

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL
June 18, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Pete Ingalsbe, Ralph Weber, Wizzy Geno, Carol MacInnis, Jeff Hennick, Suzy Paquin.

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

MINUTES of May 21st meeting, **Motion** to approve the minutes by Carol, seconded by Wizzy – **Approved**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ralph Weber

As of 5/31/15:

- ✓ Checking and savings - \$11,013
- ✓ Other assets - \$145
- ✓ Total assets - \$11,158

Chauncy asked about the reconciliation discrepancy on the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report. Chauncy and Ralph will discuss it after the meeting. Chauncy suggested holding off on approving the financials until the discrepancy could be resolved.

Dave noted that he received a check from Microsoft for the Matching Gifts Program for \$25. He gave the check to Ralph.

Chauncy noted that Can King in Fairport should be issuing a check for the balance on the account of \$138.24. This was for 2,304 cans. The account has been closed there and one opened in Mendon at Cash Cans.

MEMBERSHIP: Pete Ingalsbe

Pete said we were plus 7; he entered in what came in the mail and the ones from National Trails Day, a lot of them were renewals. The total is at 279. There are 63 due to renew. Pete passed around a list of names that are older than 6 months that haven't paid. Let him know if there are any that shouldn't be dropped.

PUBLICITY: Dave Wright

Dave noted that the next monthly hike is scheduled for Robert H. Treman Park in Ithaca on July 11th. This was originally scheduled as a campout, but all the camp sites were reserved. So this will just be a day hike. Dave was also concerned with all the flooding in that area if all of the trails would be open. We will call when it gets closer to see if any trails are closed. If anything changes we can post it on Facebook and Meetup. It

was decided to meet at 8:00am instead as it will take about an hour and 45 minutes drive and arrive there at 10:00am. The hike will be about 3 hours.

A press release will be sent out with everyone meeting at the Town Hall at 8:00 am and carpooling to Ithaca or meeting at the park at 10:00 am. Bring a lunch and a bathing suit as there is the possibility of swimming. He will update the phone message.

EDUCATION: Ralph Weber

The Victor Elementary school first grade outing/field trip on June 8th & 9th at Victor Municipal Park.

It rained so the outing was at the school on both days. Nancy and Wizzy were there on Monday. They used the flip chart that Ralph made with pictures and signs on the trails. On Tuesday it was Nancy, Wizzy and Becky. It would have been better if it was outside.

VOLUNTEERS: Wizzy Geno

National Trails Day on June 6th - at FLCC Victor Campus with three hikes. Two short loop hikes and a longer hike to Victor Municipal Park, with transportation back provided by P&R.

NTD went well; we had 66-68 people. There was a nice write up in the FLCC newsletter. Wizzy sent thank you notes to CNB, FLCC, Bernardo's and Victor Coal and Lumber and a general email to the volunteers.

ADK Expo

It was successful. Thank you to everyone who came. It seemed busy most of the day. The weather cooperated.

August 29th Race

She sent out an email on race. She received some responses – Ruth Nellis and Carole Fisher are interested. Bruce & Nancy Fisher, Chauncy & Suzy, Dave W, and Wizzy have signed up.

Hang Around Victor Day will be next.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright

Dave will start working on the summer issue. The next issue will be out around June 21st. He will try to have it finalized around June 18th. We will have a page for a survey about VHT for the grant. We will also have the survey on the website. Any suggestions for articles please send to Dave. There will be info on NTD/ADK Expo/Hikes. Pete said he would try and have Ron Brand give a synopsis on Farmington's Auburn Trail progress. Dave W will ask Bob Lasher if he could do a paragraph or two.

(Newsletters now have limited print copies, available at the library, town hall, village hall and some sponsor locations. Anyone can access past and current newsletters on the VHT website.)

TRAILMASTER: Carol MacInnis

She keeps checking and so far there is nothing on Fishers Ridge yet.

Chauncy checked the Victor website and it will be before the Planning Board on June 23rd. Chauncy brought up the plans for the Fishers Ridge project and the Board reviewed them. Carol will attend the Planning Board meeting to show support of the trails that are part of the project.

TRAIL BOSS: Chauncy Young

The Meetup is working good for us and is helping to get some new help. There is a project on Monday, June 22nd, with Carrie Fisher and her group from RIT as part of their Day of Caring. The project will be a 12 foot bridge in Ganondagan and he has gotten permission. Trail Maintenance will be at 8:00 am and the group will meet at 9:15 am. We will meet at the Dryer Road RG&E substation parking area.

