

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL
July 20, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Jeff Hennick, Carol MacInnes, Ruth Rugaber, Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Suzy Paquin, Lisa Roberts, Denni Harbaugh

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 15th meeting, motion to approve the minutes by Ruth seconded by Carol – Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth Rugaber
Ruth handed out the Financial summary:

Assets as of June 30, 2017:

Checking \$6425.877

Savings \$2002.67

Wepay \$20.00

Paypal \$.00

Total \$.8448.54

The transition of Treasurer duties is going smoothly. Question from Ruth: she receives two \$5 deposits via paypal every month from Independence LLC. Jeff will investigate who is making the deposits. Ruth registered VHT for Hang Around Victor Days. A check for \$11.95 needs to be sent out to Lewis Fisher for the sale of a book written by Lewis.

Motion to approve the financials by Denni seconded by Chauncy - Approved

MEMBERSHIP: Denni Harbaugh
Membership is at 247.

Chauncy reported that we now have 670 members on Meetup, up from 653 last month.

PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright

Dave will update the phone message to include information about our next hike at Chimney Bluffs. It will take approximately an hour to drive there; the hikers should meet at the Bluffs parking lot at 10:15 or 9:00 in Victor. The hike will start at the main entry, there is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee..

Dave suggested eliminating the phone line answering machine effective Jan 1st because there are very few messages left on it. Jeff suggested using Google Voice which is free and the Frontier number can be transferred to Google Voice. Dave will check to see if there is a charge if we cancel the Frontier number.

The summer newsletter has been published. The next newsletter is the fall edition on September 21st. Lisa is working on a project for the Chamber of Commerce which will have a photo and a description of each trail added to their page. Jeff confirmed that the VHT site has the same information.

EDUCATION: Ralph Weber absent

No update

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Suzy Paquin

Jeff did a talk at the Senior luncheon on July 19 for 30-40 participants

Volunteers are needed for the following events:

- August 2nd News Channel 8 is hosting a Block Party at Mead Square Park from 5-8pm, with setup at 4. It is also a trail maintenance day.
- Aug 12th Farmington Family Fun festival from 12-5pm, it's the same day as the next monthly hike
- Aug 19th Twisted Branch Trail run. We would like at least 10 volunteers. Meet in Victor at 4am, man the aid station starting at 4:30am. Food is provided by the race organizer. Breakfast in Naples after Clean-up
- Sept 9th 10am-5pm Hang Around Victor Day, VHT will have a booth.
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be in October

TRAILMASTER: Carol MacInnes

Chauncy and Carol are still exploring a possible new trail across from Valentown Rd & Monkey Run trails. Dirt is starting to be moved by the developers.

TRAIL BOSS: Chauncy Young

Thanks to Jeff who has been filling in as trail boss while Chauncy was sick due to a tick bite. One piece of equipment is still in for repair, everything else is working fine. All the skids have been replaced, other miscellaneous equipment repairs have been completed. There has been a good turnout for work days, Fridays have been a little light.

LAST HIKE: Wesley Hill Nature Preserve

8 people attended the hike at Wesley Hill Nature Preserve. The hike was 4.8 miles, starting on Gulick Road and included the overlook. Dave will do the same hike for GVHC on October 28th. The group stopped for lunch at the Mill Creek Cafe in Honeoye.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dave is continuing the project compiling the list of projects VHT has completed.
- The Farmington section of the Auburn Trail is supposed to go out for bid after July 4th. It has been mowed
- National Hiking Society grant for \$1600 also includes an opportunity to submit a 300 word article for publication in their magazine or web site. The article should describe a project that was completed with grant funds. The deadline is July 27th
- We have moved to the secure web site for VHT

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dave attended the Chamber meeting prior to tonight's meeting and a the Scout leader from Shortsville; he may have scouts looking to work on projects for VHT
- Debra Costu, president of Regis Franchises, owner of the new men's barber shop, Roosters, also approached Dave about supporting trails. Dave invited her to make a presentation at one of our meetings.
- Explore Victor Trails group will meet on July 31st. They will be sharing the VHT tent on the block party night
- Suzy asked if we are going to give out something for Hang Around Victor Days since it is the 25th anniversary. Discussion of bandanas with VHT logo on one corner and EVT on another corner for a cost of \$1, which will cover a portion of the cost. Extras can be handed out at the volunteer appreciation dinner
- VHT received an email about a proposed new house on the corner of Probst and Miles Cutting Roads. Building will require planning board approval. The person that wrote the email does not want a house built on the property.
- The bees on the Dominie Trail Bridge stung more hikers so Chauncy and Carole Fisher vacuumed the bridge to remediate the nest. Wasps were on the Seneca Trail near Boughton Park during work party day..
- Emily Waldman has not contacted VHT about finishing the mural. Dave will send her an email
- Chauncy passed out updated photos of the area proposed for observations decks in LeHigh Crossing Park
- For expediency, Suzy will deliver bills directly to Ruth rather than Dave retrieving them and then delivering them to Ruth

NEXT HIKE:

Chimney Bluffs State Park, August 12th

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, August 17th 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Dave seconded by Chauncy at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Roberts

Schedule of 2017 Hikes:

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 - Powder Mill Park

December 9th - Lucien Moran Park (Old Rifle Range)