

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL
February 16, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Carol MacInnes, Barb Cole, and Suzy Paquin.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sam Moore, new member

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:00pm.

There was no meeting in January.

MINUTES of the December 15th meeting, **Motion** to approve the minutes by Chauncy, seconded by Carol – **Approved**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barb Cole

Barb passed around the financials for December. She has shortened them to one page, double sided.

As of 1/31/17:

Checking and savings - \$5,330

Other assets - \$1,296

Total assets - \$6,626

The expenses are very low, except for the Waldman bridge.

Chauncy noted that an entry for the insurance needs to be done. Barb believes it will show on the February financials.

Dave was cleaning out at home and found three more Lewis Fisher Books on Victor. Suzy will give them to the Clerk's office to sell.

Motion to approve the financials by Chauncy, seconded by Carol - **Approved**

MEMBERSHIP: Pete Ingalsbe - *Absent*

Pete sent an email – based on the postcard mailing, we received 3-4 renewals that were older than 18 months, with one that was over 3 years past due.

Membership is at 247 with 49 due to renew.

The postcards that were returned due to no forwarding address will be given to Pete to remove them from the system.

Chauncy reported that we now have 553 members on Meetup.

PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright

Dave updated the message line and sent out a press release for the next hike on March 11th which will be from the Apple Farm to Boughton Park and back.

The spring issue of the newsletter will be out by March 21st.

EDUCATION: Ralph Weber - *Absent*

Dave received a request from Springwater Trails to do a hike at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven on Sunday, May 7th. The hike will start at 2:00pm and last about 2 hours. Dave thought that maybe we could do a combined educational hike with them. He has reserved the Butler Cottage and talked to Christine Winter at P&R to do a talk about bluebirds. Christine gave him some contacts. Springwater Trails will do three types of hikes, a slow short hike, a fast hilly, strenuous hike, and one in between. Chauncy suggested Dave contact Tim Niver at the Victor-Farmington Library as a possibility of someone to talk about bluebirds.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Suzy Paquin

Penfield Jamboree – February 11th: Pete Ingalsbe and Carol volunteered to man the table. A lot of people attended who did not know about VHT. There was a speaker who spoke about the Letchworth Trestle Bridge that is slated to be taken down. Pete has the display materials and will return them to Chauncy.

WinterFest at Parks & Rec – February 11th

VHT led a guided hike at 2:00pm to Fishers Park and back. There were 21 people including several children. It was a very nice hike with good weather.

Dave noted that we received a postcard from the Victor Chamber of Commerce that they are having a Health & Wellness Expo on Saturday, April 8th, from 9am to 1pm at Pinnacle Athletic Campus. Dave asked if we want to have representation there? Yes we do and Suzy will send out an email asking for volunteers.

TRAILMASTER: Carol MacInnes

Carol is still waiting for approval from Silverton Glen HOA for a new connecting trail from Ganondagan to that development along Route 444.

Dave said he received a letter from John Turner, Village DPW, regarding yellow and blue markings along Coville Street on some street signs. Plus, the posted signs are missing from along the sewer trunk line. He asked to be informed in the future if any

trail improvements are to be made. Please contact the Village or the Village Tree Board. Dave sent a reply that he was unaware of any markings but would mention it to the VHT Board.

TRAIL BOSS: Chauncy Young

Chauncy wrote a letter to Marilyn Duvall asking for permission to put a bridge on her property. VHT is applying for a grant and needs her to sign a letter stating she is in support of it. He also asked if her family might be able to help with a backhoe.

Chauncy has not contacted the owner regarding a small connecting portion of the new trail to Dryer Road Park. He has acquired the other easements.

Dave received an email from American Hiking Society regarding National Trails Day.

LAST HIKE:

The monthly hike was at Irondequoit Bay Park West on February 11th and was led by Lisa Roberts. There were approx. 15 people. It was a nice hike and there have been many improvements to that area. Micro-spikes were needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chauncy was given his award by Brian Emelson at the last Roundtable meeting on February 3rd. It was the ABCD Award, Above and Beyond the Call of Duty, from the GVRPS.

The Conserve project has been withdrawn.

Dave is still working on the list of projects that VHT has done over the years that need plaques.

Dave is planning on going to NYSRPS 77th Annual Conference in Rochester and will speak on the Success of a Volunteer Trail Group on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

The American Trails/Professional Trail Builders Association's 2017 Symposium will be held in Dayton Ohio on May 7-10th. Chauncy is interested in attending.

