

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL

June 18, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Wizzy Geno, Carol MacInnes, Ruth Nellis, Jeff Hennick.

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES of May 21 meeting:

Motion by Ruth, seconded by Chauncy. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young.

As of 05/31/09

Checking & savings- \$ 9,267

Other assets- \$2,195

Total equity- \$ 11,462

Motion by Larry, seconded by Wizzy to approve the financial report. Approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: David Coleman absent. He sent an e-mail.

Members last month: 126

Renewals: 5

New members: 3

Rejoined: 0

Dropped: 0

Total: 129

PUBLICITY: Dave Wright updated the phone message (585-234-8226) and sent an e-mail to the newspapers for the July 11 hike at Grimes Gully and Tanner Creek in Naples.

EDUCATION: Ruth reported that the Teen Adventure Club is winding down for the summer and will start again in the fall. We will finish the work on the Victor Municipal Park trail.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright – Working on the summer 2009 issue. There will be reports on our events and trail work.

TRAILMASTER: Carol will try to revive our request for a trail in Bentley Woods. We are waiting to hear from the town on the Domine trail. Chauncy will meet with Ebett Judson to work on a trail from the Apple Farm to Boughton Park. Larry will ask Iron Butterfly Health Club if we can extend the Trolley Trail to their parking lot. Jeff will ask the Best Western if we can cut across their property to avoid the Quik Fill gas station.

TRAIL BOSS: Chauncy's report- There was lots of trail work and bench work in preparation for National Trails Day. The bench at Fishers is complete and looks good. The pad for the Victor bench is

poured and ready for the bench. Work is scheduled for 5:00 pm on 6/24/09.

Auburn Trail from Mickey Finn's to Farmington town line needs mowing on the edge. Is the town planning to mow soon? Note sent to Brian E.

No mowing planned for July 4th. We will get it done before then.

Work on new trail at Victor Municipal Park will take place on Thursday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m. at the East Street entrance.

The sign at Royal View trailhead will be moved closer to the road and several blue stakes will be installed.

The Seneca Trail at Auburn Creek Driving Range needs several red topped stakes. Blazing needed through the woods to the Auburn Trail connection. The section from Willowbrook to Rt. 96 needs cleaning.

The small hedge trimmer is being repaired. Motion by Dave, seconded by Larry and approved to purchase a new hedge trimmer up to \$250.00 if the old one is not repairable or will cost more than \$250.00.

Billy Goat- New skids were ordered and have been received.

LAST HIKE: June 6- National Trails Day had 35 hikers for the first leg, over 20 for the second hike and about 10 for the last hike. If you did all 3 (about six did), you covered about 10 miles.

June 7- Train ride to Canandaigua and back. There were 12 bike riders (3 rode their bikes back to Victor), 4 hikers and about 50 passengers on the train. Everyone enjoyed the trip and asked about doing a fall trip.

June 13- Hike at Mendon Ponds during the Outdoor Expo. Chauncy led a seven mile hike around the park.

OLD BUSINESS: Anyone who needs a special Victor Hiking Trails license plate holder, please contact Dave Wright...a few left at only \$5.00, two for \$8.00. Show your support for Victor Trails wherever you go!! And the bright yellow with green lettering can be a help in identifying your car in a busy parking lot !!

Concrete Benches- Fishers bench is done. Victor bench to be done 6/24/09.

Trail parking posts and signage at Fishers Firehouse 1 and House 2 are all finished.

Generic Hiker Icon signs are being installed. Many are done.

Volunteer Coordinator- Wizzy Geno will be looking for volunteers for Hang Around Victor Day and Victor Fest.

LL Bean conservation grant - waiting to hear from the company.

National Trails Day, June 6 was a great success. Thank you to Chauncy, Wizzy, Jeff Hennick, Jack Marren and Brian Emelson.

Genesee Valley Hiking Club is planning their 5000th hike at Stuart Lodge in Mendon Ponds Park on July 26th. There will be a lunch at noon. Sign up if you are interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

Multi-use trail signs for Victor have been ordered by Brian Emelson. They will be placed at the road crossings on the Auburn and Lehigh Trails.

New trail maps. Jeff volunteered to create a new up-to-date map that can be printed from our website.

GPS for VHT trail use. Jeff has found one for \$242.00 that has all the features we need and is compatible with the software he has. Dave W. will check on purchasing one from Walmart.

GRTC will be dissolving by the end of 2009. Jeff wants to keep the domain names alive so he has purchased www.grtcinc.com for \$50.00 and will check on www.grtcinc.org when it is available. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Chauncy and approved to reimburse Jeff \$50.00.

PAYPAL- Jeff has investigated the possibility of making donations to VHT on the website using PayPal. PayPal keeps about 3% on each transaction. So if someone makes a \$10 donation, we will get \$9.70. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Chauncy and approved to have Jeff add a button to the website for donations through PayPal.

Website update- Jeff has added "Contacts" for each of the officers and linked it to each officers e-mail.

NEXT HIKE:

Saturday, July 11 at Grimes Glen and Tanner Creek in Naples. Bring water shoes and a lunch. Meet at town hall at 9:00 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, July 16, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wright
Acting Secretary

Schedule of '09 hikes/outings:

Aug 8- Letchworth Park. Gorge walk.

Sep 5- Bare Hill "Ring of Fire" picnic supper.

Sep 12- Hang Around Victor Days and Victor Fest. Booth and baked goods.

Oct 10- VanDerStrict Trail on the west side of Canadice Lake.

Nov 14- Boughton Park, East Bloomfield.

Dec 1-2 Powder Mills Park, Perinton.