



Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, April 27, 1995

The meeting came to order at 7:30 PM. Eleven people were in attendance:

- Fred Bennett
- Rich Freeman
- Kathy Hershey
- Roberta Lockwood
- Margaret Nugent
- Chauncy Young
- Larry Fisher
- Sue Freeman
- Chris Lawrence
- Carol MacInnes
- David Wright

Last month's minutes:

- The minutes were accepted. Several spelling errors were pointed out.

Finance:

- Rich Freeman reported that the treasury balance sits at \$5,590. Expenses were paid for trail sign materials and postage.
- It was requested that we move the majority of our money to an interest bearing account.
- Dave Wright distributed a preliminary budget. We discussed buying mowers & trimmers.

Membership:

- Margaret Nugent reported that we have 46 paid members, 9 life members, and 10 public relations members.

Eagle Project:

- Chris Lawrence from Troup 86 presented a proposal to build a bridge over a creek on our Seneca Trail for his Eagle Scout project. He proposed a two foot wide wooden bridge with two hand rails. He intends to raise money by selling tickets to buy a nail, buy a board, etc.
- We discussed the width of the bridge and decided two feet will work fine as long as we limit it to one hand rail.
- We identified that part of Chris' job will be to make sure we comply with any DEC regulations.
- Chris will have an engineer review his plans before construction begins.
- Chris plans to complete the bridge by October 1995.
- Thanks Chris - we have lots of bridges to build & appreciate your taking this one on!

Trails:

- Carol MacInnes called Frank Johnson and will follow-up on the potential of getting cement footings. Our one concern is their weight.
- Larry Fisher reported that 6 more signs were installed along the Auburn Trail (at Route 251, Rawson, School, and Phillips).
- Trail work nights - each Thursday except for VHT meeting night at 6PM. We'll be digging holes to install sign posts and trimming plant growth.

May 4	meet at Monkey Run	6 PM
May 11	meet at Main St. Fishers (Auburn Trail)	6 PM
May 18	meet at Fisher Rd. & Auburn Trail	6 PM

- Larry Fisher & Carol MacInnes marked the Seneca Trail route from the Ambush area to Route 96. Subsequent to the meeting, the Saturday work crew cleared this section of the Seneca Trail.

- Dave Wright reported that he mowed a path from School St. to the Ganondagan field. Mr. Parmenter will now go through with a brush hog.
- Larry Fisher talked to Gordy Phillips, owner of the land near the LeHigh bridge. Gordy intends to block off the access road on his property. This would help us minimize the beer parties on the Auburn Trail.
- Carol MacInnes noted that we need signs labeling the names of our trails and historic points along the way. We need to find out how Ganondagan make their impressive, but probably expensive signs.

Seneca Trail:

- Our newest trail is now officially named the Seneca Trail.
- Ruth Nellis & Carol MacInnes walked from Dryer Rd. to Ganondagan and marked the new trail route to where it meets the Earth Is Our Mother trail of Ganondagan. For the June 3 hike we may use the service road and field and complete the final trail later in the year.
- Join us as we create this trail over the next few Saturday mornings. See the calendar attached for dates & times.
- Here's a summary written by our Trailmaster Carol MacInnes for a publication WMAX is compiling to advertise local hikes:

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. is blazing a new trail following part of the route the Senecas used to travel from Irondequoit Bay to their village of Ganondagan. This new trail starts at the High Street Fishers Fire Station near Valentown Museum and ends at Ganondagan.

Starting from the parking lot behind the fire station, the trail climbs a hill and provides a panoramic view of the Bristol Hills. The trail then winds down the hill and goes under the Thruway on Willowbrook Road. Walking south from Willowbrook, you soon pass through the gully where the French on their way to Ganondagan were ambushed by the Senecas. From here the trail wanders over rolling hills crossing Route 96 at Route 251. After a quarter mile walk on route 251, the Seneca Trail heads east on a farm road that soon becomes a path through a wooded area loaded with spring flowers. Following a stream you will pass a beaver dam. The trail then intersects with the existing Auburn Trail. The Seneca Trail continues on the Auburn Trail past School Street. Here it branches off to the south, bridges Great Brook and winds its way up the hill to Ganondagan.

- The Seneca Trail will be completed in time for our June 3 Trails Day hike with Crescent Trails people. Join us at 9 AM on June 3 next to the High St. Fishers Fire Hall #2 for our maiden hike.
- Carol MacInnes suggested that we develop a handout for the June 3 hike which tells the history of the Seneca Trail area.

Seneca Trail Clearing:

Please Note - our schedule has changed for the locations (not dates or times) of trail clearing for the Seneca Trail. Please refer to the calendar attached for the most recent information.