Dave made a motion to pay up to \$250 towards Chauncy attending the Symposium, seconded by Barb – **Approved.**

Lisa Roberts was appointed to the Boughton Park Commission.

We are still working on updating the brochure.

NEW BUSINESS:

Twisted Branch Ultra Marathon – Chauncy received an email from Scott regarding the run this year. It will be on August 19th and start an hour earlier – 4:00 AM. VHT has been manning an Aid Station the last couple of years. It might be a bit harder to get volunteers with it starting earlier.

Motion by Chauncy to support the Twisted Branch Ultra Marathon, as in the past, and have the Volunteer Coordinator request 10-15 volunteers to man the Aid Station, seconded by Suzy – **Approved**.

Dave sent a letter to the businesses who advertise in the newsletter asking if they wish to renew for another year. \$40/year, \$10/quarter. He will also have a letter to solicit new businesses in the area.

Dave received an email alert from Parks & Trails regarding Governor Cuomo. He announced that he commits to completing unfinished sections of the Erie Canalway Trail and the Hudson River Valley Greenway and to connect the two by 2020 to create the Empire State Trail.

Chauncy noted that he has had a couple of meetings with Tom Bullinger of VB Brewery, Kathy Rayburn, Mitch Donovan, and Brian Emelson on promoting Victor as a hiking and biking destination. They are working on branding and marketing.

Dave will give a 20-minute presentation at the Kiwanis meeting on February 17th at the Hampton Inn at 7am. His presentation is called "A Variety of Trails."

Dave passed around the list he has been compiling of projects that encompass the last 25 years.

Chauncy wondered if he should keep trail maintenance on the same days and time as last year. Monday, Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. Dave said that Mon and Wed evenings were well attended. Friday mornings were hit and miss. Chauncy will leave them the same for now. He will get the schedule to Dave for the newsletter.

Chauncy will talk to Ginny regarding the dedication of the Nat Fisher Bridge. Chauncy was thinking of May 15th.

VHT received an email from UNOs inviting us to do another fundraiser with them this year.

Dave mentioned that GVHC will have some hikes in Victor:

2/25 – 9am Dryer Road Park led by Dave Wright

4/8 – 8am at Ganondagan led by Vinnie R, strenuous 5-7 miles

4/22 – Fishers Park led by Chauncy, moderate fast paced 5 miles, park at tennis courts

5/14 – Dryer Road Park led by Vinnie R, strenuous

5/27 – MaryFrances Bluebird Haven & Monkey Run trails led by Dave Wright, easy 5 miles

The 20th Annual ADK Outdoor Expo will be held on June 10th at Mendon Ponds Park from 9:30am to 3:30pm. VHT paid \$10 to be listed in their newsletter. We will lead a hike at 10am along the East Esker trail.

VHT received a letter from the Village of Victor Tree Board. They are applying for a grant to develop a Community Forest Management Plan and need a letter of support. Dave will send a letter.

Dave gave Carol a map of Falcon's Nest. Carol and Chauncy to talk to Mauro Polidori regarding new trail easements.

NEXT HIKE:

The next monthly hike on March 11th will start at the Apple Farm and go to Boughton Park and back. Meet at the Apple Farm at 9am. We will have some cars at the Stirnie Road parking area in case anyone wants to leave part way through.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, March 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Victor Town Hall. **This meeting will be upstairs in the Supervisor's Conference room.**

Dave asked Sam where she lives. She is from Irondequoit. Dave noted the other board members who were not present this evening. He thanked her for joining and attending the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Carol at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Suzy Paquin for Lisa Roberts

Schedule of 2017 Hikes/Outings:

- March 11th – Apple Farm to Boughton Park and back
- April 8th – Rob's Trail on 15A to Hemlock Lake

- May 13th – Vine Crest/Midlands & Beaumont, meet at old Foley Road parking lot off Route 250
- June 3rd – National Trails Day: Ganondagan, Seneca Art & Culture Center
- June 10th – ADK Expo, Mendon Ponds
- July 8th – Wesley Nature Preserve east of Honeoye
- August 12th – Chimney Bluffs State Park
- September 2nd – Bare Hill Ring of Fire, evening hike
- September 9th Hang Around Victor Day, Village hike
- October 14th – Dryer Road Park to Lehigh Crossing Park
- November 11th – PowderMill Park
- December 9th – Lucien Moran Park (Old Rifle Range)