



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

May 23, 1996
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with 10 attending:

Dave Wright	Chauncy Young	Ruth Nellis
Carol MacInnes	Larry Fisher	Jeff Hennick
Matt Bloss	Dick Bloss	Ron Sears
Rachel Sears		

Eagle Project Status:

Matt Bloss of Troop 469 in Fairport, presented his plans for a boardwalk to be constructed along the Auburn Trail in the swamp area. Discussion centered on suggestions on how to make the boardwalk more stable and less costly (current cost \$1,888). Matt's plans were thoroughly prepared and clearly presented. We are glad he has chosen this as his Eagle Scout project. We decided that 24" wide would be adequate. Matt will construct one section and test it for stiffness. (Dave and Chauncy went to Matt's house on 5/27 and approved the design of two 2X12" on an 8' span.)

Last Month's Minutes: Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

\$2954.09 in checking account
\$2868.13 in savings account
\$5822.22 total assets

A copy of IRS form 990-EZ for non-profit organizations was submitted to the secretary to keep on file.

Membership Report:

- The Sat., May 4 Eastview Mall display brought positive results - we have 5 new memberships, sold 7 books, and gave numerous pamphlets and maps to interested people.
- Maps and brochures are at both the Town and Village Halls and will be at the new library.

Historian's Report :

- Dave had numerous articles including those on: Kaufmann's non-profit grants (see Education Report and New Business), a write-up on Lewis Fisher's book, Perinton's award for

being among the top 10 hiking trails in the U.S., Penfield preserving remaining wilderness areas, VHT's hike June 1 (Ntl. Trails Day), Farmington purchasing a piece of the Auburn for hiking and biking to connect with VHT, various articles on communities promoting parks and trails.

Education Report:

- John Francis wrote an article on the Lehigh RR bed for the next newsletter, both ours and the town's.
- Kaufmann's non-profit grants are in celebration of the store's 125th anniversary. 125-\$1,000 grants are to be given for the education and health of children; deadline is June 15 and Dave and Chauncy will meet to submit an application.

Adopt-a-Trail:

Harry will mail letters to current members of this program to remind them to begin maintaining their trail portion. Cub Pack #61 cleared their part of the Auburn Trail and Troop 86 cleared their section of the Seneca Trail- THANK YOU! We still have sections which need adopting.

Book Sale: Lewis Fisher's book, VICTOR: The History of a Town, is now on display at the Village Hall where information on how to purchase one can be obtained. We have sold 45 books thus far. They can be purchased directly at Wade's, True Value, May's, Phoenix Mills' Convenient Mart and Act II. Lewis will be in town and signing books June 13 at the new Victor Library and on June 15 at Eastview's Walden's Books store.

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

- Call Dave if you can lend a hand. Our table will be located behind the Senior High School between the back parking lot and the football field. We will be selling the book and promoting Bridge Walk '96.

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

This is the 20th anniversary. We still need a chairperson!

Fall Fund Raiser: Sat., September 21, 1996

- "Bridge Walk '96" will be a 5-mile round trip hike beginning at the Whistlestop (to become Mickey Finn's), going to Mertensia Rd. and returning to the start.
- Dave sent letters to Victor and Farmington businesses requesting a \$100-donation to have their name on the T-shirts and other promotional materials for the walk. Wade's and A&D Development have already sent in their donation.
- 25,000 promotional inserts can be purchased for \$418 to be placed in mailings by Canandaigua National Bank.
- Ontario Pathways will give us 24 water bottles to be used

- as prizes. (Dave picked them up on 5/25.)
- Radio station WMAX will give us 30 radio spots as a donation.
 - We need a logo for Bridge Walk '96. Submit a sketch to Dave.
 - We will buy recycled paper and do the copying ourselves.
 - The next meeting of the committee will take place Mon., June 17, 7:30PM at Valentown Museum.

ISTEA Grants:

- Auburn: Larry will ask Sniedze Associates to be our consulting engineer for the bridge project.
- Lehigh: A note from Dave states that on May 24, Ron Brand (the consultant who put the application together), called to let us know that we did not get the grant. Ron will find out how we ranked and if there will be any funding next year.

Last Month's Hike:

9 people walked Monkey Run Trail on a cool misty morning. While the late spring meant many flowers were not yet out, we did see many of the earliest flowers.

