

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

MEETING AT MARY FRANCES BLUEBIRD HAVEN

May 15, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

Chauncy Young, Carol MacInnes, Dave Wright, Jeff Hennick, Ruth Nellis, Larry Fisher.

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

MINUTES of April 24, 2008 meeting:

No changes.

Motion to accept as written made by Ruth , seconded by Carol. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 4/30/08.....See attachment

Checking \$ 6195

Other assets \$ 2286

Total assets \$ 8482

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Coleman was absent

Members last month: 106

Renewals: ?

New members: ?

Dropped: 0

Total: 106?

PUBLICITY: Chauncy updated the American Hiking Society website for our National Trails Day event and he will contact Backpacker magazine to get our event information on their website.

Dave Wright - Dave updated the phone message and sent an e-mail to the newspapers for our June 7 National Trails Day hike.

EDUCATION: Ruth Nellis has been busy writing referrals for our student trail helpers for summer jobs. The students still want to be involved in our trail projects.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright – Next issue will be mailed end of June. Stories, pictures and articles are needed by June 19. If you know of a business in Victor that would like to put an ad in the newsletter, call Dave at 924-3709. Dave will include information about the Black Diamond Duathlon.

TRAILMASTER: Carol MacInnes and Ruth talked to Mrs. Condon and Bill Condon regarding a trail from the Apple Farm onto their property. They said they are planning to sell the property and don't want to encumber it with a revocable permit. We will look on the Ontario County website for a survey map to see how we can get around the beaver pond.

TRAIL BOSS: Larry Fisher said "Stuff is growing." And it rains on every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We are on schedule and will have the trails for June 7 in good shape. The schedule is on our website (www.victorhikingtrails.org) if anyone wants to come out for an hour to help.

Joslyn Shaple, 1666 Strong Road, donated a contractor's wheelbarrow to VHT. Thank you.

A hiker reported that while walking on the Lehigh Trail near Lehigh Crossing Park her dog fell into a deep, water-filled barrel. It is on town property, at the north west corner of Lehigh Crossing Park. It was part of the train equipment.

Brian- Can we cover it or fill it?

LAST HIKE

Eight (8) people enjoyed a nice VHT outing on May 10 on the Irondequoit Creek East Trail. Seven drove from Victor and one met us at the trail head. The day was cool and partly sunny – perfect for hiking. We hiked the white, yellow and salmon trails from old Browncroft Road to Empire Blvd and then came back on the old white trail. We had lunch at the pagoda (shelter) at the old rifle range.

OLD BUSINESS:

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!! And the bright yellow with green lettering is very distinctive.

National Trails Day – We will start at The Apple Farm at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast. The hike will begin at 9:00 a.m., hiking on the yellow trail and then the red. A Victor school bus will pick us up at County Road 41 at 9:45 a.m. and take us to Monkey Run for our second hike. The bus will pick us up on Valentown Road and take us to Main Street Fishers where we will have lunch and then do the third hike on the Auburn Trail, the Lehigh Trail and Lehigh Crossing Park. The bus will then take everyone back to The Apple Farm.

As of 5/31/08, we have 46 people signed up.

The Auburn Trail Improvement and Connections- From a note from Brian Emelson: Plazas at

Maple Ave and Main Street Fishers are on schedule to be finished by June 7. Work on Break of Day Rd. shoulder is scheduled for June. Signs and mile markers are ordered and will be delivered soon. Sign posts are in. Bollards are ordered. Street warning signs for pedestrian crossings are installed. Waiting for warm weather to put crosswalk paint on roads.

Mile Markers – We would like to get the ones for the Auburn Trail installed before June 7. Jim Mattoon and his crew will help us. Start June 2 or 3. Call Chauncy at 455-1932 if you can help.

Benches – The Auburn Trail Improvement ... sign committee approved the bench design created by Chauncy. We need to schedule time to pour the concrete ends for these. Plan to do these after June 7.

