



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

July 22, 1999
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM with 6 attending:

Dave Wright	Chauncy Young	Roberta Lockwood
Larry Fisher	Ruth Nellis	Dave Coleman

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

June:	CD	2000.00
	Checking account	61.76
	Savings account	3495.70
	Total	5557.70

We purchased a new gas powered hedge trimmer (~\$300.00) and had the old one repaired (~\$100.00).

Chauncy needs to submit to the state our Certificate of Incorporation, Letter of Determination from the IRS and our amended ByLaws.

Membership:

2 renewals were received. Total households is 127.

Publicity:

Dave W. faxed a notice to the newspapers regarding the August hike. He also updated the phone message.

Historian:

Roberta submitted photos on Boughton Park and Labor Day '98.

Dave W. submitted an article on the Genesee River and another on the 44-acre parcel of land purchased by the Town and Village. This is adjacent to the 9 acre park, owned by the Village, south of Main St. between Maple St. and Brace Rd.. Possible uses for this enlarged park include picnic areas, hiking and nature trails, playground, archery range, volleyball area and a stocked pond for fishing and ice skating.

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

The deadline is August 27 for the September newsletter. Submit ideas to Dave W. If you have any information for the Town newsletter, see Dave also. Deadline is September 15.

Trailmaster:

A revocable permit was received from Frank Tambe for access across his property on Willowbrook Rd., by the Thruway. The Town has a copy, one was mailed to Mr. Tambe and one will be kept in our records. Mar. Tambe will be added to our trail grantor's list and our newsletter mailing. Dave W. will put this information in our newsletter.

Carol found out that David Reh owns the property next to RG&E on Dryer Rd.. She will ask him for a revocable permit and permission to build a foot bridge across Great Brook.

Trail Boss:

Larry, Chauncy and Dave W. installed 4X4 posts with our square yellow signs at the following sites: Mendon/Victor border on the Lehigh; two where the Seneca enters the wetland/woodland off the Auburn between rte.251 and Rawson; Farmington/Victor border on the Auburn.

We still need posts and signs at: Willowbrook by the Thruway on the Tambe property, Break of Day Rd. for access to the Auburn, Royal View Trail at Fishers Rd. and at the cul-de-sac at the top of the hill, and at Benson Rd. for access to Royal View Trail. Also two at the MaryFrances Bluebird Sanctuary parking area on Victor-Egypt Rd.

Dave W. bought blue paint to match our trail marker signs and blazed Royal View Trail from the top of the hill to the pond.

Larry and Chauncy talked to Jack Van Voorhis and looked under the first bridge. They discussed methods of repair and there is evidence of erosion. Jack will consult with experts in order to get more information on the best way to repair.

The Billy Goat needs repair. The part is in so it should be completed soon.

Lewis Fisher sent Larry two more boxes of the Victor history books for us to sell.

Last Hike:

On a sunny day, 15 hikers, including 2 from France, followed a trail through field and woods from River Rd. to the bottom of Dish Mill Creek on the east-side of the Genesee River at Letchworth Park. After a short pause to change into wet shoes, they hiked up the creek to a 20' high falls where they stopped for lunch. The hike was completed with a short walk back to the cars.

Old Business:

The TEA-21 grant was submitted by Jane Luce to the NYS DOT. It is considered a re-application for \$250,000.

The Seneca Trail at Ganondagan will be temporarily closed from Aug. 7-15 while the elders hold their meetings. Dave W. has some small red signs to place at the trail.

Lehigh Trail in Mendon update: Dave W. talked to Dick Dehm and was told that in Dec. 1997, Kodak fly ash was put down on a half mile section west of Plains Rd., and compacted with a bulldozer, but was not properly graded first. Some of the klinkers are a little too large and it needs to be crowned and rolled for bicycles. Offered to them was a dolomite by-product to mix

in, but it hasn't been tried yet. Small dump trucks for transportation at slow work times have been offered by the County Parks. They have about 18 miles to cover between Rush and Mendon. They also cleared 1 mile of trail between W. Bloomfield and Chamberlin Rd. last fall. This is wide, smooth and suitable for bikes and horses.

