

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Victor Town Hall**  
**September 26, 2002**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

**Attendees:**

Dave Wright, David Coleman, Larry Fisher, Roberta Lockwood, Norm Smith, Jeff Hennick, Carol MacInnes, Ruth Nellis, Chauncy Young, Kathy Manners,

**Last Month's Minutes;**

Approved as written except for Sunday, September 29, not 30.

**Treasurer's Report:**

C.D.	\$3,000.00
Old Checking	1,367.51
CNB Checking	1,224.64
Energized checking	0.00
Savings	0.00
Cash	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$5,592.15

**Membership:**

Welcome to Brenda Reeb & Len Fela of Rochester, James Rigby and John McVay of Victor, and Charles Carlton of Fairport. Nine renewals this month. Total household membership now is 157.

**Publicity:**

Dave Wright updated the voice mail line and sent faxes to the local newspapers regarding our Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> hike.

**Historian:**

Submitted articles on our guided hikes, a new canal trail from Palmyra to Macedon and wetlands along the canal.

**Education:**

Ruth Nellis has painstakingly continued to research Braille signs for a nature trail in Fishers Park. Her research has included feedback from ABVI. Recognition Experts, Inc. recommends cast bronze for longevity and immunity to weather ravages. Ruth visited Mendon Ponds to view their signage. Their signs are numbers only, with a book in Braille left at the head of the trail. It was generally agreed that the signs in Fisher's Park should minimally include the tree name; a drawing of the overall profile; a drawing of the leaf, blossom, and seed (if possible), and be placed at the base of each respective tree. It may be possible to complete all the signage at the base of the hill due to the fact that this constitutes a representative sampling. The Braille tag would be placed on top of the marker and probably contain just the name of each tree. Ruth will continue her research and report back to the group.

**Newsletter:**

The Fall issue of the VHT Pathfinder was mailed 8/29/02. Next issue will be mailed Dec. 1. Deadline for articles is Nov. 21. The Victor Community newsletter was mailed September 22, a little late. The number of pages were reduced to control costs. The articles that were submitted by VHT will be resubmitted for the next issue, which should go out in December. Can we cut cost by putting VHT Pathfinder on web-site?

**Trail Master:**

No report. Will check Ravenwood and new development.

**Trail Boss:**

Maintenance is completed for this season. A motion was made to purchase 5 X 8 trailer with tool storage mounted on trailer for hauling our trail mowers. Price not to exceed \$1,000.00. Rescinds last month's motion. Motion made by Ruth Nellis, seconded by Roberta, carried and passed.

**Last Hike:** Nineteen trekkers made the hike on the Finger Lakes Trail, beginning at the West Hill Preserve on Seman Road in South Bristol/Naples area. It was about 4 miles, mostly downhill, to Bob & Ruth's on Rt. 21. There were a few rest stops and a lunch break on the side of the hill overlooking the Naples Valley. If it wasn't for the little shower at the end of the hike, some were ready to hike back up the hill.

**Old Business:**

Dave Wright signed off on Chris Sonnefeld bridge design and project. He still needs a letter from the DEC, which he expects shortly.

**Genesee Region Trails Coalition:** Looking for volunteers for Sunday, October 6 from noon to 5PM. If you can help for an hour or two, please call Dave Wright at 924-3709. Call the information line, 234-8439 or check out the web-site at [www.grtcinc.org](http://www.grtcinc.org) for details. Chauncy and Roberta volunteered to help.

**VHT Brochures:** Dave W. Received 3000 copies. Bill from the printer was \$210.00. Bill from Amy for the new design was \$200.00.

**Adirondack weekend with Marcia:** 13 people are going on Friday, Sept. 27 at noon. Dinner at Marcia's. Hike all day Saturday.

**Hang Around Victor Day:** Great day! Lots of people. Handed out many maps and brochures. Sold 4 books, a butterfly house, and water bottles.

**New Business:**

Pittsford, Perinton and Victor submitted an inter-municipal request to GTC to be considered for one of the first "Priority Trails Advancement" projects as part of the Trails Initiative program.

**Footprint Press:** has issued their Sept/Oct 2002 newsletter. Ruth's article on choosing a bike was included.

**Letterboxing:** This activity is similar to geocaching. It makes for interesting hiking. To learn more, go to [www.letterboxing.org](http://www.letterboxing.org). If you have a GPS, check out [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). Dave Coleman is writing an article for our next newsletter.

**Finger Lakes Trail Newsletter:**

Interesting article on stretching before and after a long hike.

**Lake Country Connections Newsletter:**

Has lots of ideas for fun things to do this winter.

**Bike Belong Organization:**

Announced a TEA-21 Grant of \$800,000 awarded to the Adirondack North Country Association for a 9.1 mile long multi-use trail from Lake Placid to Saranac Lake. It will run parallel to the Adirondack Railroad.

**Newsletter Postage:**

Dave W. checked with the Victor Postmaster. Set up fee of \$150.00, yearly fee of \$150.00, then it is \$.344 each.

**Next Hike:**

Saturday, Oct. 12, at Finger Lakes National Forest. There will be many trails to choose from. Dave W. will lead the hike. Meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** October 24

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen A. Manners

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