

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Victor Town Hall**  
**October 24, 2002**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

**Attendees:**

Dave Wright, David Coleman, Larry Fisher, Roberta Lockwood, Jeff Hennick, Carol MacInnes, Chauncy Young, Kathy Manners, Randy Shea

**Last Month's Minutes;**

Approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:**

C.D.	\$3,000.00
Old Checking	
CNB Checking	1,541.49
Energized checking	0.00
Savings	
Cash	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$4,541.49 (Cash and Bank Accounts)

**Membership:**

Welcome to Mrs. Chris Coccia of Fairport. Three renewals this month. One was a \$100 donation. Total household membership now is 160. Dave Coleman has agreed to be the new membership chairman. Thanks Dave!!!

**Publicity:**

Dave Wright updated the voice mail line and sent faxes to the local newspapers regarding our Nov. 9th hike.

**Historian:**

Several articles submitted on our guided hikes, and the GRTC Autumn Hike & Bike event at Genesee Valley Park. Roberta had several articles from the Messenger Sunday Outdoor page. Randy Shea gave us photos of our Sept. hike. He will put them on his website, [www.somebodiestreasure.com](http://www.somebodiestreasure.com). K. Manners submitted an article from the NY Times regarding a Peak in the Adirondacks named after a civil rights crusader.

**Education:**

Ruth Nellis was absent but Carol reported that Ruth is having trouble sketching graphics for the nature trail signs. It was suggested she look on the Internet and in books for line drawings and make copies. The sign manufacturers usually want camera-ready artwork.

**Newsletter:**

Deadline for *Pathfinder* articles is Nov. 21. The Victor Community newsletter deadline is Nov. 11. The articles that were submitted for the last issue by VHT will be resubmitted for this issue, which should go out in December or Jan. Dave checked with

Ron Sears regarding putting our newsletter on our website. Ron felt that it is possible. Dave will pursue this further.

**Trail Master:**

Carol checked on Ravenwood and Camden Hills on Lynaugh Road regarding trails. Carol and Ruth will hike it to see where a trail could be proposed. Carol will contact Mr. Holmes, the adjoining landowner.

**Trail Boss:**

Larry enjoyed his month off. He will winterize the mowers. Randy said his father has a large, twin-axial landscaping trailer for sale if we are interested. Asking \$950.

Dave Wright requested that the square yellow signs be placed on the Auburn where it crosses Proximity Lane (two needed), at Rt. 251 (one needed), and on the Lehigh where it crosses either Phillips or Waghams (he couldn't remember which one was missing a sign). Also need a post and sign on Yale Court at the trailhead parking area.

**We will meet at Yale Court on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2007 at 10 AM.** Bring orange ribbon and hand clippers.

**Last Hike:** Fifteen trekkers, including two youngsters, plus one well behaved Doberman named Milo, made the hike on the Finger Lakes National Forest Trails, in the area south of Ovid. It was about 8 miles over mostly gently rolling hills. The beginning was a great trail through woods, with lots of boardwalk. The return trail was mostly through open cow pasture (watch where you are stepping). Lunch break was beside manmade Teeter Pond.

**Old Business:**

Chris Sonnefeld has the long awaited approval letter from the DEC for his bridge project between the Auburn Trail and Lehigh Crossing Trail. He and his Dad plan to start site preparations this weekend. He is making arrangements for delivery of the poles and working with the parks dept. for tree removal where necessary. He will keep us apprised of his progress.

**Genesee Region Trails Coalition:** The Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Autumn Hike & Bike event at Genesee Valley Park went well. There were approximately 35 participants and 16 volunteer helpers. Thanks Chauncy for being a trail marshal and counting trail users. We collected some useful data.

The members are now planning a spring event. Friends of Webster Trails and Webster Schools (8000 students) are talking about a partnership for National Trails Day on June 7<sup>th</sup>. We could follow the lead with a partnership with Victor Schools and Victor Parks to have a fundraiser on NTD. The proposed split would be 40% each for the schools and VHT, 20% for GRTC. GRTC would secure major sponsors and arrange for mass advertising highlighting trail activities. Funds would be used by the schools to promote outdoor healthy heart activities such as hiking, biking, jogging, skiing, roller blading. etc. VHT would use the funds to improve our trails. GRTC would use their share to help member trail groups bridge the gaps in the 10 county trail system.

