

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL

March 15, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Wizzy Geno, Pete Inglesbee, Carole Fisher, Rick Geno, Nat Fisher. Guest Kathy Gill.

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7: 52 p.m., following dinner at Pizzeria Uno.

Kathy Gill spoke to the group prior to the start of the meeting. Ganondagan is looking for volunteers to act as trail guides. She explained the training and the role these guides would have in enhancing the Ganondagan experience for visitors to the site. Dave will include an article in the spring newsletter.

MINUTES of February 16 meeting:

Motion by Chauncy, seconded by Larry. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chauncy Young

As of 02/29/12:

Checking and savings - \$8,988

Other assets - \$2,342

Total assets - \$ 11,330

Motion by Nat. Seconded by Wizzy. Approved.

Annual audit to be completed following April meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: no report.

PUBLICITY: The phone message has been updated and a press release made announcing the April 14 hike at Powder Mills Park . Our hikes and meetings are now on the Victor Town calendar.

EDUCATION: The chairperson position of the Education Committee is open. Anyone interested in this exciting and important position should contact Dave Wright or other persons on the board of VHT.

VOLUNTEERS: VHT received information on a new Finger Lakes Community College service, "FLCC Connects Volunteers". FLCC has launched this new service to help local agencies fill volunteer openings, and would-be volunteers to find opportunities that suit their interests. It was agreed that VHT should register; Wizzy will submit the required VHT information.

NEWSLETTER: The Spring newsletter deadline was March 15. This and future newsletters will have limited print copies, available at the library and some sponsor locations. Anyone can access past and current newsletters on the VHT website.

TRAILMASTER: Carol sent word that she had talked with Dave Schaffer, from Perinton. He told her that he would try to contact Wayne Pickering to explain the importance of their property to the integrity of the overall trail.

TRAIL BOSS: The 2012 maintenance schedule is out. The first issue may be timing on the first cutting of the Apple Farm to Boughton Park trail. Because of the early start of warm weather and the closing of the trail during spring turkey season, we may need to go in prior to the first scheduled time on 5/19.

LAST HIKE: A total of 5 people got out and enjoyed the hike on March 10th at Dryer Road Park.

OLD BUSINESS:

The section of The Auburn Trail north from Fishers Rd. has a new steel bridge and stone dust surface from the bridge north to Probst Road and is open to use by the public. Further trail improvements will continue in the spring.

The Town of Victor will be celebrating 200 years in 2012. There will be something planned for every month. VHT will help the committee plan a bike ride and historic walk in October 2012.

Dave is working with Brian Emelson and Victor Parks & Recreation to coordinate the painting of a mural on the Auburn Trail Thruway underpass in Fishers recently resurfaced. A contest at Victor High School's Art Department is being proposed.

A full description of the 2012 National Trails Day hike by VHT will be published in the Spring Newsletter. Trails receiving recent improvements around Fishers will be highlighted.

A part of the American Hiking Society grant for the Domine Trail bridge was education. It was decided that identifying the many varieties of trees on the Domine Trail would be enlightening to the hiking public. The signs have been ordered. The plan is to have some/all installed prior to National Trails Day on June 2.

The annual ADK Outdoor Exhibit is scheduled for June 9th at Mendon Ponds Park. VHT will have a table.

NEW BUSINESS:

As part of the Town of Victor bicentennial celebration there will be a parade this year at Hang Around Victor Day on September 8. VHT has been asked to participate in the parade. Dave W. will get us signed up. Wizzy declined to be the VHT queen in the parade!

April 21st is Earth Day.

On May 26th Dave Wright will represent VHT at a talk on Victor area trails at the LL Bean store at Eastview Mall.

NEXT HIKE:

The next outing will be April 14th at Powder Mills Park.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall. Motion to adjourn was made by Wizzy. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat Fisher

Secretary

Schedule of '12 hikes/outings:

- Apr 14 - Powder Mills Park
- May 12 - Webster Park
- Jun 2 - National Trails Day. Auburn Trail Ext., Domine Trails, Lehigh Trail
- Jun 9 - bike ride on Lehigh and Auburn.
- Jul 14 - Keuka Outlet Trail. Bike or hike.
- Aug 11 - Conklin's Gully
- Sep 1 - Ring of Fire
- Sep 8 - Hang Around Victor Day
- Oct 13 - Historic walk in Victor
- Nov 10 - Black Creek Park
- Dec 8 - Boughton Park