

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
MEETING AT VICTOR TOWN HALL
July 16, 2015

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Nunes

Meeting called to order by Dave Wright at 7:32p.m.

MINUTES of June 18th meeting, **Motion** to approve the minutes by Carol, seconded by Chauncy – **Approved**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ralph Weber
Ralph was absent, report at next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Pete Ingalsbe
Pete noted that we are up one membership for a total of 280 with 64 due to renew.

PUBLICITY/NEWSLETTER: Dave Wright
The quarterly newsletter, summer issue, is now available. The Dave will start working on the fall issue. The next issue will be out around September 21st. Please send any articles to Dave.
(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.)

Dave noted that the next monthly hike is scheduled for Stony Brook on August 8th. Do we want to change the meet time to 8am as it is a bit of a drive? The decision was to change the time to 8am. A press release will be sent out with everyone meeting at the Town Hall at 8:00 am and carpooling to Stony Brook or meeting at the park at 10:00 am. He will update the phone message.

EDUCATION: Ralph Weber
Ralph was absent – no report.

VOLUNTEERS: Wizzy Geno
August 29th Race
She sent out an email, received some responses, volunteers signed up so far – Bruce & Nancy Fisher, Chauncy & Suzy, Dave W, and Wizzy. Ruth Nellis and Carole Fisher are a maybe.

Volunteers would meet at the Town Hall at 5:00am and carpool to the race site with arrival time approximately 6:00am. We should be done with our commitment by 9-9:30am.

NYS Parks & Historic Preservation Trail Count & Trail Survey

Volunteers will be needed for the NYS Parks & Historic Preservation Trail Count. It needs to be completed on three consecutive workdays, Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday (no Mondays or Fridays), and one weekend day for a total of 8 hours at a location. Another alternative would be one day three weeks in a row and one weekend day. Times are 5-7pm for weekdays and 11am-1pm on weekends. This is for the Auburn and Lehigh Trails only. Each location would be four sessions at two hours each.

Dave W volunteered to do the Auburn at Mickey Finns
Jeff volunteered for Auburn at Powder Mill - Woolston Road/Railroad Mills
Pete volunteered for Auburn at East Victor to the Mertensia townline
Chauncy volunteered to do Lehigh at Old Dutch Road
Wizzy volunteered to do Auburn at Route 251
Carol M volunteered to do Auburn at Fishers Plaza

There will be a total of six trail count locations.

There will also be a trail survey: They will send out a package containing five boxes to be placed at the trail heads, paper copies of the survey with return envelopes, business cards with QR Codes that will take people to the online survey. We will need people to volunteer to keep the boxes filled.

Hang Around Victor Day

HAVD is on Saturday, September 12th. Wizzy will be looking for volunteers to man the booth. It was decided not to do any fundraising this year. We will put out the donation jar.

EMS Club Days - September

She will have more information at the next meeting.

Eddie Bauer, July – Camping/Backpacking Demo, 1 hour

Eddie Bauer is looking for an hour long camping/backpacking demonstration. Not sure if this would be something we could do.

TRAILMASTER: Carol MacInnis

Carol attended the Planning Board meeting on June 23rd as the public hearing for Fishers Ridge was on the agenda. Carol thanked them for allowing the trail to remain through the development. Peter Jemison and others that attended talked about the ambush site.

TRAIL BOSS: Chauncy Young

Had a good trail maintenance crew on Wednesday for Cherry Street, had to cut up a fallen tree along the field. We are halfway through the maintenance schedule. We are averaging 6.3 people on Mondays, 3.8 on Wednesdays and 3.3 on Saturdays. The work is getting done. Chauncy has ordered parts for one of the Billy Goats and will buy a new pair of loppers.

He passed around the shirt list with quotes.

Motion by Pete to purchase tech work shirts with VHT logo from Rapid Printing at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 and golf shirts with VHT logo from Apparel Printers Plus at a cost not to exceed \$350.00, with half the cost being reimbursed by the recipients, seconded by Jeff – **Approved**

Scouts – Five Projects

- Sean Coleman, Chauncy has not heard from him. His project is the trail behind Walmart/Willowbrook. He plans to start in the fall.
- Caleb Harp's project is a boardwalk and trail clearing in Lehigh Crossing Park.
- Niles Mason, from Pittsford, needs one shovel ready project to be completed by September 30th. Chauncy will be meeting with him Saturday afternoon.
- George Heltz – we have a quote for the 40' bridge project to be done at Fishbrook/East Victor.
- Laura Buggie, Girl Scout/Gold Award – Chauncy will be meeting with her on July 20th.

LAST HIKE:

The last hike was in Robert H. Treman State Park on July 11th. There were seven hikers. It was very scenic with many hills and good ice cream at the end.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Fisher Memorial Bridge: Update*
The bridge needs to be done before 10/1.
Chauncy needs to do the paperwork.
- *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 June 18th meeting. Working on the Survey, Ed is benchmarking other towns and will meet with stakeholders.*
The Trail Survey is completed. It will be available online through Survey Monkey and available on the VHT website and the Victor website, as well as posting on the VHT, Town and P&R Facebook pages. Paper copies will be available in the VHT Summer Newsletter, the Fall issue of the Town & Village Victor Voice

Newsletter, and hard copies at the Town & Village Halls, the Library, P&R Offices, trail heads and at the VHT booth on HAVD.

We have received an invoice from Ed Flynn, LaBella Associates, for his work to date. We need to invoice the Town for their portion of the grant for \$1,000.

- *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. VHT has been assigned a station towards the beginning of the race near Clements Road: 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 need 6-8 volunteers.*

NEW BUSINESS:

We received a donation in memory of Laura Graney. Wizzy will write a thank you.

Dave passed around the following:

FL Trail Quarterly Newsletter

Backpacker Magazine

Ontario Pathways

Brochure on Giant Hogweed

We received a receipt from Emily Waldman for materials for the mural painting totaling \$211.58. The Board authorized Ralph to reimburse her.

NEXT HIKE:

The next monthly hike will be at Stony Brook. A press release will be sent out with everyone meeting at the Town Hall at 8:00 am and carpooling to Stony Brook or meeting at the park at 10:00 am. Bring a lunch and a bathing suit as there is the possibility of swimming.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, August 20, 2015, 7:30 p.m. at Victor Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff at 8:40 pm and **seconded** by Chauncy.

Respectfully submitted by Suzy Paquin

Schedule of 2015 Hikes/Outings:

- August 8th – Stony 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