

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL
September 20, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Jeff Hennick, Chauncy Young, Pete Ingalsbe, Wizzy Geno, Carol MacInnes, Larry Fisher, Nat Fisher. Guests Phil and Sean White.

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:31 p.m.

Sean reported on his completed Eagle Scout project, an elevated boardwalk on the swamp trail in Fishers Park. He is well on his way to raising the required funds to cover the cost of the project. Several suggestions were made to him about a plaque and recognition to area businesses that supported the project.

MINUTES of August 16 meeting: ✓

Motion by Wizzy, seconded by Carol. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 08/31/12:

Checking and savings - \$4,895

Other assets - \$2,342

Total assets - \$ 7,237

Motion by Wizzy. Seconded by Nat. Approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Jeff has done a great job getting the membership files on a database that will be useable for many club purposes. A key use will be to get expired members back on the active roles. Our Membership Chairman, Pete, is working on the style and content of e-mail notices to reach out to these people.

PUBLICITY: The phone message has been updated and a press release made announcing the September 30 challenge hike of the Seneca Trail from Valentown to Boughton Park. Our hikes and meetings are 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: Wizzy would like to thank all who volunteered at Hang Around Victor Day on 9/08 and all who donated food for the baked sale at Victor Fest that evening. Approximately \$200 was raised for VHT at this event. Although no "official" awards were won for the VHT entry in the Bicentennial Parade, we did scare the most people with our chain saw maniac, Jeff!! Wizzy would also like to thank those who participated in supporting VHT at The Apple Farm Fall Festival on 9/15.

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: The Dave Schaffer led hike from Valentown Hall through the Pickering property to the Crescent Trail on Saturday, October 6th has been canceled. Carol will work on a new date. The blue trail in Boughton Park has been blazed. This trail starts at the Stirnie Road parking lot, follows the trail along the north end of the reservoirs and ends at the northeast corner of the park, connecting with the red trail (our Seneca Trail).

TRAIL BOSS: Trail maintenance is winding down for the season. It was a great year working on keeping our trails useable. We get many compliments from users about the great condition of our trails.

Many thanks to the dedicated crews who come out every week.

LAST HIKE: The Bare Hill hike and annual Ring of Fire was enjoyed by 12 people. It was a beautiful evening topped off by a full moon and a gorgeous sunset.

OLD BUSINESS:

Some shoulder work remains on the Auburn Trail from Main Street Fishers to Fishers Road. Work has begun on the last approved section of the trail, from Railroad Mills to Powder Mills Park. Brian Emelson and Victor Parks and Recreation members have come up with a plan to address the missing cap stone and erosion on the Auburn Trail culvert in the hamlet of Fishers.

As part of the year-long Victor Bicentennial, VHT is sponsoring a historic walk of the village on October 13th, led by Douglas Fisher. At the same time, Joel Richter and Chauncy Young will lead a bike ride on the Auburn Trail with a transportation theme. Both activities begin behind Victor Town Hall at 9 a.m.

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.

Back by popular demand, a Moonlight Hike is being planned for Friday, January 25, 2013. More details as the date approaches. The 2013 hike schedule will be developed at our next meeting.

Chauncy participated in the Rochester Bicycle Club's trail user count of Monroe County trails the week of 9/09.

VHT was not selected as one of six local non-profits to win the Finger Lakes Charity Cup at Finger Lakes Racino.

NEW BUSINESS:

Babette Huber, Town of Victor Historian, has published a new book on the history of Victor. She has agreed to sell a number of books to VHT at a discount, in order for VHT to raise money by re-selling them at the retail price. Dave made a motion to buy 10 books, at \$10 each, and sell them at \$16 each at VHT functions. Seconded by Wizzy. Passed.

Doodle Bug, the new day care business, has asked DeMarco Builders to improve the red trail behind their new building on Rt. 96, extending from the back of the parking lot to the connection with the Lehigh Trail.

The owner of the property at the Royal View trailhead on Fishers Rd. has told VHT members that they do not want cars parking on their property. Brian has been made aware of this and Dave will ask for a status update.

The trail from Dryer Road Park to Fort Hill needs to be blazed (blue). Several different routes will be considered.

The newest addition to the Seneca Trail, behind Goodwill, has been partially cut and filled. Chauncy will send out a work schedule to finish up the project.

Brian Emelson has reported that 4 interpretative signs on the Auburn Trail have faded and need to be replaced.

Dave reported that Victor Friends of the Railroad have announced two events. On Saturday, 10/27 they will conduct a Halloween Railroad excursion. On Sunday, 11/25 there will be the annual Santa train. Additional information and tickets can be found on their website, www.FriendsoftheRailroad.org.

NEXT HIKE:

The next outing will be Saturday, October 13, a historic walk and bike ride in Victor. Details can be

found on the VHT phone message, as well as our website and in The Victor Post.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, October 18, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

Schedule of '12 hikes/outings:

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

Nov 10 - Black Creek Park

Dec 8 - Boughton Park