



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

April 25, 1996
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with 11 attending:

Dave Wright	Ron Sears	Ruth Nellis
John Kosko	Larry Fisher	Douglas Fisher
Carol MacInnes	Amy Robinson	Chauncy Young
Leonore Dey	Roberta Lockwood	

Last Month's Minutes: Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

\$2854.51 in checking account
\$2868.13 in savings account
\$5722.64 total assets

Membership Report:

- Sat., May 4 from 10AM - 4PM, at Eastview Mall near the Center Court (old section) by Kay Jewelers we will have a table. (The Victor Library is also having its annual book sale.) A table and chairs will be provided. Chauncy will borrow an easel from the fire hall. We can display our new brochure, sign up members, give trail maps and sell the new Victor history book. Larry and Chauncy volunteered to set-up. LEONORE NEEDS HELP. Please offer her a hand.
- Amy reported that brochures are in. Betsy Russell (Ontario Pathways) would like some brochures for National Trails Day (June 1). Dave will send her 50 copies.

Historian's Report :

- Roberta has an article on hiking in England.
- Dave saved the news article telling of the impending purchase of the railroad bed from East Victor Rd. to the town line. This will be improved as a trail by VHT. Dave also had an article on land being purchased by the state along the Hudson River to become part of Hudson's Highland State Park. Also an article on land given to Macedon to be developed into a nature park.

Book Sale: Lewis Fisher's book, VICTOR: The History of a Town are in! The 118-page book is filled with fascinating accounts of the area's development and has many photographs. We will be able to have a book on display with a phone number to call for ordering at the Town Hall. The Village will also be approached. The Daily Messenger featured an article on the book April 24. Larry will need help in contacting local businesses to stock the books for us. Call him at 924-5803. The cost is \$16.95, five of which is tax deductible because it will go to VHT; one dollar/book will be given to any

merchant who sells them for us. Checks may be made payable to Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

Victor Car Show: Sunday, June 2, 1996, 10AM - 4PM

-We will participate but will not sell baked goods. The books will be on sale, and we will have trail maps, membership brochures, etc. Call Dave (924-3709) if you can lend a hand. (All participants get into the show for FREE!)

Hang Around Victor Day: Sat., Sept. 7, 1996

This is the 20th anniversary. HELP!!! We still need a chairperson! Call Dave if you can coordinate this day event. Emphasis will be on promoting " Bridge Walk '96" on September 21, our third annual.

Fall Fund Raiser: Sat., September 21, 1996

- "Bridge Walk '96" will probably begin at Whistlestop (to become Mickey Finns), proceed on the Auburn east toward Rte. 332, through the section which the Town is purchasing, through the new Town of Farmington Linear Park and possibly end at historic Padelford Corners, near Denny's on Rte. 332. Water and rest stations will be at crossroads. Douglas Fisher has historical information which can be provided. Local businesses are being asked for donations of money &/or appropriate merchandise. T-shirts will be given to participants who collect over a certain amount. Carol volunteered to help with the shirts.

-The next meeting of the committee will take place Sun., May 5, 7:30PM at Dave's house. Call Dave if you would like to help.

ISTEA Grants:

-Auburn: The DOT met April 2, with the Town and Village of Victor and the Town of Farmington. It was discussed how to keep track of finances and how to get bids for design, construction and materials. John Raeman (Sniedze Associates) and Jim Smith (environmental consultant) looked at the bridge with Larry, Dave and Chauncy and agreed it is possible to save the bridge, and that erosion is our biggest problem. New drawings of our proposal will be given to the DOT. We will need donations of materials and labor to keep costs within our budget. Bids from engineering firms acquainted with DOT requirements will also be needed.

-Lehigh: have heard nothing yet. (Larry and Dave met with Rush and Mendon Foundation on 4/27/96. The new announcement date is 5/1/96, but it will probably be after the NYS budget is passed.)

Last Month's Hike:

Only Carol was not discouraged by ugly weather to hike. (Hopefully we can reschedule this hike in the near future.)

National Trails Day: Sat., June 1, 1996

The current route for the hike is to meet at Main St. Fishers Fire Hall at 9AM, hike through the Town Park, across Nancy

Young's property (Chauncy has received permission for us), and proceed along the Lehigh toward Mendon. We will return to the Fire Hall via the Lehigh and Auburn Trails. This will take the place of the June 8th hike.

