

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

MEETING AT MARY FRANCES BLUEBIRD HAVEN

June 19, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

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

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:35 p.m..

MINUTES of May 15, 2008 meeting:

No changes.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 5/31/08

Checking \$ 6075

Other assets \$ 2286

Total assets \$ 8361

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Coleman was absent

Members last month: 106

Renewals: 4

New members: 3

Rejoined: 9

Dropped: 0

Total: 118

PUBLICITY: Dave Wright updated the phone message and sent an e-mail to the newspapers for our July 12th hike.

EDUCATION: Ruth Nellis reported that some of the students are interested in helping with trail maintenance. They should bring work gloves, hand tools, good and proper clothing.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright – Next issue will be mailed early July. Dave will include information about the Black Diamond Duathlon.

TRAILMASTER: Nothing to report. Carol will investigate if we can create a loop trail at Yale

Court, using land owned by Mark IV and Alan Pickering.

TRAIL BOSS:

We will mow at the Blue Bird Haven instead of East St. We need red blazes on the trail that crosses School Street and goes south to Co. Rd. 41, a yellow square sign on Co. Rd. 41 at the entrance to the Seneca Trail south, a yellow square sign on Mill St. And more red blazes in Ganondagan.

LAST HIKE

National Trails Day on June 7- we had over 70 hikers show up at the Apple Farm. Most of them did all three legs of the hike. A special thanks to Brian Emelson and the Victor Parks and Rec Dept for supplying the school buses and pizza at lunch time.

Bike ride on the Lehigh on 6/14- Chauncy and Tom Walker enjoyed a good ride from Rochester Junction to Erie Station Road/Thruway and back.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anyone who needs a special Victor Hiking Trails 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.

The Auburn Trail Improvement and Connections- The remaining work is top soil and grass seed along the last section of trail, installation of the bollards and the wider shoulder on Break of Day and East Victor Roads, info signs. The new plazas and kiosks look great. Just need the interpretive signs and bike racks, which should be ready by the end of July.

Mile Markers – All of the markers are installed and look great. The Lehigh needs signs. Thanks to Chauncy, Jeff Hennick, Larry Fisher and the town of Victor crew.

Benches – Chauncy will make the forms for the end pieces and call a meeting when we are ready to pour the concrete.

Trails Survey- We have placed the boxes and surveys. They are at the following locations:

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

On July 1 they will be moved to the following locations:

Auburn Trail at East Victor Road

Auburn Trail at Rawson Road

Auburn Trail at Phillips Road, east side

Lehigh Trail at the top of the Connection

Trail Counts- We will try to do the in July and August.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition- The new regional multi-use trail maps are printed and being distributed to towns, villages, bike shops, libraries, etc. 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.

The ADK Outdoor Expo had average attendance. The weather was cool and it rained after lunch.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Victor Mountain Bike Club has morphed into GROC, Genesee Regional Off-Road Cyclists. They will be helping to establish more off-road resources for bicyclists.

The Fat Tire Festival will be held at Dryer Road Park on Saturday, July 19th. VHT will have a booth at the tent area to hand out maps and brochures and sell license plate holders.

We received a letter for the NYSDEC complimenting us on our bridge at the Apple Farm over Great Brook. They have closed the file on this project.

With the board's permission, Dave Wright wrote a letter of support to Supervisor Bamann for the town and village's application for a grant to install a sidewalk on High Street from the school to Valentown Road.

NEXT HIKE AND EVENT:

Saturday, July 12- Hike either Robert Treman State Park or Buttermilk Falls State Park in Ithaca. Meet at rear parking lot of old/new town hall at **8:00 a.m. Note early start.** It is approximately 80 miles each way, so plan on sharing the cost of gas. There is also a \$6.00 per car entry fee to the state parks. Bring water shoes as well as hiking boots. Pack a lunch and a drink. We should be back in Victor by 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 19, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.- Fat Tire Festival at Dryer Road Park. Sign up to race, either the competition course or the recreational course, on line at www.victormtbc.com. Fee is \$20.00,\$18.00 for GROC members. Deadline is 7/17/08. Come out to Dryer Road park to watch the racers, enjoy live music from three bands, see all the vendors and organizations like VHT and have some food. It will be a great day in the park.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, July 17, 7:30 p.m. at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chauncy, seconded by Ruth. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wright

acting secretary

Schedule of '08 hikes/outings:

Jul. 12th- Robert Treman / Buttermilk Falls State Parks

July 19- Fat Tire Festival at Dryer Road Park. 9 AM to 2 PM

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

Oct. 18- Black Diamond Duathlon at Fishers Park

Nov.8th- Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol section

Dec. 13th- Sherwood Parcel (Penfield)