



Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, January 27, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM. Ten people were in attendance. Last month's minutes were approved as written.

Treasury:

Rich Freeman noted that our current balance is \$885. Dennis Inch and Ruth Nellis conducted an audit of our books and found all to be in order.

TrailBoss Report:

Larry Fisher hiked the Auburn trail with Mike Bishop of Hanson Steel. Mr. Bishop felt he could get a crane into our bridge area and gave a verbal estimate of \$4,000 to \$4,500 for a tubular steel bridge (without the decking).

Chairperson Report:

- Marcia Bryan reported that the executive board met on January 8th and agreed to reappoint the same slate of officers.
- Marcia checked the Monkey Run parking lot to see if it needed clearing so skiers could park. Dick Ryon has been plowing the lot. Thanks Dick, we appreciate it!
- An Ontario County Deputy Sheriff will come to a future meeting to discuss legalities of public use of private lands.
- Marcia supplied a proposed trail map of the Royal View Heights area to the development engineer, Ken Allen, at his request. She also offered to walk the area with him.
- Marcia obtained a copy of the Ontario County Materials Exchange listing and turned it over to Larry Fisher. The booklet lists materials available for little or no cost and allows us to list materials needed. It may come in handy for finding materials to build signs, benches, and small bridges.
- Matt Dunne is ill. We send him best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Grant Money:

- Jane Luce wrote a resolution for the town board stating that the town of Victor supports the regional rail to trail concept and asked the Ontario County Board of Supervisors to sponsor the grant application.
- Carol MacInnes met with the Ontario Pathways people and tried to consolidate ideas. The Canandaigua and Ontario Pathways people are more in support of paving (near schools and heavy traffic areas), grading, and erecting monuments than we are. We are submitting our grant request for \$10K for the bridge and \$3K for property acquisition. A representative from the DOT (the board who oversees the grant) told Carol that there are many applicants for the grant, but ours has merit because it spans multiple communities.

VHT Walk - A - Thon:

- Chauncey Young volunteered to chair the walk-a-thon event. He talked to the chairpeople of the Multiple Sclerosis and Veterans walks and compiled the attached outline to begin planning.
- Thanks to Marilyn Means, Joseph Huber, and Valerie King, all from Rochester Area Multiple Sclerosis for sharing their experience.
 - other walks average income of \$75 to \$100 per walker
 - Chauncey thinks we should set a high goal of collecting \$13K incase we don't get the grant.

- we discussed a date and settled on fall - tentatively Sept. 17
- Chauncey will call Ontario pathways to see what fundraiser they are planning and potentially have them join in on our walk-a-thon by sponsoring a walk in their neighborhood on the same day.
- the walk would be 10 miles (with a 5 mile option)
- we could use the town barn as the check-in/ registration area
- it's important that we obtain our tax exempt status before Sept. Otherwise we'll have to pay taxes on donations totaling over \$5K for they year.
- as you can see by the attached outline - there's lots to do to prepare for this. If you'd like to join Chauncey's committee, please call him at 924-9405. He needs someone to coordinate volunteers and someone to coordinate facilities, among other jobs.**

Indian Trail:

Ruth Nellis and Marcia Bryan contacted 3 more homeowners along the potential route. A road & sidewalk will now go in the Proximity Meadows subdivision where we had hoped to put the trail.

Trails Workshop:

Ontario Pathways and FLCC are sponsoring a trails workshop on March 19th. It will feature a speaker from Rails to Trails as well as a panel of people from area trail groups. Carol MacInnes will represent VHT on the panel. The purpose is to discuss the pitfalls and obstacles that come with starting up a trail system and to educate people about trails. Save the date and watch for information in your mail.

Saturday Hike:

Please join us for a ski in Mendon Ponds Park on Saturday February 12th. Meet at 9:30AM at the Devil's Bath tub parking lot. Call Dave Wright if you have questions. (924-3709).

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 24th at 7:30 PM in the Victor Town Hall. Note, our meetings in 1994 are now on Thursdays. Hope to see you there!

<p>Support Multiple Sclerosis: hike The MS Walk Sunday, April 10 call 716-271-0801 for information or to register</p>

Sue Freeman



Secretary