



Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, May 25, 1995

REMINDER - NATIONAL TRAILS DAY - JUNE 3:

Hike the newly cleared Seneca Trail with members of Crescent Trails. The hike leaves from the Fishers firehall on High Street at 9AM. Hike 5 miles to Ganondagan, where transportation will be provided back to the start. Anyone who can, please meet at Ganondagan at 8:30 to leave a vehicle and car pool to the start of the hike.

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

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| -Larry Fisher | -Rich Freeman |
| -Sue Freeman | -Jeff Hennick |
| -Kathy Hershey | -Dennis Inch |
| -Diane Inch | -Roberta Lockwood |
| -Carol MacInnes | -David Wright |
| -Chauncy Young | |

Last month's minutes:

- The minutes were approved as written.

Finance:

- Rich Freeman reports that the treasury balance sits at \$5,331.
- We reviewed option for earning interest on our money & decided to move most of it to a day of deposit account and keep a minimal checking account. The treasurer can electronically transfer funds into checking as needed to pay bills.

Membership:

- Dave Wright reported that we have 51 paid members, 12 life members, and 12 public relations members.
- Welcome to our newest members:

-Dianne Aldrich	-Bob Stryker
-Emily & Tom McCall	-Jim Dailey
-Jim Prezorski	

Trails:

- Carol MacInnes listed several areas for future work:
 - finish Auburn Trail along Break Of Day Rd.
 - mark future trail in Royal View heights
 - scout possibilities for connecting Royal View heights to the Conservancy and then to Powder Mills Park

•Trail maintenance nights - each Thursday except for VHT meeting night at 6PM.

June 1 meet at Rawson Rd (Auburn Trail) 6 PM

June 8 meet at Route 251 (Auburn Trail) 6 PM

June 15 meet at Phillips Rd (Auburn Trail) 6 PM

June 29 meet at Fishers Firehall, Main St. Fishers (Auburn Trail) 6 PM

•Larry Fisher reported that a new sewer line will be going down the Auburn trail from Phillips Rd. to the LeHigh tressel. The good news is that the construction will bury the hard to walk on ballast stones and will leave the trail smooth. But, the bad news is it will widen that section of our trail.

•The town is making trails on top of the hill in Fishers Park. June 1, ramps will be installed for the bridge. The town plans to put a map of the Fishers Park trails in a future town newsletter.

•Mendon Trails wants us to coordinate the development of the LeHigh trail bed with them. We'd have to have the town plow away stone for our portion.

Seneca Trail:

•Larry Fisher reported that the entire Seneca trail has been completed with a preliminary clearing. For the June 3 hike we'll have to put in a temporary bridge of planks and cinder blocks.

•Dave Wright spoke to people at Interchange Heights and Pikes Point to assure clearance for our June 3 hike.

•Dave Wright asked Sheldon Fisher for a referral to a good history book on the Seneca Trail to do some research before the hike. Sheldon doesn't feel written materials are accurate so he may attend the hike to give a short talk before we begin.

•Dave made reduced copies of Sheldon's map to hand out at the June 3 hike.

Brochure:

•We expect to have 1,000 copies of our color brochure around June 2.

ISTEA Grant:

•Some of the papers came back to the town needing a signature. They have been signed & remailed.

Adopt-A-Trail:

•2 people have volunteered to adopt sections of trail:

-Ron Sears will do the Auburn Trail from 251 to Main St. Fishers

-Sidney Carpenter, warehouse manager for Lifetime Stainless Steel has a group who will maintain the Auburn Trail from Main St. Fishers to Phillips Rd.

•Harry Lloyd and Dave Wright will meet with each of them to walk the trail and explain our expectations.

•Sections are going fast. Harry reports that he has good leads for potential maintainers for the School St. to Dryer section, the Dryer to Ganondagan section, and the Probst to Fishers section. Anyone who want to adopt a section of trail either as an individual or as part of a group, should contact Harry Lloyd at 924-5027.

Misc.

•Dave Wright purchased a gas hedge trimmer and gas can.

•People are using the new trail log book at Monkey Run Trails. They have requested that the trails be better marked.

•20 people enjoyed a beautiful spring day and lush wildflowers on our Saturday hike last month.

Promotional Merchandise:

•Sue Freeman reported that the price quote for the patches and whistles came in lower than the original estimate. She needs to contact Amy to get camera ready art.

•The BridgeWalk committee decided to order bandannas with VHT logos all over them as the \$50 collection prize. We'll continue to have T-shirts for the \$75 level.

BridgeWalk:

- Chauncy Young prepared a fact sheet for potential sponsors. (see sample attached)
- Diane Inch, Kathy Hershey, and Kathy Young are actively calling on local businesses looking for sponsors and donations.
- Kathy Hershey met with the manager of Sears. The week-end following our hike is the grand re-opening of Eastview Mall. Kathy will contact the manager of Eastview to see if we can do a tie-in.
- Kaufmanns donated some Nike gym bags.
- Diane showed a preliminary brochure for the BridgeWalk with a graphic of hiking feet. It will be used once we know who the sponsors are.
- Kathy Hershey and Carol Fisher are actively meeting with scout groups and contacting school coaches.
- The next BridgeWalk committee meeting is scheduled for May 31st at 7:30 PM at Diane Inch's house. Bring empty cereal boxes so we can make brochure holders.

Hang Around Victor Day:

- We have registered for a booth.

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.

Next Meeting:

- Join us at 7:30 PM on Thursday, June 22, at the Victor Town Hall for our next meeting. Save your empty cereal boxes and bring them to the meeting - we'll make them into brochure holders.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Sue Freeman



Secretary

VHT CALENDAR - Save The Dates

June 1	meet at Rawson Rd (Auburn Trail)	6 PM
June 3	National Trails Day - preview hike our new Seneca Trail; a joint hike with Cresent Trails people. Meet at the Fishers Firehall on High St.	9 AM
June 8	meet at Route 251 (Auburn Trail)	6 PM
June 15	meet at Phillips Rd (Auburn Trail)	6 PM
June 29	meet at Fishers Fireball, Main St. Fishers (Auburn Trail)	6 PM
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	