



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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May 22, 1997
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM with 10 attending:

Dave Wright	Larry Fisher	Carol MacInnes	Rich Freeman
John Francis	Norm Smith	Ruth Nellis	Douglas Fisher
Roberta Bennett Lockwood			

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

No report

Membership:

We have 36 public relations memberships and 140 households..

Welcome to our newest members: Kevin and Patti O'Conner!

Thank you to members who have renewed their memberships: Fred and Beth

Dewey, Dennis and Diane Inch, Kathy Calderwood, John Francis

Why not invite a friend to our June 7th hike?

Publicity:

Several articles have appeared in local papers featuring National Trails Day and our hike.

Jeff Hennick will write an article/notice for the local papers for our July hike.

Historian:

Dave submitted some articles on Ontario Pathways and their success in winning a court decision regarding town tax exemption. Other articles included information on the 2000 Daffodil Meadow in Pittsford. The Pittsford Trails Coalition, an Eagle Scout from Troop 129, the town parks and recreation department and Powder Mills Park planted the bulbs.

According to the Wayfarers, which organizes walking tours in the British Isles, France, Italy and Switzerland, you can minimize problems and maximize your fun by following some simple tips:

- get in shape a few weeks before your hike, take daily hikes and get used to climbing if the hike will include hilly terrain.

- wear several layers of thin clothing, as layers can be removed or added as the weather dictates. Lightweight pants are better than jeans which are a disaster if they get wet.
- carry in your lightweight backpack such essentials as sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, moleskin, an extra pair of socks and a water bottle.

For more information on Wayfarers Walking Tours in Europe, call (800) 249-4620 or access the company's World Wide Web site at <http://www.thewayfaarers.com>.

The above was taken from an article in the "Democrat and Chronicle" 4-28-97.

Newsletter:

Thank you to Amy for putting the latest newsletter together while preparing for her wedding.

Congratulations to Amy and Reed!

Check the minutes for dates of upcoming events as some dates are incorrect (changed/typos) in the newsletter.

The next issue will be mailed the middle of August. Please submit articles to Amy by August 1. Of particular might be fall hiking tips, where to see the leaves changing, what types of trees have the most color, etc. We will have an article on Marcia's hike and a picture of our bush hog "Billy Goat".

Trailmaster's Report:

Carol met with Gerald Smith of the Nature Conservancy regarding Bentley Woods. We are waiting for a revocable permit in order to have it included.

Trail Boss' Report:

3 new signs have been put up - 2 on Dryer, 1 at top of the hill at Ganondagan. The new bush hog was used on Break of Day, Dryer and Ganondagan; it worked well especially on hills.

New bridge manufacturers have been looked at :

- a company in Bath has kits; one for a 35' span over Great Brook would be \$13,000+. All agree this is too expensive.
- Marty Dodge at FLCC suggested we use dimension lumber, get DEC approval to use gabions in the brook for supports. Larry will contact the DEC.
- Brian Powers of Sear-Brown has promised a quote on the stone bridge.
- Paul VanScott will talk to some engineers regarding the stone bridge.

Last Hike:

6 hikers viewed the many wildflowers, especially trillium, at Spring Hill Farm.

Old Business:

Anyone who would like to reserve a copy of the Freeman's book Take a Hike please call Dave.

New Business:

Dave met with members of the Town of Penfield Trails Advisory Committee to give them some direction on how to get started on a trail system. They had previously met to take an inventory of current trails and parks and making maps. They have the full support of the town. Don Cranston, chairman of the committee, has been added to our mailing list.

We received a thank you from the Victor High School Class of 1997 for our donation to their senior bash.

A request was received from Thousand Acre Swamp for a donation. They also sent a list of activities for 1997 through Nov.2. It was approved to send \$20.

Dave gave pictures of a footbridge built by scouts of Troop 86 to Larry.

The dedication of the MaryFrancis Bluebird Haven will be on Sat., June 7 at 11AM at 235 Victor-Egypt Rd., across from Valentown Rd..

Macedon Trails invites all to hike Sun., June 8, 1Pm, from Lock 30 to Lock 61 on the Old Erie Canal then back to Macedon Meadows. It is an easy 2-mile round trip which should take about 1 1/2 hours. See historic site such as the site of an 1800's sunken barge.

Hang Around Victor Day is Sat., Sept. 6, which is a change in the date previously published. We will have a booth this year; \$25 will be sent to save us a spot. Dave will coordinate. If you can help, please call Dave.

The hike scheduled for Sept.6 will be moved to Sept. 13 due to the change in date for Hang Around Victor Day.

John Francis would like to mark 30 stops along Monkey Run Trail with information on the flora and fauna. He will make a rough draft booklet. John has a large collection of information on trees, plants, flowers, geology etc.

Wed., June 18, 7-9PM, at Valentown Museum Sue and Rich Freeman will have a book launch open house. There will be book sales and signing, free museum admission and refreshments.

Sat., June 21, 10AM - 11AM, at Valentown Museum there will be a lecture "Auburn Rail to Auburn Trail" with movie footage of the old railroad taken in 1960. Learn of the history of the railroad, hear Sheldon Fisher share his tales of the railroad, hike the Auburn Trail from Fishers Rd. to School St. (shuttle provided back to start). Free - Donations appreciated.

Sue and Rich Freeman will share their Appalachian Trail journey Tues., July 15, 7:30PM at Valentown Museum.

Marcia Bryan is very much looking forward to having the annual hike in the Adirondacks. It will be based at her house in Schroon Lake. Set aside Sept. 26 - 28. Hiking will be the 27 and 28. Marcia has room for a few in her house, or you may camp in her yard or at a nearby campsite, or you may choose to stay at a nearby motel. Please RSVP by Sept. 15.

Next Hike:

June 7, 9AM, Monkey Run Trail. Since parking is limited, carpool from the Town Hall at 8:45. Hike MaryFrances Bluebird Haven also.

Next Meeting: June 26, 7:30PM, Town Hall.

Adjournment: 8:45PM

Secretary - Ruth E. Nellis

VHT CALENDAR

- June 7 - National Trail's Day - Monkey Run, and Bluebird Sanctuary
- June 18 - Book Lanch at Valentown Hall
- June 21 - ~~Auburn Rail to Auburn Trail lecture/movie/hike~~
- July 12 - Hike at Onanda Park, west side of Canandaigua Lake
- July 15 - Freeman slide show of their Appalachian hike, at Valentown
- Aug. 9 - Hike from Dresden to Penn Yan
- Sept. 6 - Hang Around Victor Day
- Sept. 13 - Hike Irondequoit Bay Park East
- Sept. 26 - 28 - Hike the Adirondacks from Schoon Lake
- Oct. 11 - Hike Stid Hill, Bristol Hills
- Nov. 8 - Pittsford, Old Erie Canal/Auburn RR Loop
- Dec. 13 - Hike Birdsong Trail at Mendon Ponds Park