

# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

## MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL

September 19, 2013

**ATTENDANCE:** Dave Wright, Wizzy Geno, Chauncy Young, Pete Ingalsbe, Jeff Hennick, Carol MacInnes, Nat Fisher. Guest Karen Findling.

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

**MINUTES** of August 15 meeting:

Motion by Wizzy; seconded by Carol. Approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Chauncy Young

As of 8/31/13:

Checking and savings - \$8,120

Other assets - \$1,869

Total assets - \$9,988

Motion by Pete, seconded by Jeff. Approved

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Pete reported that membership is currently at 220, with 106 up for renewal.

**PUBLICITY:** A press release has been sent out announcing the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Seneca Trail Challenge Hike on 9/29. Dave will issue a press release for the October 12 hike on the Finger Lakes Trail in Prattsburgh. Our hikes and meetings are on the Victor Town calendar.

**EDUCATION:** no report.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Hang Around Victor Day was a success. Wizzy sent out thank you cards to all who volunteered that day. Al Galina donated his winnings from the afternoon 50-50 raffle, which allowed VHT to show a profit of \$237 for this event, a better outcome than the baked food sales of recent years. EMS is having a club day on October 5<sup>th</sup>, and Wizzy will be getting volunteers to work our table again this year.

**NEWSLETTER:** The Fall newsletter has been sent out; another great job Dave. Please submit articles and pictures to Dave by December 19<sup>th</sup> for the Winter newsletter. Dave will contact Bob Lasher to see if he wants to put in an article on the invasive plant work his volunteer group has been involved with at Ganondagan this year. Newsletters now have limited print copies, available at the library, Town Hall, Parks and Rec and some sponsor locations. Anyone can access past and current newsletters on the VHT website.

**TRAILMASTER:** Chauncy announced that the Auburn Creek trail is open again, after being closed all summer because of construction in the area. Jeff confirmed that the shoulder work on Woolston Rd. leading into Powder Mills Park has been completed. Carol has the property owner's name and will contact them for permission to move the portion of the Seneca Trail that is so steep under the power lines to lower down the hill and behind Office Max.

**TRAIL BOSS:** The maintenance season is just about at an end for this year. A little attention to several pieces of the Seneca Trail will be given ahead of the challenge hike on 9/29. Larry did a great job again this year keeping all the equipment in good working condition. We don't baby it !! We should plan to put a new hedge trimmer in the budget for 2014.

**LAST HIKE:** There was no hike in September prior to this meeting. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Seneca Trail Challenge Hike will take place on 9/29.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

VHT (Dave Wright and Chauncy Young) gave a talk on Victor trails as part of "The Talk of the Town" series on 9/18 at the Town Hall.

DiMarco Builders has responded to Chauncy's inquiry about excess building materials from last year's boardwalk project on the red trail behind Fisher's Landing. They would like to use the materials towards improving the yellow trail at the same location. Chauncy has met with them to discuss timing and desired outcomes for such a project, with no work date set. We are still waiting on DiMarco as of this date.

Jeff put QR codes on yellow trail signs along parts of the Seneca Trail, fastened with weather-resistant clear tape. He noted that there are locations that are missing the yellow hiking signs. He will give locations to Chauncy, who has a supply of the signs.

Victor-Farmington Rotary has asked VHT to give a presentation at an upcoming luncheon meeting. Ralph expressed interest in accompanying Dave to this meeting, which will take place on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM at Ravenwood Golf Course.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

VHT received a call from the Order of the Arrow, a Boy Scout service group, asking if VHT had projects that 50-75 scouts could work on for a community service project. After some discussion it was agreed that Dave would respond with the following proposed work for 11/02:

- 1) Reroute a steep section of the Seneca Trail at High Point.
- 2) Cut and fill a section of the Seneca Trail at The Apple Farm.
- 3) Reroute a steep section of trail between Dryer Road Park and Fort Hill.
- 4) Build and install boardwalk on the Seneca Trail off the Trolley Trail.
- 5) Install tree identification signs in Fishers Park.

All these projects will require planning and advanced work by VHT members and supervision by VHT on the day of the work by the scouts. It was decided that we would start the day at the lower parking lot at Ganondagan at 9 a.m., and return there at the end of the day, between 3 and 4 PM.

Dave sent a letter to Finger Lakes RC&D, Inc. in support of a grant application by that organization through the Great Lakes Restoration on behalf of Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Town of Victor Fishers Park Irondequoit Creek Stream Bank Stabilization project.

We will discuss 2014 hikes at the October board meeting.

October 19<sup>th</sup> has been set as the date to pour concrete for Auburn Trail mile markers in Chauncy's shed. He will get all the supplies needed. Please let him know if you can help.

The 2013 volunteer appreciation dinner will be held on October 23 at Mickey Finn's, starting at 6:00 p.m.

## **NEXT HIKE:**

The next hike is 10/12, the Finger Lakes Trail in Prattsburgh. Peak leaf peeping time.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, October 17, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chauncy at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

## **Schedule of '13 hikes/outings:**

- Oct 10 - Finger Lakes Trail, Prattsburg
- Nov 9 - Ganondagan / Dryer Rd. Pk (educational)
- Dec 14 - Seneca Park / El Camino trail

Where do you want to hike in 2014????