Brochure:

- Dave Wright passed around a colored version of our new brochure.
- We recommended a few last minute changes.

ISTEA Grant:

- Dave Wright reported that we have to fill out a form to comply with historical requirements.
- The state now has the Town's application agreement from Jane Luce.

Adopt-A-Trail:

- Dave Wright reported that Alan Lockwood reviewed the contract & recommended changes.
- Harry Lloyd has volunteered to coordinate our Adopt-A-Trail program. Thanks Harry.
- A copy of Harry's press release, letter to clubs, and the final contract are attached.

Newsletter:

- It was suggested that the next Victor Newsletter highlight our Fall BridgeWalk and the Adopt-A-Trails program.

Misc.

- Larry Fisher reported that an Eagle Scout is clearing a section of the Auburn line from Mertensia Rd. west in Farmington.
- Other trail groups are sponsoring hikes on National trails day. Macedon trails will hike to old Erie Canal lock 60. Ontario Pathways will hike an unopened part of their trail. CCFL is building a bridge over the Canandaigua Outlet for Ontario Pathways.

Promotional Merchandise:

- Sue Freeman reviewed the recommendations of the promotional merchandise committee.
- A price comparison was presented for the following promotional items: whistles, window decals, embroidered patches, fanny packs, bandannas, mugs, T-shirts, and water bottles.
- We decided to go ahead and purchase 3 tone train whistles and embroidered patches to enhance our public awareness.
- Purchase of more expensive promotional items was deferred to the opinions of the BridgeWalk committee.

BridgeWalk:

- The BridgeWalk committee met on April 19th.
- Chauncy Young introduced Kathy Hershey - our new chairperson of the Teams & Sponsors sub-committee. Welcome Kathy & thanks!
- The committee worked on a preliminary brochure. Diane Inch is working up some eye catching graphics.
- Kathy Hershey is making arrangements to meet with the Finger Lakes Boy Scout Council to encourage troupes in joining our hike. She's also call the 7 Lakes Girl Scout Council and now has a list of the Fall '95 athletic coaches for Victor.
- The next BridgeWalk committee meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 7:30 PM at Chauncy Young's house.

Hang Around Victor Day:

- Irene White agreed to chair this event. Dorothy Wright will assist. Thanks to both!

National Trails Day:

- June 3 is National Trails Day. Crescent Trails will be joining us for the first hike on our Seneca Trail. Meet at 9 AM at the High St. Fire House #2.

Saturday Hike:

- Nine people enjoyed our last Saturday hike. They tried to trace the path of the old Trolley bed.
- Our next hike on Saturday, May 13 will be a search for spring flowers on Monkey Run Trails. Meet at 9:00 AM at the entrance to Monkey run Trails on Victor Egypt Rd. near the corner of Valentown Rd.

Next Meeting:

- Join us at 7:30 PM on Thursday, May 25, at the Victor Town Hall for our next meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Sue Freeman


Secretary

VHT CALENDAR - Save The Dates

May 4	Trail maintenance - meet at Monkey Run	6 PM
May 6	Seneca Trail Clearing - meet at route 251 & Auburn Trail - we'll clear between route 251 & Auburn Trail	9 AM
May 9	BridgeWalk committee meeting at Chauncy Young's house.	7:30 PM
May 11	Trail maintenance -meet at Main St. Fishers (Auburn Trail)	6 PM
May 13	VHT Monkey Run wildflower hike. Stay for trail blazing after the hike if you wish - as we continue to build the Seneca Trail (we'll probably clear from Fishers firehouse #2 to Willowbrook)	9 AM
May 18	Trail maintenance -meet at Fisher Rd. & Auburn Trail	6 PM
May 20	Seneca Trail Clearing - meet at Dryer Rd. between Maple Ave. & School St., we'll clear Dryer Rd. to Ganondagan	9 AM
May 25	VHT monthly meeting, Victor Town Hall	7:30 PM
May 27	Seneca Trail Clearing - meeting location TBD (call Larry Fisher 924-5803 or Carol MacInnes 924-4077)	9 AM
June 3	National Trails Day - Hike our new Seneca Trail; a joint hike with Crescent Trails people. Meet at the Fishers Firehall on High St.	9 AM
July 8	VHT hike along Finger Lakes Trail from Ontario Park to Camp Cutler, car pool from Victor Town Hall.	8 AM
Aug 12	VHT hike	
Sept 9	Hang Around Victor Day - visit our booth (or volunteer to work)	
Sept 15-17	Visit Marcia Bryan, hike the Adirondacks at Schroon Lake	
Sept 30	VHT BridgeWalk along the Seneca Trail	