Wednesday night trail maintenance will be at Monkey Run trails. Saturday will be on the Seneca Trail behind the plazas.

Chauncy noted that one of the hedge trimmers has a noise. He would like permission to purchase another hedge trimmer as we have had some good turn outs for trail maintenance lately and we could have used three last night. He would like one hedge trimmer and a pair of loppers not to exceed \$400.

Motion to approve the purchase of a hedge trimmer and a set of loppers not to exceed \$400 by Dave, seconded by Ralph - **Approved**

Monday mornings are still a little light for crew turnout and Wednesdays have been very well attended. He is thinking of maybe moving Monday morning to the evening.

He met with building inspector today at the new bridge in Lehigh Crossing Park and it passed inspection. He did have to replace one board that was warped.

LAST HIKE:

The last hike was in Mendon Ponds during the ADK Expo on June 13th. There were five hikers: Dave W, Suzy, Chauncy, Jeff H and Janet. We hiked 4.88 miles.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Fisher Memorial Bridge: Update*
The bridge needs to be done before 10/1, but hopefully it will be done in August.
- *Parks and Trails New York, Growing the Grassroots Capacity-Building Grant: We were awarded the grant of \$2,500. The kick-off meeting was in April prior to the meeting. We met with the consultant, Ed Flynn of LaBella Associates.*
Had the second meeting with Ed Flynn before the meeting tonight. The meeting was good, working on the Survey, Ed is benchmarking other towns and will meet with stakeholders.
- *On Saturday, August 29, 2015, there will be an ultra marathon on the Finger Lakes Trail-Bristol Branch. It will start at Ontario County Park and finish at Hammondsport High School for a total of 63.3 miles. VHT will provide volunteers to help along the trail with water stations, etc. Dave requested to be assigned a station towards the beginning of the race near Clements Road:*
Chauncy received an email at the meeting: VHT will be at the DEC location, 8th station #3 on Rte 245. Setup will be at 6am and tear down will be by 9am. The first group will probably be around 6:45am, the main group will be between 6:45 and 8:30am, with the tear down around 9am. We will probably need 6-8 volunteers.
- *Dave met with two Boy Scouts who are interested in doing Eagle projects, Sean Coleman and George Heltz. Sean is interested in an alternate route for the Seneca Trail between Willowbrook and Walmart. George is interested in a bridge/boardwalk. His 1st choice is at Victor Hills/East Victor, 2nd choice is near Longhorn and 3rd choice is in Boughton Park, where the Seneca Trail ends.*

Dave met with Sean Coleman and his mother and hiked from Bassett Furniture back to the picnic table and some of the section that he flagged before. Sean has a good idea of what he needs to do there as far as cut and fill and some clearing and tagging the trails. They drove over to Willowbrook and walked in from there.

He will get all the approvals and be ready to do in the fall.

George Heltz.

Dave met with him and parents at the creek at Victor Hills and showed him what the trail would involve and a ballpark cost for materials and ideas for fundraising. He has gotten it approved by the Troop and was looking for a materials list. George has a GoFundMe Account.

Chauncy will send him the materials list.

Chauncy spoke with Jack Dianetti and let him know that this is a Victor Hiking Trails project and not a Town project and there will be proper insurance and that it probably won't happen until 2016.

Another Scout, Kaleb Harp, wishes to do a project, boardwalk & clearing, in Lehigh Crossing park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave passed around a clipping from the D&C. It was an article on upgrading the train tracks and new trail in the Adirondacks. It is a nice example of the State investing in alternative travel.

NEXT HIKE:

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NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, July 16, 2015, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

Chauncy asked everyone to sign up for Meetup so that you can get automatic notifications of hikes and trail maintenance. Also like the VHT Facebook page and you will see the postings in your news feed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chauncy at 8:30 pm and **seconded** by Pete.

Respectfully submitted by Suzy Paquin

Schedule of 2015 Hikes/Outings:

- July 11th - Robert H. Treman State Park, Ithaca
- August 8th – Stoney Brook State Park
- September 5th – Ring of Fire, evening hike at Bare Hill
- September 12th – Hang Around Victor Day, Village Hike at 11:00am
- September 27th – 5th Annual Challenge Hike
- October 10th – Southerly Section of the Bristol Hills Branch
- November 14th – Boughton Park
- December 12th – Ontario County Park – New north trails