

# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS

MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL

April 17, 2014

**ATTENDANCE:** Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Pete Ingalsbe, Ralph Weber, Dave Coleman, Bob Lasher, Nat Fisher.

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

**MINUTES** of ~~February~~ <sup>March</sup> 20 meeting:

Motion by Pete; seconded by Ralph. Approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Chauncy Young

As of 3/31/14:

Checking and savings - \$9,218

Other assets - \$1,498

Total assets - \$10,783

Motion by Nat, seconded by Ralph. Approved.

An audit of 2013 financial activities was completed following the March board meeting. *No errors were found,*

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Pete reported that membership is currently at 160, with 24 up for renewal.

A April 7 request for renewal was e-mailed to 72 and mailed to 6 past members.

**PUBLICITY:** A press release was sent out announcing the May 10 hike at Chimney Bluffs. Our hikes and meetings are on the Victor Town calendar.

**EDUCATION:** Ralph reported that he is trying to arrange for an expert on geomorphology from SUNY Oswego to join VHT on the May 10 hike at Chimney Bluffs. He reported to board members subsequent to the meeting that he was successful and that Dr. Graham Bradley will be joining the hike.

**VOLUNTEERS:** no report

**NEWSLETTER:** The summer newsletter will be completed and sent out after the June board meeting. Please submit any articles/pictures you would like included to Dave W. prior to June 19. 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:** The 2014 maintenance season will kick off on May 3. The cool spring we've been having will likely retard early season growth.

**LAST HIKE:** On April 12<sup>th</sup> five people hiked approximately 8 miles of trails at Canadice Lake.

## OLD BUSINESS:

The bridge plans for Ganondagan have been submitted to the state for review, although the project is still approximately \$6,000 short. Dave submitted a grant application to The American Hiking Society for a 2014 grant to help with funding for this bridge. We should hear the outcome in April or early May.

Tree signs in Monkey run will be verified this spring after the leaves come out.

Anyone interested in the spring Adirondack hike of Sawtooth Mountain scheduled for the weekend of May 2-4 please contact Dave Coleman ASAP.

In a follow up to a letter received by VHT last month, Bob Lasher reported on his activities and plans regarding the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Survey Project. He has volunteered to survey specific locations in Letchworth Park and needs volunteers to help him cover the large area. To get ready for the actual field survey later this summer, he is busy identifying locations of hemlock stands. We discussed having a practice survey locally prior to the Letchworth survey and decided that Bentley Woods in Fishers, with a stand of hemlocks, would do nicely. On June 22 we will meet at 1 p.m. at Fishers Fire Station No. 1 and proceed to Bentley Woods off Log Cabin Rd. Nat will contact Gil Holtz to tell him of our plans.

Chauncy reported that after reviewing the National Trail Day kits that he was authorized to purchase after the March meeting, he would like to modify the purchase to include more shirts and fewer of the other items. The same approved dollar limit will apply.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

To celebrate the connecting of the Seneca Trail in Victor to the Crescent Trail in Perinton, a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the two town supervisors was conducted on April 13. 91 people attended the ceremony and hike along a portion of both trails.

On 4/18 Dave W. will meet with GROC at Dryer Road Park to look at a modification to the trail to Fort Hill to reduce hillside erosion.

LL Bean has contacted VHT looking for a clean-up project for their employees for this year's Earth Day. He will meet with their Asst. Manager at 3:30 on 4/18 to show him an especially litter-prone part of the Seneca Trail behind the plaza of Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

Chauncy reported that VHT now has an account established with Can King Bottle and Can Redemption Center, 1276 Fairport Rd. Returnables taken there will earn VHT \$.06 apiece.

**NEXT HIKE:**

The next hike is May 10 at Chimney Bluffs.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave C. at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

## **Schedule of '14 hikes/outings:**

May 10 – Chimney Bluffs

Jun 7 – National Trails Day, Fishers Park

Jun 14 – Mendon Ponds Park

Jul 12 – Conklin Gully

Aug 9 – Grimes Glen

Sep 6 – Hang Around Victor Day

Sep 13 – lower Genesee River bike ride

Sep 28 – Seneca Trail Challenge Hike

Oct 11 – Keuka Lake Outlet Trail on foot

Nov 8 – Monkey Run/Bluebird Sanctuary

Dec 13 – Dryer Road Park