The Mendon Foundation has also applied for a TEA-21 grant to complete the trail and redeck the big bridge over the Genesee River. All small bridges are completed.

Kodak is slowly switching over from coal to oil-fired furnaces, but there will still be ash available for at least the next 3 years.

Dave W. spoke with Lee Jones at Ganondagan to verify the relocation of the Seneca Trail at the State Historic Site for updating their trail maps.

Dave W. got information from the web site on Millennium Trails. Application form will come from the American Hiking society. This would be for a community trail. Provided would be trail markers, assistance in preparing for a celebration on National Trails Day 2000 and a map and description of the trail in the National data base.

Reminder: We are planning a fall Adirondack hike with Marcia Bryan for Sept. 24-26. If you would like to join us, please let Dave W. know.

New Business:

Congratulations to Dave Wright!! At the July 20 Republican Caucus, Dave received outstanding support from the citizens attending to run for Town Councilman at the upcoming election this fall. Wouldn't it be great to see Dave sitting on the Town Board – our environment would be well represented.

Trail Works is clearing the Newark to Marion trail. As of 6-15-99, it was half cleared. They are hoping to develop a trail between Wolcott and the Wayne/Cayuga County border on RG&E property.

The Victor Parks and Recreation Committee reported to the Town Board on 7-12-99. They are developing short and long range goals for facilities, programs and Town needs. They will be bench marking similar size towns for comparisons. They are looking at current projects, available grants, possible use of the old Jr. High, and want to create a good survey. Ideas will be prioritized and a proposed budget for short and long range facilities will be developed. In September, they hope to present a comprehensive plan to the Town and Village.

The Town has appropriated \$900.00 for Babette Huber, Town Historian, to hire a consultant, Sara Linda Hooker, to inventory the Town for historic buildings/homes.

Oct. 3-9, 1999, there will be a large bicycle tour of the Erie Canal from Buffalo to Albany. This 384-mile event is being organized by the New York Parks and Conservation Assoc. and is called "Cycling the Erie Canal." If interested, call the NYPCA office at (518)434-1583 or email at canaltrail@nypca.org. There is a \$325.00 registration fee.

Sue and Rich Freeman are developing a new brochure for Canalway Trail tourists. It will focus on the Lockport to Palmyra section and include information about local bed and breakfasts, general trail conditions, restaurants and possibly bike shops.

Oct. 8,9,10 and possibly 11, will be the FLTC fall campout. They will gather at Cornell University's Arnot Teaching and Research Forest, 11 miles south of Ithaca. They will hike along the FLT, the Abbott Loop and maybe some FL Land Trust property. Check out the FLT web site at www.fingerlakes.net/trailsystem for more information.

3 new developments have proposed donating land to the Town. The Parks and Recreation Committee is reviewing and will make recommendations to the Board. These sites are Hampton Subdivision on Gillis Rd. (includes part of 100 Acres Woods), Springdale Subdivision on the

corner of Valentown and Victor-Egypt Rd. (our Monkey Run) and Village on the Park on the east side of Victor-Egypt Rd. just north of the Thruway.

We are a member, as an organization, of the 1999 Victor Chamber of commerce and are listed in the brochure.

Next Hike:

August 14 from Seneca Park to Stutson St. Bridge and return. 3-4 hours is estimated. Bring water and a bag lunch. Meet at the Town Hall 9AM to car pool. Call the information phone line, 234-8226, for additional info.

Next Meeting: 7:30PM, Thurs., August 26, 1999.

Adjournment: 8:32PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Nellis
Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

Aug. 14 9 AM Hike Genesee Gorge/Seneca Park

Aug. 26 7:30 PM Monthly meeting

Sep. 4 7:30 PM Hike the Ring of Fire, Bare Hill

Sep. 11 9 AM – 5 PM Hang Around Victor Day

Sep. 23 7:30 PM Monthly meeting

Sep. 24-26 Hike the Adirondacks with Marcia

Oct. 9 9 AM Hike from Ontario Co. Park to Camp Cutler

Oct. 28 7:30 PM Monthly meeting

**“Crickets and tree toads singing loudly in the evening indicate it will be fair and hot.”
From Yankee Weather Proverbs**