



**Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.**  
**Meeting Minutes, June 23, 1994**

The meeting came to order at 7:34 PM. Sixteen people were in attendance.

Additions to last month's minutes:

Marcia Bryan had stated that Ward Anderson sent in the tax exemption application to the federal government.

Treasurers Report:

•Rich Freeman reported that the treasury balance sits at \$1,191.

Community Service Program:

•Marcia Bryan reported that our application papers were submitted for the Community Service Program.

Grant Status:

•DOT's Marvin Kleinberg was unhappy with our letter of agreement between the town & VHT. DOT wants assurance that the bridge & trail would be maintained by the Victor town for at least 10 years. The current letter of agreement puts us in a weaker status for receipt of the grant. Marcia Bryan discussed this with Jane Luce and the town lawyer, etc. They don't want to make a change now by pulling the letter of agreement out. We'll wait to see what happens.

Misc. Items:

•Marcia wrote an article to the editor in the Canandaigua Messenger newspaper supporting the Ontario Pathways.  
•Marcia Bryan wrote thank-you notes to Viola & Ralph Hawkins and MaryLou & Robert Holmes for allowing us to hike their property on a previous Saturday hike.

Indian Trail:

•Ruth Nellis visited a new landowner on Dryer and found him receptive to a trail.  
•Marcia & Ruth need to rescout the Ganondagan - School St. area. They will be looking for the best trail location.  
•Carol MacInnes got permission to use the land between Willowbrook & Route 251. The landowner also gave us permission to use another plot of land. It's 600 ft. from Route 96 and has varied land areas including a marsh. There's an old house which may be situated on the old corduroy toll road. After scouting to find the best location for the new trail, we can get the revokable permit signed & then begin clearing the trail.

Victor Car Show:

•Dave Wright reported that we sold 40-50 pies plus other baked goods for a net profit of \$187!

Hang Around Victor Day:

•Diane Inch has volunteered to coordinate this year's booth. Thanks Diane!  
•Rich Freeman wrote a \$25 check to reserve our space.  
•Carol MacInnes called the cooperative extension. No tree seedlings are available in the fall, however bulbs might be a good possibility.

#### Trails:

- Larry Fisher reports a good turnout for the Thursday trail maintenance.
- Larry called Doug Dorschel, DEC. We won't need a permit to build our bridge but he did suggest we send DEC our final plans. He advised that we confirm that Hanson doesn't use lead based paint. He also recommended that we call the National Heritage Foundation to understand vegetation in the area.
- We need a gate across the Auburn trail at Route 251. Larry will call RG&E to ask for assistance.
- Dave Wright reported that 2 days after his call, Jack Bauer had removed a car & a refrigerator from the Auburn trail. Now, that's service!
- Maintenance schedule (6 PM):

July 7	Phillips Rd. (saws, axe, pry bars, stump removal)
July 14	Probst Rd. & Railroad Mills Rd.
July 21	Fishers Firehall

#### Tax Exempt Application:

- Ward Anderson reported that the federal application was submitted. It has been accepted by the first committee. The second committee is reviewing it and projects it will be 100+ days before we hear a result.
- We now have an employee ID # so we can send in the state application. This one affects payment of sales taxes.
- We're hopeful to have both exemptions by the time of our bridge hike so donations are tax exempt and so we don't have to pay sales tax on the bridge.

#### History:

- Norm Smith showed slides of past events and delighted us all with memories & spectacular scenery.

#### VHT BridgeWalk:

- **SAVE THE DATE .... September 17 will be our VHT BridgeWalk.**
- Dave Wright mailed 76 letters asking local businesses for donations. He has 5 volunteers calling on the businesses personally to solicit donations. Each takes pictures showing the new bridge area & a similar bridge, and they take brochures in a brochure stand.
- Dave passed out templates & asked people to help in collecting cereal boxes & making brochure stands.
- Irene White made labels to go on the front of each brochure holder.
- Dave also sent letters to 24 organizations to recruit hikers.
- Dave also talked to reporters from the Shopping News & the Perinton Fairport Post & got pictures & articles printed, publicizing our hike.
- Sue Freeman created an electronic database to track all businesses, associations, hikers, and donors. She prepared first drafts of a hikers information letter and a full page pledge form.
- Larry Fisher reported that trail maintenance has been in full swing to keep the trail in good shape for the hike.
- Chauncy Young got permission for us to use the Fishers Firehall as a rest room stop.
- The executive committee of the Bridge Hike meets the second Tuesday of July & August.
- Sources of purchasing T shirts was discussed.
- We need people to work on the committees - many different jobs are available. Please call the committee chairperson to volunteer your time & energy.
  - Publicity ... call Dave Wright 924-3709
  - Registration .... call Rich or Sue Freeman 924-4149
  - Logistics .... call Larry Fisher 924-5803

#### Newsletter:

- Sue Freeman spoke to Alice Hunt about using the Victor quarterly newsletter to publicize our activities. Alice was glad to include our information.

Saturday Hike:

•**July 9th** at 9:00 AM, Carol MacInnes will lead a hike on Crescent Trail in the Beaumont area. Meet at Office Max at Cobblestone Creek Plaza (Rt 96 & Turkhill) to car pool.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**Our next meeting is Thursday, July 28th** at 7:30 PM in the Victor Town Hall. Hope to see you there.

Sue Freeman

*Sue Freeman*  
Secretary