Newsletter:

Amy sent word that the newsletter was nearly complete when her computer quit. She stayed home to work on it and hopes to have it ready next week.

Trailmaster's Report:

- Carol will speak with other landscape businesses for Butler's property. (At their 5/28 meeting, the Town Board authorized the supervisor to sign a contract with Mr. Butler, another step closer to the Town acquiring the property.)
- Carol attended the Genesee Transportation Council's Multi-Use Trail Committee (MUTC) meeting on 5/21. There will be a consolidated trail map of Monroe and surrounding counties.
- Dave attended the Genesee Transportation Council meeting on 5/15 which focused on a bike route map. The council will conduct a survey Sunday, June 30 of how many people use various trails. Dave will count along the canal in Bushnell's Basin - come out and be counted! Also, a sidewalk inventory in Monroe Co. will be conducted.
- Boy Scout Troop 50 of Farmington helped plant 50 Autumn Olive trees on Butler's property. The trees were donated by Carol who also helped plant them - Thanks, Carol, we'll enjoy them along the trail in years to come.

Trailboss' Report:

- Larry signed for Jeff Hultzapple (Eagle Scout candidate of Troop 86) who would like to install several bridges and clear the section of the Auburn near the driving

range near Rte. 251.

-Maintenance schedule for June and July:

June 6 - Auburn Trail, Rawson Rd.

June 13 - Seneca Trail, Fishers Fire Hall #2, High St.

June 20 - Seneca Trail, Rte. 96 at Intersection of 251

July 4 - Seneca Trail, Dryer Rd.

July 11 - Auburn Trail, Break of Day Rd.

July 18 - Auburn Trail Fishers Rd.

More helpers are needed - call a friend to help.

New Business:

-Sue and Rich Freeman report that they were in Virginia having put more than 450 miles of trail behind them.

Spring is in various stages depending on the elevation.

If you wish to drop them a line, call Dave (924-3709) for their itinerary.

-A letter from Marcia stated that we can count on October 4, 5, and 6 for a hike in her territory. The hike would include Big Crow and Pharaoh Mts.. RSVP by Sept. 20. She has information on fall hikes in the Adirondacks.

-We received maps from Naples Trails of a section of the old Lehigh, 7 miles of trails from Naples to Stanley.

-Chauncy brought up the changing of the by-laws to allow the treasurer to write checks up to \$249 without requiring 2 signatures (currently there is a 50-dollar limit). He also asked that we discuss what members should be counted to constitute a quorum.

-Dave's son's place of employment (Agents', Inc.) was featured in U.S. News and World Report.

Next Hike: Sat., June 1, 1996, National Trails Day

-Wear good hiking boots to support and protect your ankles as we hike the Lehigh. Meet at Main St. Fishers Fire Hall at 9:00AM.

-All of the local papers as well as the "D & C" will be giving coverage of National Trails Day and our involvement.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 27, 1996, at the Town Hall at 7:30PM.

Adjournment: 9:53PM

Secretary - Ruth E. Nellis

VHT CALENDAR

June 1 National Trails Day - VHT hike - Lehigh Trail. Meet at Fire Hall, Main St. Fishers at 9 AM.
June 2 Car Show with VHT participation
June 6 Maintenance - Auburn Trail, Rawson Rd.
June 8 (Hike rescheduled for June 1)
June 13 Maintenance - Seneca Trail, Fire Hall High St.
June 20 Maintenance - Seneca Trail, Rtes. 96 and 251
June 27 Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
July 4 Maintenance - Seneca Trail, Dryer Rd.
July 11 Maintenance - Auburn Trail, Break or Day Rd.
July 13 VHT hike on the High Tor trail in Naples. Meet at the Town Hall at 9AM - lead by Jeff
July 18 Maintenance - Auburn Trail, Fishers Rd.
July 25 Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
August 4 Valentown Peddlers' Market, 9AM - 5PM (VHT directing traffic and having a booth)
August 10 Hike the Lehigh east - lead by Doug
Sept. 7 Hang Around Victor Day
Sept. 21 "Bridge Walk '96"
Oct. 4-6 Hike Adirondacks at Marcia's.
Oct. 12 Hike Bentley Woods - lead by Carol
Nov. 9 Hike 1000-Acre Swamp