



**Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.**  
**Meeting Minutes, August 25, 1992**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM. Nine people were in attendance. Dave Wright noted that the normal fee for a booth at Hang Around Victor Days is \$20, not \$10 as noted in the previous minutes.

By-Laws:

Marcia Bryan read changes to the by-laws which we had previously discussed. Marcia brought a motion to **change the regularly scheduled meetings to the 4th Wednesday of each month**. The motion was seconded and was agreed upon by a unanimous vote of the members in attendance.

Much discussion ensued concerning VHT dues - dollar amounts and terminology. It was noted that people can't claim contributions to VHT as a tax deduction until we have tax exempt status. Carol MacInnes made a motion to set the dues at \$5 for basic membership, \$ 10 for supporting membership, and \$20 or more for contributing membership. Each level would be for a family unit and would become effective January 1, 1993. Dave Wright seconded the motion. Allen Johnson brought up the issue of who is defined as a voting member in a family unit. We agreed to define it as any family member 18 years or older. Carol recommended not stating the specific dollar amounts for dues in the by-laws. Marcia Bryan agreed to check with Allan Lockwood to see if this is OK.

An updated version of the by-laws, incorporating these changes will be distributed and reviewed at our next meeting.

Tax Status:

Allen Johnson called the local tax office for federal forms but may have received the wrong forms. He is proceeding with the state application for tax exempt status but needs to wait for the correct forms to proceed with the federal application. The federal application appears to be complex and will cost \$150. Allen reported that we have \$260 in the checking account. The only change from last report was payment of \$30 to Sue Freeman for postage of meeting minutes.

Trails:

Harry Lloyd spoke to RG&E. They have typed up the license and Alice Hunt should now have received it. They asked us to mark on a map where we plan to do work and to review our plans with them before proceeding.

Larry Fisher reported that a group worked on the railbed trail from Main St., Fishers toward Probst Rd. They identified problem areas such as the cattle fence, the 3rd culvert, and the washed out bridge. For future work parties he plans to break crews into smaller groups and give them assigned tasks. He is considering convening evening work crews.

The next step will be mowing. We discussed using an old personal mower or the possibility of getting the town to use a brush hog on the trail. There were concerns about accessibility of the trail to get a brush hog in and the concern over making the trail too wide this year when it's an unmarked trail. A work session will be needed to clear out downed trees. Then we can work south from Fishers.

Larry and Harry agreed to work out the plans for review with RG&E.

**The next work party will be Saturday, September 19th** unless we hear differently from RG&E. Meet at 9 AM behind the Fishers fire hall.

Marcia received a map with a trail location marked on it from Mr. Wilmot of Cobblestone Creek. The trail does go through the ravines as hoped. Marcia will walk the land with Mr. Wilmot.

Marcia heard of a new O'Brien subdivision (Gillis Rd. subdivision) adjacent to Wiley Estates. She is beginning work toward getting a trail easement and so far the people involved have seemed to be receptive.

For the Fishers Rd. subdivision, the planning board has approved the trail on the map and they're waiting for approval by Mr. Longwell.

**Hang Around Victor Days:**

Hang Around Victor Day is Sept 12 from 9 AM to 5 PM. We have been approved for a 10 ft. booth. **Anyone interested in staffing the booth for a one or two hour shift please call Dave Wright at 924-3709.**

Harry Lloyd called Steve Hammond (sp?) from Ontario N.Y. and found we could order X-Mas trees and wreaths to sell if we wanted to. We'd take orders and make \$10 per tree and \$5 per wreath. The group was concerned over whether people would buy trees sight unseen and if we'd be competing with local scouts. Allen Johnson agreed to call about the possibility of getting balled and burlapped trees. Carol MacInnes suggested selling trail mix. We may not be able to coordinate a money making endeavor for this booth. Marcia suggested that we create a Money Making Committee to develop and implement ideas for future events.

Dave Wright made up a wonderful flyer to hand out at our booth. It includes our master plan, a 'whos who' list of VHT officers, meeting and membership information, and a mail-in coupon to become a member. Dave and the Freemans will make lots of copies. Those who volunteer to staff our booth will be the official flyer folders.

Harry Lloyd suggested that we have a money box at the booth and a receipt book if people want to join VHT.

**Misc.:**

Marcia wrote a letter to the town board and supervisor, Ken Wilson thanking them for inclusion of VHT in the town insurance.

The members in attendance approved the master plan as written.

**Meetings:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 23** at 7:30 PM in the Victor town hall.

Sue Freeman  
Secretary