Newsletter:

Amy has incorporated pieces sent to her from members for the spring issue.

Trailmaster's Report:

- Carol took a representative from Bristol's Farm Market to Butler's property for a possible bluebird sanctuary plan.
- Carol reported that Dan Wilson (ADK) enjoys working on bridges and signs. Members applauded this news! Larry will contact him and Bill Mathews when we are ready to build our next bridge.

Trailboss' Report:

- Chris Lawrence (Eagle Scout candidate) has completed the bridge along the Seneca Trail near the swamp in back of Auburn Creek Golf Park on Route 251. A BIG THANK YOU is extended to Chris. (Dave inspected the bridge on 4/27/96. There are a few minor details that need to be cleaned up.)
- Jeff Hultzapple (Eagle Scout candidate) would like to build a bridge near Rte. 251 heading east on the Seneca (same area as Chris' bridge).
- It was suggested that this year we concentrate on the trails already in place, construct as many bridges and boardwalks as possible.
- Carol will ask the Ryons how they would like the new trail markers affixed to their trees.
- Each Thursday at 6PM (except for monthly meeting nights) from May to October, trail maintenance will take place. A schedule will appear in the newsletter. Bring pruning shears. Call Larry (924-5803) if you have questions. The next four meeting spots are:
 - May 2 - Fishers Fire Hall #1, Main St. Fishers
 - May 9 - Monkey Run Trailhead, Victor-Egypt Rd.
 - May 16 - Auburn Trail, Phillips Rd.
 - May 30 - Auburn Trail, Rte. 251

New Business:

- Macedon Trails gave a list of concerns to the NYS Thruway Canal Authority regarding the proposed trail development.
- May 2 at 6:30PM will be the Chamber of Commerce dinner at DiPacific's to honor three Citizens of the Year.
- June 6 is the final dinner for the season for the Chamber of Commerce. It will be held at Mickey Finns Restaurant, if it is ready.
- The Town would like us to apply for a sign permit, as codes dictate how close signs can be to the road. Dave will pursue this request.
- The Valentown Peddler's Market will take place Sun. August 4, from 9AM - 5PM. VHT has been asked to help direct traffic. Call Dave (924-3709) if you can help for an hour or two.

Parking will be Caldor's parking lot with a shuttle bus providing transportation. We will be given a booth for promotion of Bridge Walk '96, membership, etc..

-If you would like to have a NYS car license plate with a blue bird and "Conserve Open Space" on it, call this number 1-800-364-PLATES.

-A letter and postcard from the Freeman's hiking the Appalachian Trail stated that they have survived inclement weather. They climbed 35 mountains in South Carolina and have traveled 134 miles as of April 15. We are looking forward to their descriptions of the beauty as well as the challenges of this hike. Good luck; may the sun shine and the wind be at your back!

Next Hike: Sat., May 11, 1996, 9AM at Monkey Run Trails.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 23, 1996 at the Town Hall at 7:30PM.

Adjournment: 9:37PM

Secretary - Ruth E. Nellis

VHT CALENDAR

May 2	Trail Maintenance, Fishers Fire Hall #1
May 4	VHT table at Eastview Mall
May 9	Trail Maintenance, Monkey Run Trailhead
May 11	VHT annual spring flower hike at Monkey Run Trails at 9AM.
May 16	Trail Maintenance, Phillips Rd.
May 23	Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
May 30	Trail Maintenance, Auburn Trail Rte. 251
June 1	National Trails Day - VHT hike - Lehigh Trail. Meet at Fire Hall, Main St. Fishers at 9 AM.
June 2	Car Show at Victor School with VHT participation
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.
August 4	Valentown Peddlers' Market, 9AM - 5PM
August 10	Hike the Lehigh east - led by Doug
August 22	Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
Sept. 7	Hang Around Victor Day
Sept. 21	"Bridge Walk '96"
Sept. 26	Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
Oct. 12	Hike Bentley Woods - led by Carol
Oct. 24	Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
Nov. 9	Hike 1000-Acre Swamp