



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

**October 23, 1997
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with 8 attending:

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| Dave Wright | Carol MacInnes | Sue Freeman | Rich Freeman |
| Chauncy Young | Larry Fisher | Jeff Hennick | John Francis |

Last Month's Minutes:

One correction: Bare Hill, not Bear Hill.

Treasurer's Report:

Book sales: 95.60 to Freemans
262.00 total for VHT in books sales

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| Cash | 0.00 |
| Checking account | 1280.53 |
| Savings account | 5011.21 |
| Total | 6291.74 |

Membership

We have 136 members. Welcome to our newest members: Nicole Senet, our friend from Paris who hiked the Adirondacks with us, Sheila Chalifoux, new to the Victor area, and Jane Chapman and Judy McKelvey, both of Pittsford. There were 2 renewals this month..

Publicity:

Dave faxed information to local papers regarding our November hike.

Education:

The Monkey Run Trails brochure is not yet complete. John Francis would like to design a brochure featuring the history of the Auburn and Seneca Trails. All agreed for John to pursue this project.

Newsletter:

The town newsletter will be distributed before November 4th.

Our newsletter deadline is December 1. Call Dave with suggested ideas, such as books for sale, cross country skiing, winter birding.

Trailmaster's Report:

Carol reported that the Nature Conservancy has turned down our request for a trail through Bentley Woods. Carol has written a letter giving the succession of events leading up to this disappointing decision. She will modify it for Dave to submit to the newspapers; Kris Agard, Director of Science and Stewardship for the Conservancy, will be notified of this.

Trail Boss' Report:

There is no news from Scout Devon Branca on his Eagle Scout project..

Larry would like to do a trail sign assessment.

Jack Bauer, Town Highway Superintendent, has a small bulldozer for clearing and leveling the large stone along the Auburn and Lehigh Trails. He will try to have the work done the week of Oct. 27, 1997.

Dave will ask Harry to send thank you letters to trail adopters.

Last Hike:

A beautiful day was provided for the Sat., Oct. 11th hike on Stid Hill. The view from the Bristol Hills overlooking Canandaigua Lake was spectacular; foliage was at or near peak. Several new hikers accompanied some of the regulars for a total of 10.

Old Business:

Nine members and Kaman joined Marcia Bryan for two days of exhilarating hikes in the "medium" peaks of the Adirondacks. Blue sky prevailed Saturday. The 10 exhausted hikers enjoyed a dinner Saturday night. Sunday was overcast, but there was excellent weather for hiking. Reminder for next year: bring spare car keys for Marcia.

Both the Town and the Village have applied for grants for parks: the Town for development of existing land and the Village for the acquisition of more land (adjacent to the 9 acres south of East Main St.). Dave has sent letters of endorsement for both.

New Business:

The proposed slate of officers for next year is:

Chairperson: Dave Wright
Vice Chairperson: Norm Smith
Secretary: Ruth Nellis
Treasurer: Chauncy Young

There were no proposed changes to the By-Laws.

Proposed schedule for hikes in 1998 is:

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| January: Greenway | July: Conklin's Gully |
| February: Cobbs Hill | August: Turning Point Park |
| March: Letchworth | September:: Bare Hill |
| April: Bergen Swamp | October: Camp Cutler |
| May: Chimney Bluffs | November: Irondequoit Trail |
| June: Corbett's Glen | December: Royal Coach |

Ontario Pathways opened their Northern Trail Head in Phelps. It is 1/4 mile east of Midlakes High School along rte. 96 and is 1.2 miles long. Parking is located at the trail head on rte. 96.

Macedon Trails has a tentative hike schedule for November through May. The Canal Trail is complete from Fairport to Palmyra.

Sue and Rich are in the process of researching bike trails in this area. Pittsford is doing major work along the old Erie Canal for biking, Perinton is also addressing this. Rich stated that the Auburn would be a good biking trail if groomed. Rich will work with Larry on improving this.

Next Hike:

November 8 - in Pittsford along the Auburn Railroad and old Erie Canal. We will meet at the Town Hall at 9:00 AM, or at Schoen Place at 9:25AM .

Next Meeting :

November 20, the third Thursday. Annual meeting - election of officers.

Adjournment: 9:25PM

Ruth E. Nellis, Secretary.

VHT CALENDAR

Nov. 8 - Pittsford, Old Erie Canal/Auburn RR Loop

Nov. 20 - Annual meeting, election of officers

Nov. 27 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Dec. 13 - Hike Birdsong Trail at Mendon Ponds Park

Reminder: shotgun hunting season is November 17 - December 9. Wear blaze orange if hiking.