



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

April 23, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with the following members present:

Dave Wright	Larry Fisher	Rich Freeman	Sue Freeman
Ruth Nellis	Carol MacInnes	Chauncy Young	Larry Fisher
Norm Smith			

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Total cash and bank accounts: 5,277.81

No transactions reported for the month.

Membership:

No new members joined this past month. We have not dropped anyone due to elapsed memberships; we are waiting to send out the newsletter with notices. Total to date is 140 memberships.

Publicity:

Dave will send a fax to the newspapers with details of our next hike on May 9. Carol will lead the hike along Chimney Bluffs; carpool from the Town Hall at 9AM and plan on 2-3 hours at the site. Long pants are recommended since there is the presence of poison ivy.

Historian:

Carol will look into an article she saved with information on a theme trail, Women's Rights National Historic Trail, from Boston to Buffalo.

Newsletter:

Amy has been swamped with large projects, but expects to work on our newsletter next week. She apologizes for the delay.

Trailmaster's Report:

Carol attended the MUTC meeting. A handbook for communities desiring to establish trails is in the making. Carol will call Jane Luce regarding the trail easement at Interchange Heights. Hiking Royal View Heights, Carol noted many downed trees along the path; a chain saw will be needed to clear the way. Property on the other side of Fisher's Road is owned by John Ramsey; Carol will see if we can continue the trail.

Trailboss' Report:

Larry will talk with Doug Ryon to schedule a Saturday AM date for replacing a footbridge at Monkey Run. Larry spoke with Devon Branca regarding his boardwalk Eagle Scout project which he is about to begin. We will supply the pressure treated lumber. RG&E has some padlocks for us to use on the gates on the Auburn and Lehigh. Brian Powers (Sear-Brown) would like to assist us with the Auburn bridge repair. Larry spoke with Debbie Wegman at RG&E regarding engineering drawing approaches. Also, ***RG&E is interested in selling the rail bed.*** Let's make sure we don't lose this necessary trail! Larry distributed trail maintenance schedules for this season; it is anticipated that some additional times will have to be added during the rapid growing season.

Last Hike:

15 people hiked Corbett's Glen on a gorgeous day. Also viewed not far from the glen was the confluence of Allen's and Irondequoit Creeks.

Old Business:

We received the charter from the Boy Scouts of America for Post 215. The secretary will keep it until a suitable place for display is located.

We will start our hike on June 6, National Trails Day, at Ganondagan. Peter Jemison or someone from his staff may be able to assist us with a tour/ background history.

Call Dave if you would like to join us on Aug. 28-30 at Marcia's in the Adirondacks.

Hang around Victor Day is Sept. 12, 1998. Call Dave if you can help in the planning of the booth. Dave will call Sue Stehling next week to reserve our spot.

New Business:

Dave sold 2 hiking books.

On March 28, Dave led a group of Tiger Cubs and parents on a hike at Monkey Run.

The 1998 Canal Cruise and Trail Trek will be passing through Rochester on Friday, June 12 and Sat., June 13. They will stay overnight in Fairport.

MUTC would like to develop and publish a Multi-use Trails Guidebook containing informational topics such as trail maintenance, easements, liability, trail surfaces, grant writing, mountain biking, equestrian use, etc.. If you would be interested in contributing, send it to Kristin Mc Burney, Bicycle/Pedestrian Planner, Genesee Transportation Council, 65 West Broad St., Suite 101, Rochester, NY 14614-2288 or E-mail her at gtmpo@frontiernet.net.

We are signed up for the Bergen Swamp hike on Sat., June 13, 1998.

The Victor Historical Society is having a special meeting on Sunday, May 3, 1998, 1PM, at Valentown.

Jack Richter notified the NYSDOT that we will not be pursuing the ISTE grant for the bridge over the Irondequoit Creek.

The Crescent Trails will be meeting at Powder Mills Park fish hatchery on Sunday, May 10th at 1:30PM, for a Mother's Day wildflower hike.

BPAC reported that the new Monroe County Bike Map is at MAPWORKS for final layout.

Sue and Rich Freeman have a new book out, **Bruce Trail, An adventure Along the Niagara Escarpment.**

Post 215 is looking for adult female campers to help out with a number of girls signed up for camping.

Next Hike:

Sat., May 9, Chimney Bluffs. Car pool from the Town Hall at 9AM.; see Publicity for details.

Next Meeting:

Thurs., May 28, 1998, 7:30PM at the Town Hall.

Adjournment: 8:37PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Nellis - Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

May 9 - hike Chimney Bluffs
May 10 - Crescent Trails hike, Powder Mills Park
May 28 - next meeting
June 6 - National Trails Day, hike at Ganondagan
June 13 - hike Bergen Swamp
June 21 - Rails-to-Trails ride along the Auburn Trail
Aug. 28-30 - Adirondack Hike

Yankee weather proverb: When you hear the first frogs of spring, you may be sure that the frost is out of the ground.