The Auburn Trail Extension- Public meeting to be held on May 28th at 7 p.m. at Victor Parks & Rec. Building. You can send comments to Brian Emelson at Victor Parks & Rec or to the website www.auburntrail.com. Your input is important.

Adirondack Weekend- Larry, David C. and Marcia climbed MacKensize. David also climbed to the top of Haystack. There was still snow in the col that was too deep and crusted to traverse. They started at 8 a.m. and finished at 7:30 p.m., covering 11 miles (David did an extra 2 miles). Dinner at Terrio's was enjoyed by all three. Rain on Sunday morning prevented more hiking, but breakfast was good.

Chauncy walked the Seneca trail from Fishers Fire House 2 to Willow Brook. There is another tree across the trail (not completely blocking) that should come out along with the pine that has been there for a year. He will try to get to them soon since we are not scheduled for this section of trail until 5/28.

Fishers Park Master Plan: Chauncy met with Bill Hershey from Ontario County Soil & Water to discuss the intersection of Irondequoit Creek and the tributary that flows under Wangum Rd. Looks like there would be a good location for a trail to the creek and a trail along the creek for fisherman. Joe also met with Joe Logan regarding bridge plans for the creek by the ball field.

Empire Pipeline- Informational pre-construction meeting on 5/15 at 7:00 p.m. at Victor Central School Auditorium.

Trails Survey- We have received the boxes and instructions. We will place them and maintain them from June 1 to July 31 as follows:

Auburn Trail at east end of Mickey Finn's parking lot- Dave Wright

Auburn Trail at Route 251 crossing- Wizzy Geno

Auburn Trail at Main Street Fishers- Larry Fisher

Lehigh Trail at Old Dutch- Chauncy

Also received a trail count packet. We will try to do the counts in July and August.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parks and Trails is offering a free Universal Trail Assessment Process training session. This is a two-day seminar to be held on July 15 and 16 at Gilbert Lake State Park, Laurens, NY.

Historic Victor- May 21 at 7:00 p.m. "Ganondagan- Then and Now" presented at the Visitor Center, Ganondagan State Historic Site.

May 28 at 7:00 p.m. "The Wonders of Valentown Museum" presented by Dr. Gary Lehmann, volunteer curator, Valentown Museum.

Third annual Canal Splash- August 8-10. Guided walks, bike rides, canoe and kayak paddles, exhibits and festivals are being planned.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition- Printing a new regional trails map to be distributed to towns, villages in our area.

Ontario Pathways is planning a bike ride on Saturday, July 26, beginning at 10 a.m., on the Lehigh Valley Trail from Old Dutch Road to Rochester Junction and back.

Mendon Foundation will be leading a bird walk in Fishers Park on Saturday, May 17 , beginning at 6:45 a.m. Meet at the Old Dutch Road entrance. Breakfast will be served at the site after the walk. Call Arlene Cluff @ 624-3182 if you want breakfast.

NEXT HIKE, BIKE RIDE AND EVENT:

Saturday, June 7, National Trails Day. Meet at The Apple Farm at 8:30 a.m. for a continental breakfast. Return to The Apple Farm by 2:00 p.m. Bring water. Lunch will be provided by Victor Parks & Rec at the Fishers Firehouse I.

Saturday, June 14, Bike ride on the Lehigh to Rochester section. Meet at Rochester Junction at 9:00 a.m. Bring your bike, helmet, water and lunch.

Saturday, June 14, Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds Park. Chauncy and Jeff will set up, man the booth and tear down. If anyone can help for an hour or two, I am sure they would appreciate it.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, June 19, 7:30 p.m. at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ruth , seconded by Carol. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wright

acting secretary

Schedule of '08 hikes/outings:

Jun. 7th- National Trails Day. Meet at The Apple Farm at 8:30 a.m.

Jun. 14th- Bike ride on the Lehigh. Meet at Rochester Junction at 9 a.m.

Jun. 14th- Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds Park, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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)