



Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, November 17, 1994

HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY TO VHT (2 trails done and 1 in-process!)

The meeting came to order at 7:30 PM. Eleven people were in attendance.

Last month's minutes:

•Two names were spelled wrong in last month's meeting minutes. The correct spellings are Parmenter and Jemison. Otherwise the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

•Rich Freeman reported that the treasury balance sits at \$5,486.

Membership:

•John Nugent reported we now have 55 members.

•Welcome new life-time members:

Thomas & William Muller

Victor & Marie Parmenter

Philip & Laurie Lavery

Robert Scala

Marion Gordon

Frank & Margaret Johnson

Evelyn Harloff

Primo DiFelice

•Thanks to this group of wonderful people we'll soon have a new trail (see the Indian Trail notes).

Historian:

•Roberta Lockwood showed the large pile of newspaper clippings she has collected and read some recent ones of interest.

Indian Trails :

•Congratulations to all for making spectacular progress on bringing a new trail closer to reality. Eight new revokable permits were signed by our new lifetime members listed in the membership section. Dave Wright, Carol MacInness and Marcia Bryan all reported their status in working with landowners to get permits signed.

•The Town of Victor is currently reviewing all eight signed permits.

•The fire department has approved our use of the High St. parking lot for trail parking.

•The last properties we need to work on are a permit from the High St. fire department, another from a private landowner, and a permit from Peter Jemison for the Ganondagan property.

•Boy Scouts have already begun clearing a section of the trail.

Trails:

•Carol MacInnes reported seeing ominous signs along our Auburn Trail forbidding hunting & trespassing. We discussed talking to the landowners bordering the trail to have them relocate the signs but decided to wait. The section of the trail isn't open yet (due to our bridge problem) and the property in question is for sale so we may have different landowners by the time the bridge is completed.

•Larry Fisher met with Bill Matthews and Jim Smith, an engineer from an environmental consulting firm. They reviewed the Ironduquoit Creek bridge and drew up plans to save the structure and make it passable for hikers & bikers. The plan includes filling the eroded side with gabions, spraying cement to fortify the underside of the bridge, putting a moisture barrier layer on top of the bridge, then grading the land to slope more gently over the bridge. Our next step is to get a cost estimate. It was suggested that we work with the Landmark Society to increase the visibility of saving the historic bridge structure.

•Marcia Bryan reviewed a large wall map showing our existing trails, trails currently being developed, and potential trails to work toward in the future.

Newsletter:

•We still need someone who would like to coordinate the quarterly entries in the Victor Town Newsletter for 1995. Time required is approximately 4 hours per newsletter. Please contact Sue Freeman (924-4149), if you're interested in this fun project.

Trail Sign Committee:

•Rich Freeman reported that the trail sign committee met.

•Colortex can not make plastic or metal signs for us. (we had hoped to use a local vendor).

•Plastic signs will cost approximately \$1.00 each, metal costs \$1.35 each. Set-up costs \$75.

•The proposed design was approved by the group. The group also agreed to using a yellow background with dark green print.

•Our first order would be for 100.

•We discussed the merits of metal vs plastic and decided we had no experience to go on. Rich will call Crescent Trails to get their opinion. The group agreed to follow Crescent Trail's recommendation as a first choice. If they have no recommendation we'll order 50/50 of plastic and metal if there's no additional set-up charge. Third choice is to get 100 of the metal ones.

•Post meeting news: Rich spoke with Doug Stinson of Crescent Trails Association. CTA found the plastic signs to be brittle & fall apart in a short time (less than 2 yrs.). They have recently begun switching to metal but don't have any history with them yet. Rich will go ahead & order 100 metal signs for VHT.

Misc.

•Marcia reported that the state tax exemption forms were sent in. We do need to submit a 990 tax form each year.

•Carol MacInness and Marcia Bryan were given the embroidered VHT jackets as prizes for being our highest money earners during the BridgeWalk.

•Marcia offered the Macedon Trail newsletter to anyone interested.

•We received a copy of the 1994 trail roster from the National Park Service and VHT's listed! It will come in handy for addresses to advertise next year's BridgeWalk.

•The Center Of Environmental Information is also preparing a directory. It's free to get a listing, \$10 for a copy and \$35 to become a member.

•Marcia reported that there's no word yet on our grant application. However, none of the applicants have heard yet.

•It was suggested that we provide trail maps to the fire, police, and ambulance departments. Sue Freeman volunteered to handle.

•John Nugent handed in some revised maps.

Annual Meeting:

•Dennis Inch reported a change in the nominations list. The candidates submitted for nomination were:

Chairperson	Dave Wright
Vice Chairperson	Norm Smith
Secretary	Sue Freeman
Treasurer	Rich Freeman

•Lenore Dey cast a ballot to accept the entire slate. Roberta Lockwood seconded the motion. All were in favor so the slate of nominees were elected unanimously. Congratulations on your new jobs Dave & Norm!

•The 1995 meeting schedule is:

Jan 26	July 27
Feb 23	Aug 24
March 23	Sept 28
April 27	Oct 26
May 25	Nov 16
June 22	Dec 28

•At next month's meeting we'll pick an auditing committee to perform an audit of our books in January.

Saturday Hike:

•Anyone who missed the Nov. 12th hike missed a real treat. Rick & Wizzy Geno led us through the trails on their property and then treated us to hot drinks and snacks in their home afterward. Thanks Rick & Wizzy for your generous hospitality.

•Meet at the Fisher's firehall at 9 AM on Dec. 10 for a short hike. Carol will lead us as we carpool to Sandy Bottom Park to see the bridges & boardwalk they have built. Sandy Bottom is a small park located on the north end of Honoeeye Lake.

Fairwell To Our Friends:

•Our visionary leader is moving. Marcia Bryan bought a house in the Adirondacks where she can hike to her hearts content. We'll miss Marcia very much. She has been the driving force behind the creation and successful first 3 years of VHT. The VHT team gave Marcia a round of applause and a heartfelt thank-you for all she's done. To celebrate her new adventures and our 3rd birthday, Marcia treated us to fresh cider and homemade brownies.

•Ruth Nellis has accepted a job in Erie and will be commuting home on week-ends. We wish Ruth well in her new job & hope to see her again this summer.

•Even though we've had a beautiful Fall, Jeff Henick is heading south (with a stop in Seattle first). Have a safe trip Jeff and we'll see you again when the snow melts.

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 22nd at 7:30 PM in the Victor Town Hall.
Hope to see you there.

Sue Freeman



Secretary