

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
Regular Monthly Meeting
Victor Town Hall
March 28, 2002

Called to order at 7:35 PM

Attendees: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, David Coleman, Carol McInnes, Roberta Lockwood

Last Month's Minutes: Approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Chauncy Young gave the Treasurer's report:

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| C.D. | \$2,634.74 |
| Checking | 2,068.97 |
| Savings | 3,343.84 |
| Cash | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$8,047.55 |

Chauncy will be consolidating all of the accounts into one interest bearing checking account.

Membership: We welcome Tom & Jodi King (Victor), Jane Callahan (Victor), Singe Swanson (Victor), and Jonathan Wolfinger (Rochester and Genesee Valley Hiking Club). 13 renewals this month. Total current membership now stands at 165.

Publicity: Dave Wright updated the voice mail line and sent faxes to the local newspapers regarding our April 13 hike for Spring flowers at Boughton Park.

Historian: Article on Carmen Commons in Farmington, off Rte. 332 by the Auburn Trail. Plans call for 57 homes, 65 senior townhomes and 380,000 sq. ft. of commercial business on 106 acres. Farmington is asking for 20 acres of open space and access to the trail.

The Hill and Valley Riders snowmobile club has regained use of a gravel pit in Naples, after the club changed its insurance to have the Town of Naples a primary insurer. GTC has published their recommendations for TEA-21 projects in our region. The Auburn is still rated number 1.

GTC is conducting meetings to gather additional information for the Trails Initiative.

Education: No report.

Newsletter: The newsletter was mailed March 3rd to over 200 members and friends of trails. The town newsletter will be mailed at the end of April. Dave W. submitted several articles.

The next VHT newsletter will be mailed the end of May. Deadline is May 23.

Trailmaster: Carol will attend the Sierra Club Environmental Forum on Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Rd. South. We will have a

display table with maps and brochures. Carol and Ruth will talk to the owners of the Apple Farm for permission for a trail.

Trail Boss: Don't forget to check out your assigned trail and report to Larry by April 20. Glen McHarque (a student at FLCC) needs to do 75 hours of volunteer community service work. Larry will talk to him regarding trail work and possible help with the history records.

April 8th Dave W. and Chauncy will meet with reps. from Pactiv at 4:00 PM on Phillips Road to determine what they can do to improve the Auburn Trail.

Last Hike: March 9 was an unusual hike. 12 people, including leader Peter Whitcombe, hiked from Lollypop Farm to the Perinton Community Center on Turhill Rd. and back. They had a guided tour of the community center and ate lunch in one of the meeting rooms. As a token of our appreciation, Dave W. sent Peter a VHT patch and bandana.

Old Business: Dave W. attended the Eagle Court of Honor for Zach Rheaume on March 17. Very impressive ceremony with the Order of the Arrow making a special presentation.

Dave W. attended a GTC Trails Initiative on Mar. 20 at the Perinton Town Hall. The tentative plans call for near, mid and long term trail improvements. Long term (2011-2016) shows the Auburn complete from Rochester to Canandaigua, the Lehigh from the Genesee River to Manchester, among many others. Lacking was a large outer loop trail connecting parks and the trails that look like spikes of a wheel with Rochester being the hub.

The Messenger Post Newspapers "Summer Guide" will have information about our bike ride on June 1, National Trails Day.

May 3-5 will be the trip to Marcia's in the Adirondacks. If you want to go, call Dave W. at 924-3709.

The latest VHT trail maps are now available. When you renew your membership, you will get new maps.

Library talk is still scheduled for Wed. 7 PM, May 22, VHT, Victor Parks and Footprint Press will be featured.

Russ Brindle has scheduled the construction of his bridge over White Brook in Monkey Run. Meet there Sat. April 20 and 27 at 10 AM if you can help.

T-shirts: Chauncy has prices and designs for the new shirts. \$50.00 setup fee to be paid by VHT. \$10.00 per logo plus cost of shirt to be paid by individuals. We will put an article in the next newsletter.

The first organizational meeting of the **Genesee Regional Trails Coalition** was held on March 21 and attended by 30 people representing 20 different groups. 11 trail groups, municipalities and individuals have joined to date.

New Business: Dave W. sent a packet of information on VHT and the Town of Victor to Taylor Neswick, a fifth grader at Neil Hafley School in Manteca, CA. He is doing a class project on the State of NY and asked for state postcards, maps, brochures, and info on wildlife, industry, sports, and places to visit.

The Center for Environmental Information is sponsoring the New York North Coast Conference on May 3 at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Registration is \$35.00 before 4/19/02. The NYS Wetlands Forum, Inc. is holding the 2002 Annual Conference and Meeting on April 17 & 18 in Liverpool, NY. Preregistration is \$100.00.

Genesee Valley Hiking Club hiked the Auburn on Mar. 10 from E. Victor Rd. to Rt. 251 and back via the Seneca Trail. Dave W. gave them trail maps and newsletters.

Mendon Foundation is moving forward with the work on the Lehigh. LaBella Associates are engineering the plans and will ask for construction bids this summer. Contracts will be awarded Oct. 1 with completion expected by summer of 2003.

Perinton Trails has a new brochure.

FLCC has a Speakers Bureau with over 30 speakers and 50 different subjects including nature and wildlife.

The Town of Victor has hired DeWolff Partnership Architects to conduct the feasibility study for the needs and location of a community center. The schedule calls for a final report by 7/30/02.

The Victor Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been finalized. Dave W. has a copy.

Next Hike will be held on April 13. Meet at Town Hall at 9AM. Destination is Boughton Park, Stirnie Road entrance. Cars must have a valid sticker.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be held April 25

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
David Wright, acting scribe**