

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

MEETING AT MARY FRANCES BLUEBIRD HAVEN

December 18, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Carol MacInnes, Larry Fisher, Dave Coleman, Nat Fisher

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:38 p.m.

MINUTES of November 20, 2008 meeting:

Motion by Carol, seconded by Larry. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young.

As of 11/30/08

Checking- \$ 4,858

Other assets- \$2286

Total equity- \$ 7,144

Motion by Larry and seconded by Nat to approve the financial report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Coleman.

Members last month: 134

Renewals: 2

New members: 3

Rejoined: 1

Dropped: 28

Total: 112

PUBLICITY: Dave Wright updated the phone message (585-234-8226) and sent e-mail to the newspapers for our January 10th ski/snowshoe/hike at Harriet Hollister State Recreation Area.

EDUCATION: No report.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright – The next issue will be our 2008 winter issue, and is scheduled for printing in early January. If anyone wants to submit an article or story, get it to Dave by 12/22/08.

TRAILMASTER: The manager of Omnitech is willing, but has not yet signed the revocable permit to allow VHT to construct a trail connector to the Lehigh.

On the Seneca Trail, Carol has written the landowner seeking permission for an extension to the Lehigh tracks, with the goal being to end the trail behind the plaza where Hoffend's Liquor Store is located. In early December Carol site walked thru the Kumpf property off Victor-Egypt Rd. There is a development proposal before the Town Planning Board on this property, and a trail through it could make a nice link to other proposed trails in this part of the Town.

TRAIL BOSS: Larry was not able to recover the hitch off his old van (that he left behind in New Hampshire!!). Chauncy made a motion to have VHT pay for a hitch for his new van for a cost not to exceed \$350; seconded by Dave Wright. Approved.

LAST HIKE: On December 13th, 8 people hiked a portion of the Sherwood Tract in Penfield. It was a nice hike of about 3 miles. The trail has good potential for XC skiing as well.

OLD BUSINESS: Anyone who needs a special Victor Hiking Trails license plate holder, please contact Dave Wright...still only \$5.00, two for \$8.00. Show your support for Victor Trails wherever you go!! And the bright yellow with green lettering is very distinctive. **Make sure you can read your plate correctly.**

The Auburn Trail Improvement and Connections- Bollards and interpretive signs have been installed. The signs add a lot to the trail experience; get out and take a look. Bike racks will be installed by the end of the year.

Auburn Trail Extension- A copy of the Draft Design Approval Document is available at Victor Town Hall, the Victor Public Library and on the project website (www.auburntrail.com) for public review.

Concrete Benches- Chauncy will make the forms. We will pour them @ the Parks Barn on Saturday, Jan. 17th @ 9:00 AM. All are invited to help. Second pour is scheduled for 1/24/09. Same place, same time.

Fishers Park 2008 / 2010 Trail Improvement Plan – Waiting for plan review by town's engineering firm, LaBella Associates, before submitting to the DEC and ACOE.

Trail parking posts at Fishers Firehouse 1 and 2 have been placed; accomplished on perhaps the seconded coldest day of the year! Signs will be mounted shortly.

Generic Hiker Icon signs will be placed at all trail road crossings. Chauncy will check with Brian to see if he can order those for us. Dave W. will check with Jeff for the number required.

Volunteer Coordinator- This is a work in progress. Dave C. is working on a membership database for use by the V.C.

Trail Maintenance Shirts should be ready to be picked up. Waiting for call from shop.

Trail Video- Larry reported no activity from Iron Butterfly Studios on their plan to create a DVD for the trails. He will continue to follow up with them.

Victor Municipal Park – On 12/06 Dave W., Chauncy, and Brian conducted a walk-thru, flagging several potential additional trails that could be constructed throughout the park.

After follow up with LL Bean's Community Relations Associate, it is felt that VHT has a good chance to qualify for a LL Bean conservation grant. After further discussion it was decided to apply for a bridge project at Ganondagan, possibly in partnership with Friends of Ganondagan. Chauncy will get the forms from Dave W., fill them out, and send them in.

The lowest of three quotes for printing the updated VHT brochure is from Rapid Printing, \$825 for a run of 4,000. Dave W. will let the contract to them, having been authorized to spend the money at last month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

NEXT HIKE AND EVENT:

Saturday, January 10, at Harriet Hollister. Skiers, Snowshoers, and Hikers will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot behind the new Town Hall and car pool to the Park. Or, meet at the parking lot

on Canadice Hill Rd., off Rt.37, at 9:45 a.m. Bring a lunch and something to drink, and dress for the weather. We should be back in Victor by 3 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, January 15, 7:30 p.m. at the new Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave C.. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

Schedule of '09 hikes/outings:

- Jan. 10th → Harriet Hollister Memorial State Recreation Area. Ski and Snowshoe.
- Feb. 14th → Mendon Ponds Park. Valentine's Day. Ski and Snowshoe.
- Mar. 14th → Tug Hill. Cross Country ski and snowshoe weekend.
- Apr. 11th → Keuka Outlet Trail. Hike or bike from Penn Yan to Dresden.
- May 9th → Bentley Woods, Fishers. Wild flowers and mushrooms.
- Jun 6th → National Trails Day. Auburn Trail at Fishers Firehouse 1 and Fishers Park.
- Jul 11th → Grimes Glen and Tanner Gully creek walks. Naples.
- Aug 8th → Letchworth Park. Gorge walk.
- Sep 5th → Bare Hill "Ring of Fire" picnic supper.
- Sep 12th → Hang Around Victor Days and Victor Fest. Booth and baked goods.
- Oct 10th → VanDerStrict Trail on the west side of Canadice Lake.
- Nov 14th → Boughton Park, East Bloomfield.
- Dec 12th → Powder Mills Park, Perinton.