

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL

July 26, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Jeff Hennick, Chauncy Young, Pete Inglesbee, Larry Fisher, Wizzy Geno, Nat Fisher. Guests Kelly and Phil White, Sophie Nothnagle, and Jeff Williamson.

Kelly and Phil White's son, Sean, is a boy scout in Victor Troup 60. His eagle scout project will be to build a 30" wide by 165 ft. total length elevated boardwalk on the swamp trail at Fishers Park. He estimates he will need \$1,500 in material, and will seek contributions from community organizations.

Sophie Nothnagle and Jeff Williamson are Victor high school students who have expressed an interest in helping to improve Victor's trail system. They have volunteered to build ramps for the ~~new~~ bridge ^{recently} built on the Auburn Creek trail ~~by Maggie's Kids~~. Chauncy will coordinate for VHT.

Meeting called to order ^{over the years} by Dave Wright at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES of June 21 meeting:

Motion by Larry, seconded by Jeff. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 06/30/12:

Checking and savings - \$6,393

Other assets - \$2,342

Total assets - \$ 8,735

Motion by Wizzy. Seconded by Larry. Approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: no report.

PUBLICITY: The phone message has been updated and a press release made announcing the ~~July~~ ^{Aug} 14th bike ride on the Keuka outlet trail. Our hikes and meetings are now on the Victor Town calendar.

EDUCATION: The chairperson position of the Education Committee is open. Anyone interested in this exciting and important position should contact Dave Wright or other persons on the board of VHT.

VOLUNTEERS: On July 16, 12 campers affiliated with Maggie's Kids built a bridge on the Seneca Trail by the old Auburn Creek driving range. Thanks to Wizzy and Chauncy for helping to supervise this group's project. VHT will participate in Parks and Trails New York's 2012 NY Statewide Trail User Count. Between 8/05 and 8/21 VHT will conduct user counts, as specified, at four locations on the Auburn and Lehigh Trails and submit results to Parks and Trails New York. Many thanks to all the volunteers helping with this project. VHT will participate in the Apple Farm Fall Festival. Dave made a motion to have Chauncy register VHT for Saturday, 9/15, at a cost of \$25. Seconded by Larry. Passed.

NEWSLETTER: The deadline for the Fall Newsletter is Sept. 21. Newsletters now have limited print copies, available at the library and some sponsor locations. Anyone can access past and current newsletters on the VHT website.

TRAILMASTER: No report..

TRAIL BOSS: Larry reported having to recently replace a skid on one of the Billy Goats, but otherwise equipment is working well, as are all the great volunteers!!

LAST HIKE: The July 14th bike ride on The Keuka Outlet Trail had 6 participants. A great ride, followed by ice cream at the end.

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• **OLD BUSINESS:**

Fisher Associates will hold a meeting on the recommended routing of the Auburn Trail through Farmington to the City of Canandaigua on August 22, at the Canandaigua Town Hall at ~~7:30~~ 6:30 PM. The public is invited to attend.

Some shoulder work remains on the Auburn Trail from Main Street Fishers to Fishers Road. User traffic has definitely picked up with great work completed by Victor Parks and Recreation employees.

In celebration of the Town of Victor's 200th anniversary, VHT will participate in a parade on Hang Around Victor Day on 9/08. All members are invited to walk in the parade. As part of the year-long Victor Bicentennial, on October 13th Doug Fisher will lead a historic walk in the village and Joel Richter will lead a bike ride on the Auburn with a transportation theme.

The Thruway overpass on the Auburn Trail will have a community mural painted in 2013. Community art groups and schools will be encouraged to submit proposed designs. A panel of judges will select the winning design. The entire community will be invited to help with the painting.

A discussion was held regarding establishing an easy way for VHT members to give on a monthly basis. We need to research this further and perhaps put an article on the subject in the Fall newsletter to gauge interest.

Regarding possible trail options for the Oak Ridge area new development, Jeff made a motion that VHT support a recommendation that any such trail(s) should be family useable. Chauncy seconded. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

After some discussion on the need for ordering new volunteer shirts for those who have worn theirs out, Chauncy made a motion to investigate prices and purchase new shirts made of 100% polyester, for a cost not to exceed \$300. Seconded by Jeff. Passed.

The new section of the Seneca Trail from Valentown Hall connecting to the existing trail on the hill behind WalMart needs to be blazed. Dave made a motion to spend up to \$100 for stakes and paint supplies to accomplish. Jeff seconded. Passed.

John Duvall passed away recently. Chauncy made a motion to give \$25 to Ontario-Yates Hospice in his memory from VHT. Seconded by Pete. Passed.

Jay Robinson passed away recently and named VHT as a beneficiary.

To help preserve the Auburn Trail Thruway bridge as a potential canvass for a community mural to be completed in 2013, Dave made a motion to spend up to \$200 on paint and supplies to cover graffiti that has recently appeared on the bridge walls, and for VHT to periodically inspect and clean/paint as necessary. Seconded by Nat. Passed.

Dave made a motion to update the VHT brochure and have 4,000 printed in time for Hang Around Victor Days, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Seconded by Wizzy. Passed.

The Second Annual Seneca Trail Challenge Hike will be September 30. This approximately 13 mile hike will begin at Valentown Hall and end at Boughton Park, followed by lunch at Mickey Finn's. Chauncy will write up a press release and submit.

Wizzy commented on the success of last year's Moonlight Hike and would like to do another one this fall. She will research the best date and report at the next meeting.

NEXT HIKE:

The next outing will be August 11, a creek walk at Conklin's Gully. Plan to meet at Victor Town Hall at 9 a.m. to car pool, or meet at the start of the trail on Parish Rd. at 10 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Pete at 9:27.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

Schedule of '12 hikes/outings:

Aug 11 - Conklin's Gully

Sep 1 - Ring of Fire, evening hike and supper at Bare Hill

Sep 8 - Hang Around Victor Day, Victor Historic parade, Victor Fest

Oct 13 - Historic walk in Victor and bike ride from Victor to Fishers and back

Nov 10 - Black Creek Park

Dec 8 - Boughton Park