



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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Happy Holidays!!!!

Meeting minutes of Dec. 19, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with 7 attending.

Dave Wright	Larry Fisher	Carol MacInnes	Norm Smith
Roberta Lockwood	Lee Carl	Chauncy Young	

Minutes of Nov. 21, 1996

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Balance through 11/30/96

Checking	2362.84
Savings	4918.38
Total	7281.22

Outstanding bills	293.94
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Membership Report

Welcome to Bob Butler who recently joined us. Current membership is 144.

Publicity Report

Details of our January hike will be sent to the local newspapers.

Historian's Report

Roberta has many articles and photos to add to the books. She got a request from Rich Freeman for some information on local trails. Dave submitted several articles and Christmas cards from Marcia Bryan and the Freemans.

Education Report

John Francis is preparing for five final exams. He should have lots of nature information to share with us next year.

Adopt -A-Trail

A Victor Boy Scout troop has expressed an interest in one of our trails. It has been approved by their adult leadership. The Seneca section through the wetlands would be good for this group.

History Book Sale

Approximately 7 books sold this month. Call Larry if you need one for Christmas.

ISTEA Grants

Larry needs to call Mike Simon at MRB for a quote.

Last Month's Hike

8 people enjoyed a great hike at Mendon Ponds. Elizabeth Thompson, a naturalist at the park, led the group on trails, off trails and through brush looking for different signs of wildlife and fauna. She gave us a little history of the park and showed us how to hand feed sunflower seeds to the Black Capped Chickadees. Very interesting and educational.

Newsletter

Amy has a couple of articles for the next issue but would like to see some additional stories. Anyone have any ideas?

Trailmaster's Report

Carol, Larry and Chauncy met with a representative from the Nature Conservancy to discuss a trail through Bentley Woods. They agreed on a loop with an entrance through our trail on the Piper's property on Fishers Road as well as the entrance through the Holtz's property on Old Log Cabin Road. A revocable permit has been sent to Albany for approval. If approved, we would need to put up signs and a box for a trail sign-in book, clear some downed trees and mark the trail. They will not allow pets or horses on the trails. And, of course, no motorized vehicles. We would be responsible for the trail maintenance.

Carol will talk to the Burtons after the holidays to see if we can connect to Royal View Heights. We are thinking that the entire trail could then be called Bentley Woods Trail.

Trailboss's Report

RG&E did some major tree cutting and grading on the Auburn near Probst Road. They are moving the power lines to be near the trail.

We should talk to Bob James Equipment for a price on a walk behind brush cutter.

We need to design a bridge over Great Brook by Dryer Road. Larry will look for existing designs.

When the weather is mild, Larry will call a few people to help clear the trail at Royal View Heights.

New Business

We recieved a letter from NYS Law Office regarding donations. Chauncy is reviewing the letter to determine if we need to register with the State. We will reply as soon as possible. Ontario Pathways recieved \$500 from Kodak (Dollars for Doers Program) for bridge work.

Macedon Trails will conduct guided hikes on the second Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. They have planned some hikes on our trails and Ontario Pathways.

Received a letter from a family that participated in the 1995 Bridge Walk, but missed the Bridge Walk '96. They would like to know when the '97 event will be scheduled.

Reviewed our accomplishments in 1996 vs. our goals set in Jan. Felt we had a good year.

Discussed some goals for 1997

- Build bridge over Great Brook

- Add boardwalk to wetland
- Build bridges over the two creeks near Break of Day Road
- Build some small bridges and put up some signs on the new trail at Ganondagan
- Connection from the Lehigh to the Auburn where they cross
- Purchase walk behind brush cutter
- Work on Bentley Woods Trail
- Clear trail near Royal View Heights
- Continue working with Mendon and Rush on the Lehigh Trail
- Increase membership 30%
- Continue to have fund raisers
- Continue with guided hikes

Next Hike

Sat. Jan. 11, 1997

Meet at Victor Town Hall at 9 AM and car pool to Harriet Hollister Spencer Memorial park for cross country skiing or hike.

Note to Officers:

The annual kickoff breakfast meeting will be at Dedes Restaurant on Route 96 at 8:00 am on Sat. Jan. 11, before the hike. Even if you won't be going on the hike, please plan on coming to the breakfast. Dave will call everyone by Jan. 8 to get a count.

Next Meeting

Jan. 23, 1997 7:30 PM at Town Hall.

Adjournment

9:05 PM

written by D. Wright from
notes taken by Norm Smith

VHT CALENDAR

Jan. 11 -	Harriet Hollister Spencer Memorial Park
Feb. 8 -	Boughton Park
Mar. 8 -	Powder Mills Park
Apr. 12-	Durand Eastman Park
May 10-	Spring Farm, Newark
June 7 -	National Trails Day, Monkey Run and Bluebird Sanctuary
July 12-	Gananda Park, west side of Canandaigua Lake