



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

June 27, 1996
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM with 9 attending:
Dave Wright Larry Fisher Leonore Dey
Carol Macinnes Jeff Hennick J. Sheldon Fisher
Roberta Lockwood Chauncy Young Douglas Fisher

Last Month's Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

\$1137.78 checking account
4868.13 savings account
\$6005.91 total assets

Received money for 109 books to date. Net income for June to date is \$183.69. Includes \$200.00 from Bridge Walk '96 sponsors.

Membership Report:

6 new members in June as a result of the National Trails Day Hike and the Victor Car Show. Welcome Wagon needs another 100 brochures. Town Hall, Act II, Village Hall, Ganondagon and the new library have brochures and maps. Leonore sold two more books and collected \$32.22 from the Wednesday "free" coffee collection at Citco on Rt. 96.

Historian's Report:

Dave had articles on bug repellants, Auburn Creek Golf Park, Peter Jemison and the Senecas, blue bird trail along Rt. 20, Mendon Ponds Trails, poison ivy, safety on the trail, and several on National Trails Day. These were given to Roberta. She asked if we could purchase 100 clear plastic sleeves for 3-ring notebooks. Dave will purchase them from Office Max.

Education Report: Nothing to report.

Adopt A Trail:

Harry Lloyd had sent out letters to all "adoptors", reminding them that the trails need maintenance. He got a call from Brighton JC's saying they will be mowing during the week of July 4th.

We need to make signs to recognize these people. Larry suggested a plexiglas, weather sealed sign. Chauncy suggested a common sign with a place to put the name. This could be a plastic or metal engraved sign. Larry will investigate.

Victor Car Show:

11 members helped throughout the day. Many people were interested in knowing more about the trails. We handed out many maps and brochures. One new member signed up. Sold 3 books and 1 shirt. Thanks to all for a great job!!

Book Sale:

Larry reported that we have sold (and received money for) 109 books to date. Another 73 books are sold with funds due. There are many books at the various stores in the area. Larry is currently out of books. He should be getting more from Lewis.

27th Annual Valentown Peddler's Antique Market:

Sunday, August 4, 1996 from 9AM to 5PM. Rain date Aug 11.

We were asked to help direct the traffic. There will not be any parking on High St. or Valentown Rd. There will be shuttle buses between EastView Mall and the Museum. Dealers start arriving around 7AM. They will park on Mr. Snyder's property on High St. We need to have 4-6 people at all times for the entire day. If you can help out for 2 or more hours, please call Dave (924-3709). Jack Richter will ask the Fishers Fire Department if they can help also. If we get enough volunteers, we can have a booth as well.

20th Annual Hang Around Victor Day:

Saturday, Sept. 9, 1996 from 9AM to 4PM

This year's theme is the Native American. Chauncy reported that he sent in the registration and fee. The Chamber of Commerce said we could hike down Main St. at noon to promote our Bridge Walk '96 if we wanted to. Our booth will sell last year's logo merchandise, birdhouses, bat houses, butterfly houses, bird feeders, walking sticks, etc. If anyone can donate some of these, it would be greatly appreciated.

Bridge Walk '96 Sat., Sept. 21, 1996:

Dave reported that the insert for the Canandaigua National Bank statement mailing will be ready for the printer next week. Dave will get a disk to Amy. He is nearly finished with the brochure. He needs some text from Douglas on the Auburn. The photos didn't work out well. Larry volunteered to try to fix them using his photo software. We have 7 corporate sponsors plus ADK said they would contribute. Dave needs to contact Mickey Finn's Restaurant to be sure it's OK to start and finish in front of their parking lot. The brochure will be copied onto a recycled parchment paper.

Douglas reported that he is trying to find a travel agency that would offer a "trip for two" prize. We discussed the T-shirts. Recommended heavy, 100% cotton, blue with white lettering. Carol volunteered to get prices.

Annual Adirondack Hike:

Oct. 4-6, 1996, with Marcia Bryan. Larry, Jeff, Chauncy and Dave are definitely going. Leonore, Carol and Douglas are maybe. If you would like to join us, call Dave.

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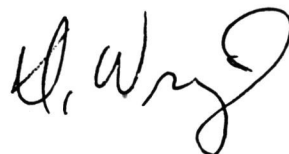
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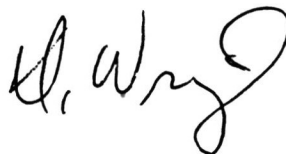
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VHT CALENDAR

