

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL

February 17, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Larry Fisher, Carol MacInnes, Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Ruth Nellis, Wizzy Geno, Pete Ingalsbe, Nat Fisher.

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

MINUTES of January 20 meeting:

Motion by Larry, seconded by Carol. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 01/31/11.

Checking & savings - \$10,852

Other assets - \$1,840

Total equity - \$ 12,692

Motion by Nat, seconded by Wizzy. Approved.

Internal Audit to be conducted after meeting tonight.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No report

Members last month:

Renewals:

New:

Rejoined:

Total:

PUBLICITY: Dave Wright updated the phone message. Our hikes and meetings are now on the Victor Town calendar. The next hike is on Mar. 12 on the Auburn Trail from Victor to Mertensia Park and back.

EDUCATION: Ruth has had further discussions to help her with the organization of education programs and hikes. She is aiming for the first monthly presentation to be the third Saturday in April. The activity will include geocaching in Fishers, with the prize to be a year's membership to VHT. Further details as they are available will be on the VHT web site. Ruth reported on a news article appearing in the Huffington Post on-line news regarding corporate sponsorship of state parks, which is one way being explored to provide needed operating funds to our state parks faced with reduced state funding.

VOLUNTEERS: no activity to report.

NEWSLETTER: The Spring issue will out the end of March. Deadline for inclusion of articles is the Mar. 17 VHT meeting.

TRAILMASTER: Carol still has had no response to her attempts to contact property owners along a possible Seneca Trail connector from Fishers Fire House 2 to Valentown Hall that would avoid walking along High St.

TRAIL BOSS: Nothing to report.

LAST HIKE: On Jan 8th 4 hikers participated in the outing at Harriet Hollister Park. All had a good time exploring this beautiful park.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pete reported that the Farmington Town Board will approve a consultant at their March 22 meeting for the Auburn Trail extension through the Town of Farmington. The review and grant writing will take approximately 1 year to complete. Dave Wright, representing VHT, will be on the committee.

VHT is waiting to hear about a grant application submitted to The American Hiking Society for a planned 2011 project to construct a bridge over the small creek connecting the Auburn Trail in Fishers to the Domine Trail.

ADK Outdoor Expo will be June 11th. VHT will do a seminar on the trails in Victor.

Advio is offering free digital board advertising to nonprofit organizations. Dave W. will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

The American Hiking Society's 19th annual National Trails Day will be June 4th. This year's slogan is "Made with all Natural Ingredients". FLCC's Victor Campus on Rt. 251 will be VHT's National Trails Day center. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. A light breakfast, post hike snack, and lunch will be provided. There will be 3 hikes, each approximately 45 min. to 1 ½ hr. long. Victor Parks & Rec will have a tie-in event at Victor Municipal Park as the last hike of the day.

NEW BUSINES:

VHT has been invited to speak at a Victor-Farmington Rotary meeting in March, April, or May.

A suggestion for a future VHT bike ride: follow the old Trolley bed's path through the town. *to Fishers & Farmington*

VHT received an e-mail from a property owner on School St. whose property backs up to Ganondagan Park. He would like a trail cut through his property to access the park. A bridge would need to be built. There would be some benefit to this additional park access from School St. but it was decided that further investigation is needed.

Joanie Towarnicky suggested in an e-mail that it would be nice to have an evening social outing centered around a hike accompanied by some wine and food. After some discussion, it was decided to have a "Moonshine Outing" on ~~Friday~~, *Sat* March 18th. We will meet at 7 p.m. at Mickey Finn's. Let's hope the full moon isn't hiding behind clouds that evening.

NEXT HIKE:

The next hike will be Mar 12th, starting at ~~Mickey Finn's~~ *Town Hall*, hiking the Auburn Trail to Mertensia Park and back.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, March 17th, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Motion to adjourn was made by Larry. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

Schedule of '11 hikes/outings:

Mar 12 – Auburn Trail from Victor to Mertensia Park and back.

Apr 9 – Corbett's Glenn

May 14 – Genesee Land Trust, Monkey Run, Ganargua Creek Meadow Preserve.

Jun 4 - National Trails Day

Jun 11 – bike ride to Genesee River and back on the Lehigh Trail.

Jul 9 – Wesley Hill and Briggs Gulley

Aug 13 – Powder Mills Park

Sep 3 – Ring of Fire

Sep 10 – Hang Around Victor Day and Victor Fest

Oct 8 – Cleveland Hill

Nov 12 – Mendon Ponds Park

Dec 10 – Boughton Park