



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

85 East Main Street * Victor * New York * 14564-1397

Feb. 22, 1996
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with 16 attending:
Dave Wright Leonore Dey Ruth Nellis Sue Freeman
John Francis Norman Smith Ron Sears Rich Freeman
Larry Fisher Chauncy Young Matt Bloss Richard Bloss
Douglas Fisher Barbara Kozel Bryan Pazaras
Carol MacInnes

Last Month's Minutes:
Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:
\$3,374.51 in checking account
\$2,850.31 in savings account
\$6,224.82 balance

Membership Report:

- Lee Dey suggested that we set up a table at Eastview Mall during special occasions to promote membership growth. She will look into this possibility.
- Amy is working on a new VHT brochure.

Historian's Report :

Dave presented articles on X-country skiing as a good form of exercise, blue bird houses, and Abbey Industries' new screen printer. There is a community directory for Ontario County with a brief history of the towns in it and can be picked up at the Town Hall.

Education Report:

- John Francis is working on the next article. He is also planning to write an informational unit, e.g. on the beaver area along the Seneca Trail, which can be used by elementary teachers
- He is looking for historical information on the railways in our area.

Newsletter:

- 125 issues of the first newsletter were sent out, 25 were placed at the Town Hall.
- The next issue will be April 22, with a deadline for articles on April 15.
- The following title suggestions were submitted and will be voted on at the next meeting:

The VHT RAVE	
Happy Trails	Step by Step
On the Trail	Horizons
Andiamo (Let's Go)	Footloose
Shank's Mare (using own legs)	Meanderings
The Wanderer	Trail Mark
Stepping Out	Trail Head

Forward March	Mile Post
Sign Post	Down the Primrose Path
(VHT) Summit	Blazing Trails
(VHT) Footpath	The VHT Trail Blazer
Trail's End	Trail Blazing with the VHT
VHT News(letter)	The VHT Pathfinder
Victor Trail Newsletter	The VHT Trail Log
Pathfinders	VHT Footpath
Passages	In Step

ISTEA Grants:

- Auburn Trail: Dave heard from the DOT. If we work on or along the creek, we must do so between June 16 and Sept. 30. Design standards say the bridge must be 10 feet wide.
- Lehigh: We have applied for a grant along with Rush and the Mendon Foundation. We should know by April 15 if it has "made the first round;" it looks favorable.

Adopt-a-Trail Report:

Harry Lloyd contacted Sidney Carpenter who has sponsored the portion of the Auburn Trail between Main St. Fishers and Phillips Rd.. He is willing to continue if we can sign up helpers for him.

Last Month's Hike:

Fewer than normal showed up to ski at Hollister Spencer Park. They did enjoy watching the Section V finals.

Trailmaster's Report:

- Carol is investigating a link from Boughton Rd. near Ganondagan to Boughton Park. She and several other members will be speaking to land owners.
- Dave has maps of: 1. Willowbrook Estates. The town has a 10-foot easement along the edge which could give us another option for the Seneca Trail. 2. Vicwil/Lovejoy property where a temporary trail will run from Monkey Run Trail, across the pipeline to Valentown Road. 3. Auburn Trail from East Victor Rd. to the Farmington Town Line Rd and on to the portion currently owned by Ontario Pathways which they would like to sell to the Town. This will be looked into.

Trailboss' Report:

- Larry ordered the diamond-shaped signs, 500 each of red, white, blue and arrow at a cost of \$590.
- Trail maintenance will begin mid-April.
- Ruth spoke with Marty Dodge. The students at FLCC will not be able to assist us with the bridge over Great Brook, as the construction course is not being offered this year. Would a scout troop be interested in helping?

New Business:

- Larry has been contacted by Lewis Fisher who has written a history book of Victor. The VHT may use 400 copies of it as a fund raiser. The book sells for \$16.95; VHT would get \$5 for each copy sold by a member

- or at a store supplied by a member; the merchant would receive \$1/copy. These could also be sold at various community functions. They will be available in April.
- Ruth attended a meeting concerning a contest to be held at FLCC sponsored by the Soil and Water District for high school students in the area. Only Canandaigua, Geneva and Bloomfield will be participating. The contest focuses on soil, water, aquatics, wildlife, forestry and greenways.
 - Fall Fund Raiser: Doug Fisher is looking for help in this very important event. He, Larry, Dave, and Chauncy will be meeting March 3, 7:30PM at Dave's house. You are welcome to attend.
 - Hang Around Victor Day: A chairperson is needed for this. Begin to think about what we can do this year.
 - The Boy Scouts of America will sponsor a workshop on light trail maintenance at camp Sam Wood April 27. For information contact Howard Bye at 288-7191.
 - Carol reported that the Genesee Transportation Council will meet Feb. 26, at the Perinton Town Hall to discuss regional trail maps.
 - Victor Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Sunrise, March 7, 7PM dinner. Mike Kauffman of Eastview Mall will speak.
 - Town Newsletter: one new member joined after reading it. The next issue will be in early May so get news to Amy by mid-April.
 - Save March 16, 4-7PM, at the Victor Senior High for a spaghetti dinner to benefit Lindsay Abraham who has many medical bills after an accident. Tickets are \$5.50 for adults, children under 6 are free.
 - Aaron Bristor is looking for an Eagle Scout project.
 - June 1 is National Trails Day. Betsy Russell is pooling information from the various hiking groups on their proposed activities. Dave suggested a hike along the Lehigh from the Main St. firehouse to Mendon and loop back to the firehouse along the Auburn. Historic information would be given along the way. This would take the place of the hike scheduled for June 6.
 - Dave is compiling information on how to establish hiking trails in a town. This can be put on internet.
 - Local laws passed: regulating excavation, waste management, and clearing ~~green~~ and filling.
 - The Victor Shopping News will have information on VHT in each of its issues.

Next Hike: Hike along the canal. The tender for lock #30 will be our guide and give an historic talk. Car pool from the Town Hall at 9AM or meet us at lock #30 near routes 31 and 350.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, March 28, 1996 at the Town Hall at 7:30.

Adjournment: 9:20PM

Secretary

Ruth C. Nelles

VHT CALENDAR

- March 9 VHT hike along the canal. Meet at Town Hall at 9AM or meet at lock #30.
- March 14 Video "Rails to Trails" 7PM at the Wood Library in Canandaigua sponsored by Ontario Pathways.
- March 28 Monthly meeting . Town Hall at 7:30PM.
- April 13 VHT hike on the new Crescent Trail from Old Foley Rd. to Casa Larga.
- April 25 Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
- May 11 VHT annual spring flower hike at Monkey Run Trails at 9AM.
- May 23 Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
- June 1 National Trails Day - VHT hike - Lehigh Trail. Meet at Fire Hall, Main St. Fishers at 9 AM.
- June 8 (Hike rescheduled for June 1)
- June 27 Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
- July 13 VHT hike on the Hi Tor trail in Naples. Meet at the Town Hall at 9AM.
- July 25 Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.