July 4 Maintenance- Seneca Trail, Dryer Rd.
July 11 Maintenance- Auburn Trail, Break of Day Rd.
July 13 VHT Hike on the High Tor Trail in Naples. Meet at Town Hall at 9AM. Leader- Jeff Hennick
July 18 Maintenance- Auburn Trail, Fishers Rd.
July 25 Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
August 1 Maintenance- Auburn Trail, Fishers Main St.
August 4 Valentown Peddler's Market, 9AM-5PM (VHT directing traffic and having a booth)
August 8 Maintenance- Monkey Run, Victor Egypt Rd.
August 10 VHT hike on the Lehigh, from Rt 251 to the Village water treatment plant and return via trolley bed and Auburn. Leader, Douglas Fisher.
August 15 Maintenance- Auburn Trail, Phillips Rd.
August 22 Monthly meeting.
Sept. 7 Hang around Victor Day
Sept. 21 Bridge Walk '96 Fund Raiser.
Oct. 4-6 Hike Adirondacks at Marcia7s.
Oct. 12 VHT hike Bentley Woods. Leader- Carol
Nov. 9 VHT hike 1000-Acre Swamp

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. - Application for Kaufmann's Grant

Kaufmann's Victor, New York store at Eastview Mall adjoins the historic Seneca Trail, trod by explorers and Seneca Indians during the 1600s.

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc., has reestablished for modern use the historic six miles of Seneca Trail between the Kaufmann's / Valentown Museum area, along the Seneca Trail through the 1687 French & Seneca battlefield site, and on to Ganondagan, the 1600s principal Seneca village, now a state park which interprets Native American culture and history.

Purpose of Grant: Victor Hiking Trails, Inc., is applying here for funds to prepare and publish a descriptive map and brochure as a hiker's guide, to be distributed at sites throughout the region, to be posted on our World-Wide Web Internet home page for global access, and to be available at the trail itself for hikers to use along the trail.

With Anniversary Grant support, the Kaufmann's logo on the brochure would identify its underwriting by Kaufmann's.

The Valentown Museum, across NYS Route 96 from Kaufmann's, is the major area repository of data and artifacts on this history. Victor Hiking Trails, Inc., proposes to contract with the Valentown Museum to prepare this brochure, using this grant to cover the museum's costs.

Population Served: Resident population within a 15-mile radius is estimated by Eastview Mall to be 565,253 people, of whom 168,445 are under 20 years of age. Tourists visiting the area will increase the population benefited by this grant project. This hiking trail is popular with both children and adults as a health-enhancing method of enjoyably educating about our nation's history.

Project Benefit: This trail brochure would enhance both the educational and recreational experience for its users.

The brochure would illustrate quite a significant chapter in American history. In the 1600s, Europeans entering North America arrived inland by waterway, in particular the St. Lawrence River to Lake Ontario. From Irondequoit Bay on Lake Ontario near present-day Rochester, New York; they took the Seneca Trail south to Ganondagan.

While awaiting announcement of their arrival at Ganondagan, 1600s visitors camped in a field near present-day Kaufmann's. At Ganondagan, explorers such as LaSalle obtained legal permission from the Seneca to proceed further westward to explore the continent and conduct their fur trade.

The Marquis de Denonville, Governor General of Canada, persuaded King Louis XIV of France in 1687 that the Seneca were too closely allied with the English. Denonville obtained French permission for an invasion of the Seneca territory, which occurred in July of 1687 along the Seneca Trail. Using a 1703 site map, we will depict this story.

The Seneca Trail constitutes an enormously historic, scenic, educational, and health-enhancing hiking route. We would appreciate your helping us educate about our history through the grant program commemorating Kaufmann's own history.

Victor Hiking Trails

Summer Maintenance '96

We Need Your Help!

Every Thursday evening at 6:00PM (except nights of our monthly meeting) from May to October we need volunteers to meet at a predetermined trail junction to perform maintenance on a section of trail. Volunteers should come equipped at least with sturdy shoes, pruning shears, small pruning saw or loppers and the expectation that they will experience an enjoyable evening outside with other members of Victor Hiking Trails. We welcome owners of weedwackers and gas powered hedge trimmers to volunteer their use on the trails. The work usually is not hard and typically lasts one hour. Please feel free to work all or just part of a shift. Give me a call if you have questions or want to know where we plan to meet. Larry Fisher 924-5803

June 20 - Seneca Trail, Route 96 at Intersection of Route 251

July 4 - Seneca Trail, Dryer Road

July 11 - Auburn Trail, Break of Day Road

July 18 - Auburn Trail, Fishers Road

August 1 - Fishers Fire Hall #1, Main St. Fishers

August 8 - Monkey Run Trailhead, Victor Egypt Road

August 15 - Auburn Trail, Philips Road

August 29 - Auburn Trail, Route 251

September 5 - Auburn Trail, Rawson Road

September 12 - Seneca Trail, Fishers Fire Hall #2, High Street

September 19 - Seneca Trail, Route 96 at Intersection of Route 251

Others will be scheduled as needed. Work crews are likely to be needed for new trails in Gondagan, parts of the Seneca trail, the Lehigh trail, and for the newest parts of the Auburn trail on the Eastern most end. I will send out flyers announcing additional work parties.

We hope to see you on Thursday evenings!