion to adjourn was made by Nat, seconded by Chauncey. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Schedule of '08 hikes/outings:

Feb. 9th Harriet Hollister Park

Mar. 8th Dryer Rd Park

Apr. 12th Canadice Lake Trail

Apr. ?? Adirondack Spring Weekend

May 10th Browncroft Rd. / Irondequoit Creek wetlands trails

May 31st Victor Train Festival and inaugural excursion

Jun. 7th National Trails Days

Jun. 14th Bike ride

Jul. 12th Robert Treman / Buttermilk Falls State Parks

Aug. 9th Fillmore Glen State Park

Aug.30th Bare Hill Ring of Fire... picnic and evening hike

Sep.6th Hang around Victor Day and Victor Fest

Oct. 11th Swifts Landing

Nov.8th Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol section

Dec. 13th Sherwood Parcel (Penfield)

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. 2008 Budget

Income

Normal Fund Raisers/Donations	\$2,000
Dues/Membership	\$2,400
Interest Income	\$60
Town Contract	\$5,000
Total Income	\$9,460

Expenses

Administrative	\$1,500
Equipment (Asset Items)	
Hedge Trimmer	\$300
Mattock	\$60
Loppers	\$30
Safety	\$100
Repairs/Fuel	\$350
Total Equipment	\$840
Trail Improvement	
Signs/Marking	
Trail Blazing/Posts	\$600
Bridge/Boardwalk	
Domini to Auburn Bridge	\$5,000
Monkey Run Board Walk	\$2,500
Ganondagan - School St Bridge	\$3,000
Ganondagan - Seneca S Bridge replacement	\$1,500 \$12,000
Auburn/Lehigh Grant	
Concrete Mile Markers (Auburn)	\$2,000
Concrete Benches for Plazas	\$2,000 \$4,000
Other	\$1,000
Total Trail Improvement	\$17,600
Total Expenses	\$19,940
Shortfall	-\$10,480

Additional Projects

Fishers Park - Bridges, Stone Path, Boardwalk - Materials Town / Labor joint effort

Additional Funds Sources

Scout or other groups needing service project
 NYS for Ganondagan work
 Town of Monkey Run
 Domini for Materials
 Fund some projects from reserves
 Rochester Area Community Foundation
 United Way Designation