



# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

April 22, 1998<sup>9</sup>  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM with 10 attending:

Dave Wright	Chauncy Young	Dave Coleman	Douglas Fisher
Sue Freeman	Rich Freeman	Carol MacInnes	Larry Fisher
Ruth Nellis	Shannon Bradley		

## Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written

## Treasurer's Report:

March:	CD	2000.00
	Checking account	460.67
	Savings account	3476.76
	Total	5937.43

## Membership:

5 memberships were renewed.

Welcome to our new members: Dolores and Kenneth Fanton, Gerald Pfengle, Tara and Jeff Sulecki, Joyce and Mike Prockton, Mike Folster, and Paul Gardner.

Total number of households is 123.

## Publicity:

Dave W. faxed a notice to the newspapers for the May 8 hike at Chimney Bluffs.

## Historian:

Douglas reported that Peter Jemison learned is close to receiving a possible donation of an extensive private Native American collection of artifacts and money for a building to house the collection at Ganondagan.

## Education:

No report.

## Newsletter:

The Town newsletter will have a variety of VHT information as submitted by Dave W. Our next VHT newsletter will be sent out June 1. Please submit articles to Dave W. by May 28.

**Trailmaster:**

Carol and Larry will attempt to contact Frank Tambe regarding blazing of the Seneca Trail along his property on Willowbrook Rd next to the Thruway.

Carol and Ruth will try to call on the Simonds on Dryer Rd. in early May regarding keeping the trail on their property.

Douglas reported on a possible historical Seneca trail on the Benderson (future Wal-Mart) property on rte. 96 across from Hampton Inn.

**Trail Boss:**

Devan Branca called Larry; his Eagle Scout rank has been accomplished.

Debbie Wegman of RG&E called regarding the use of property next to the substation on Dryer Rd. and rte. 444, nothing has been decided; she will call again.

Lewis Fisher is running another printing of his history book on Victor; over 1500 have been sold.

Maintenance starts May 6 at Fishers Fire House 1. Switch the maintenance locations of May 29 and June 10 so the Seneca Trail will be ready for National Trails Day.

The hike on National Trails Day will begin at Ganondagan (car pool from Valentown) and end at Valentown with light refreshments served by the Historical Society.

Sign posts are needed: Seneca Trail by the old house; corner of rte. 444 and Dryer Rd; on the Auburn where the Seneca meets twice; on Lehigh at Mendon; on Auburn at Farmington.

It has been noticed that some large trees are down on the Seneca Trail by the golf range.

**Last Hike:**

Mona Rynearson led 21 people on a walk through the Zurich Bog. It was very informative.

**Old Business:**

Dave W. caught up with Peter Jemison on April 2 to discuss moving the Seneca Trail to come in at the northeast corner of Ganondagan on rte. 444. Peter said it would be fine; his only concern was for 4 days in August when the elders use that part of the property. They would not want people hiking through. We would need to close the trail for that time period. Dave told him that would be acceptable. We now need to get RG&E's permission to use their substation property on the corner of rte. 444 and Dryer for both the Seneca and Auburn Trails.

National Trails Day, June 5 – meet at 9AM at Valentown to car pool to Ganondagan and hike back to Valentown for refreshments. Bring water and a bag lunch; wear hiking boots.

Adirondack hike with Marcia is May 21, 22, 23. At this time, Dave Coleman, Larry Fisher, and Dave Wright are going. Call Dave W. if you care to join.

**New Business:**

Dave W. attended the Trail Design and Construction workshop on April 17 at Camp Cutler in Naples. It was sponsored by the Finger Lakes Trail Coalition and was most informative. We can make some of our trails more pleasurable with a little extra effort in

planning and building the trails. Several of the recommended guidelines are to keep grades to 10% or less and have trails a minimum of 24" in width.

May 1 at 9AM, Ken Waters will lead the NYS Bluebird Society on a hike on his bluebird trail and conduct a briefing at the MaryFrances Bluebird Haven.

Dave W. attended a public informational meeting on April 14 regarding the Lake Ave. improvements, including the extension of the Turning Point Park Trail along the Genesee River. This will add about one mile of trail, including some extensive structures.

We received a letter from Victor Yates stating that the Pittsford Trails Coalition steering committee voted to disband effective immediately. They stated that the proposed routes for the Pittsford trails system are now established as part of the Town of Pittsford's Master Plan. Further communication should go to Doug Morgenfeld, Director, Pittsford Parks Department, 35 Lincoln Ave., Pittsford, NY 14534. Dave W. will update the membership data base. A question was raised regarding the plans for the Auburn in Pittsford. Dave W. will try to get their plans for their section.

Ontario Pathways will lead a walk on Sunday, May 16 at 8AM on a section of the Ontario Pathways' Trail in Phelps. Meet at the Gifford Rd. parking lot. The hike will be 4 miles and take 2 hours.

Daffodils should be in bloom on the Pittsford Trail north of Powder Mills Park along the Irondequoit Creek.

Hikes sponsored by Crescent Trails:

May 9, 1:30 – Indian Hills; focus on wildflowers

June 13, 1:30 – Lodge at Woodcliff to Oliver Loud's Inn, Bushnell's Basin

July 11, 1:30 – Lyndon Rd. Bridge to Lake Edwards and High Acres

**Next Hike:**

May 8, Chimney Bluffs. Carol will lead the hike. Car pool from the Town Hall at 9AM. Bring water and a bag lunch. Wear hiking boots.

**Next Meeting:** 7:30PM, Thurs., May 27..

**Adjournment:** 9:15PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth E. Nellis  
Secretary

## VHT CALENDAR

- May 1 Bluebird walk at Ken Waters
- May 8 9 AM Hike Chimney Bluffs
- May 21, 22 & 23 Adirondack hike with Marcia
- May 27 7:30 PM Monthly meeting
- May 28 Articles for VHT Newsletter due
- June 5 9 AM National Trails Day, hike Seneca Trail
- June 12 9 AM Bike Auburn and Lehigh Trails to Mendon
- June 24 7:30 PM Monthly meeting
- July 10 9 AM Hike Dish Mill Creek at Letchworth
- July 22 7:30 PM Monthly meeting

**“When you hear the first frogs of spring, you may be sure that the frost is out of the ground.” From Yankee Weather Proverbs**