

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL

November 21, 2013

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Wizzy Geno, Chauncy Young, Pete Ingalsbe, Ralph Weber, Nat Fisher. *Carol, Larry*

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

MINUTES of October 17 meeting:

Motion by Peter; seconded by Wizzy. Approved ✓

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 10/31/13:

Checking and savings - \$6,831

Other assets - \$1,869

Total assets - \$8,700

Motion by Nat, seconded by Wizzy. Approved

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Pete reported that membership is currently at ²²¹223, with 109 up for renewal. Twenty (20) membership applications have been received since the October meeting (mostly renewals).

PUBLICITY: A press release has been sent out announcing the December 14 hike at Seneca Park, EL Camino Trail. Our hikes and meetings are on the Victor Town calendar.

EDUCATION: Ralph will look at the 2014 hike schedule, looking for educational opportunities to enhance the experience and draw new participants.

VOLUNTEERS: The annual volunteer appreciation dinner at Mickey Finns was held on 10/23. The Order of the Arrow Boy Scout work day on 11/02 was supported by a number of VHT volunteers.

NEWSLETTER: Please submit articles and pictures to Dave by December 19th for the Winter newsletter. 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 owner of the property behind Office Max has denied permission to build a trail on their property.

TRAIL BOSS: Larry has put the "Goats" to bed for the winter.

LAST HIKE: On 11/09, 12 people hiked from Dryer Road Park to Fort Hill, where they were joined by Peter Jemison. He led an educational hike from there to the Long House at Ganondagan. After an update from Peter on the new Visitor's Center planned for 2014-2015, the group headed back to Dryer Road Park via trails at Ganondagan and Fort Hill. VHT donated \$75 to Friends of Ganondagan in recognition of Peter's efforts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave and Ralph gave a presentation to Victor-Farmington Rotary on November 6th.

On 11/02 approximately 40 scouts and their leaders participated in an Order of the Arrow community work day on several VHT trail improvement projects. The boardwalk on the Seneca trail north of the Trolley Trail was completed by the largest group of scouts. Another project, supervised by Larry, had scouts setting 21 tree ID posts with signs in Fishers Park. Because of the inclement weather the other two planned projects, cut and fill on the Seneca Trail at Constellation Brands and cut and fill on the Seneca Trail at the Apple Farm did not get finished.

New Auburn Trail concrete mile markers were poured on 10/19 and removed from the molds on 10/21. Two more markers were poured on 11/17. All four will be stored at Chauncy's house until spring.

Chauncy reported that as of this time there are 2 Eagle Scout projects that are being planned for 2014. Conner Reese will build a bridge on the Seneca Trail adjacent to Willowbrook Rd. Kyle Bensick will make trail improvements on the Seneca Trail in back of Office Max.

It was decided there was not sufficient time to submit a grant application to Parks and Trails New York for 2014 prior to the 11/12/13 deadline.

VHT has submitted the National Trails Day and Hang Around Victor Day 2014 dates for inclusion in the Rochester Business Journal events calendar.

NEW BUSINESS:

The bridge plans for Ganondagan have been submitted to the state for review, although the project is still approximately \$6,000 short. After some discussion, it was decided that we should apply to The American Hiking Association for a 2014 grant to help with funding for this bridge. Chauncy will get plans, etc. to Dave for use in writing the grant application, which must be submitted by 12/13.

It has been brought to our attention by a trail user that several tree ID signs in Monkey Run are incorrect. Dave will investigate over the next several months and communicate with Victor Parks and Recreation to pass on his findings to the scouts who did the project.

Dave met with representatives of the developer of the Antonelli Subdivision being proposed on Aldrich Rd., to discuss possible inclusion of provisions for a hiking trail in the project. Dave will attend a Victor Planning Board meeting on 12/03, when this project is scheduled to be reviewed.

Friends of the Railroad have sold out 2 scheduled Santa train rides on 11/30. They are attempting to add a third run. FORR decided not to pass on the large train rental fee in the ticket price, but instead is selling ads and seeking donations to make up the difference. Nat made a motion to make a \$50 donation to tickets to go to a family anonymously designated by local churches. Wizzy seconded. Approved.

The VHT board had previously decided not to participate in this year's RocTheDay area wide fund-raiser. Dave suggested in its place a letter be sent out to recently past members requesting that they make a donation before year-end and bring their membership back to active status. Dave will draft a letter and Peter will create the list to send it to.

The 2014 National Trail Day hike for VHT on June 7 will be in Fishers Park. The monthly VHT hike for June 14th will be at Mendon Ponds Park. Hikes for the remainder of the year will be discussed and decided upon at the December meeting.

A motion was made by Dave to keep the current slate of officers of VHT for 2014, seconded by Nat. After limited discussion the motion was approved.

Those who would like can participate in a Christmas cookie exchange at the December meeting.

NEXT HIKE:

The next hike is 12/14, The El Camino Trail at Seneca Park.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, December 19, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wizzy at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

Schedule of '13 hikes/outings:

Dec 14 - Seneca Park / El Camino trail

Schedule of '14 hikes/outings:

Jan 11 – Harriet Hollister Park

Jan 17 – Moonlight Hike in Victor @ Mickey Finn

Feb 8 – Lehigh Trail, Fishers to Mendon and back: hike/ski/snowshoe

Mar 8 – Mendon Ponds Park: hike/ski/snowshoe

Apr 12 – Canadice Lake trail

May 10 – Chimney Bluffs

Jun 7 – National Trails Day, Fishers Park

Jun 14 – Mendon Ponds Park