General consensus was that we should not use NTD as a fundraiser, but we should use it as a membership drive. Highlight could be a hike from Dryer Road Park to Fort Hill to Ganondagan to Mead Park. Motion made by Chauncy, seconded by Roberta, and unanimously carried. Dave W. will communicate to Charlene and GRTC.

**Adirondack weekend with Marcia:** 11 people hiked Giant and Rocky Peak Ridge, a total of 11 miles. The morning started out cool, with lots of fog on top of Giant. As the fog lifted and the sun came out, everyone enjoyed the fantastic views. By the time we finished, everyone was tired, but in good shape for the big meal in Keene Valley at the Ausable Inn – hosted by Jeff Hennick. Thanks Jeff for a wonderful meal!! Sunday morning a few of us stopped at the Visitor's Interpretive Center for a slow, easy walk on the nature trails before heading back home. Looking forward to a spring hike.

**Nameplates:** Dave Wright got aluminum nameplates for the nature trail and the two bridges in Monkey Run Park. They are all Eagle projects built by scouts. The signs will be installed soon.

**Auburn Trail:** Pittsford, Perinton and Victor submitted an inter-municipal request to Genesee Transportation Council to be considered for one of the first "Priority Trails Advancement" projects as part of the Trails Initiative program. Victor has pledged \$3000 in in-kind staff work and \$5000 cash for engineering work. With the towns of Perinton and Pittsford doing their share, the total will be close to \$30,000 for this phase of the project. Requests For Proposals will be sent out in Dec. or Jan. by GTC. Engineering work could start this summer.

**Letterboxing:** Dave Coleman is writing an article for our next newsletter.

#### **New Business:**

**Lehigh Signs:** Chauncy requested that the signs to be placed on the Lehigh Trail conform to the Black Diamond signs already placed in Monroe County. Estimates for the signs has been included in the budget.

**Spring Bike Event:** Chauncy and Carol attended a meeting with Thompson Health, LDC and Trailblazers to discuss a bike event for spring 2003. General consensus was that VHT should partner with this group to plan and participate in this fundraiser. Tentative date is Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Randy, seconded by Jeff, and passed unanimously. Chauncy will communicate to the group when they meet next week.

**Trolley Trail:** Dean Cardulla, owner of the section we cleared by Rt. 251 last spring, has signed a revocable permit for us. It is on file with the Town.

**Rochester Junction:** Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM there will be a hike where the Lehigh RR had a large terminal for its branch to Rochester. Take Rt. 251 west past the Hamlet of Mendon. Just west of Rt. 65, turn left onto Junction Rd. and then Plains Road. See where the tracks used to be. Sponsored by Honeoye Falls Historical Society.

**Hawk Haven Subdivision:** Possible trail along the western property line to connect Falcon's Nest to Valentown Road. Near the gas pipeline.

**Sykes Subdivision:** Located on Malone Road near North Road in southwest corner of town. Parish Road used to connect Strong Road and Malone Road, but the town abandoned the road years ago. The landowner is subdividing 68 acres into 3 somewhat evenly sized parcels. One lot is for the existing house, one for a new house and one for a horse pavilion. The owner doesn't want hikers using the area. The planning board didn't push it because of the isolation.

**2003 Hiking Schedule:** Crescent Trails is planning a ski/hike on the Auburn Trail, out and back from Fishers Fire Station 1 in Fishers on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9, 2003. Anyone from Victor is invited to join them.

**We will put together our 2003 hike schedule next month. Bring your ideas for new and interesting hikes.**

**Next year's Officers:** Dave Wright, Kathy Manners and Chauncy agreed to continue for another year. Norm Smith had expressed that we find another vice chairman. Elections will be next month. Please let Chauncy know if you are interested.

**Next Hike:**

Saturday, Nov. 9, at Letchworth State Park. We will hike the east rim, approximately 8 miles. Meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9 a.m. Or McDonald's in Mt. Morris at 10 a.m.

**Next Meeting: Nov. 21 THIRD THURSDAY in Nov. and Dec.!**

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen A. Manners

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