



# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

85 East Main Street \* Victor \* New York \* 14564-1397

Oct.24, 1996  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with 12 attending:

Dave Wright	Chauncy Young	Ruth Nellis
Carol MacInnes	Larry Fisher	Jeff Hennick
Matthew Kent	John Francis	Amy Robinson
Matt Bloss	Sue Freeman	Rich Freeman

#### **Last Month's Minutes:**

Minutes approved as submitted.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

\$272.00 total October's net income  
\$7809.28 total assets including Bridge Walk income

#### **Eagle Projects:**

Matt Bloss, Troop 469 in Fairport, has completed the trail and bridge along the Seneca Trail. Dave sent a letter to his scoutmaster thanking the troop and Matt.

#### **Membership Report:**

- We have six new members - Welcome to Josephine McDonough, Ralph A. Brown, Patrick and Karen Coffey, Matthew Kent, and Elizabeth Mack. Dave sent literature to two people interested in our trails.
- Total memberships are 142. Two will be dropped due to lack of response to membership reminders, seven will get one more reminder.

#### **Historian's Report :**

- Dave submitted articles including a magazine article on rails to trails.

#### **Education Report:**

- John Francis has written an article on Bentley Woods. It will be in our newsletter.

#### **Adopt-a-Trail:**

- Harry has not yet received the contract from Barb and

Jack Clarcq. Harry will contact them.  
-The Forever Green Club trimmed Monkey Run Trail Oct.3.

**Book Sale:**

- \$175.45 was collected from Farmington True Value.  
- 457 books have been sold to date.  
- 150 books remain to be sold. Lewis Fisher suggested we return to the businesses around Christmas time. Dave has made a new flyer for distribution promoting the book as a holiday gift. He also submitted a clip and mail coupon for the newsletter.

**Annual Adirondack Hike with Marcia: Oct. 4-6**

Dave, Larry and Jeff hiked all day Saturday with Marcia. They climbed Rocky Peak Ridge and Giant on a beautiful, sunny, crisp day. The views were spectacular and the foliage was at its peak. Sunday's hike was a quiet walk on the nature trails of the Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Center at Newcomb, NY. Anyone interested in a spring hike?

**ISTEA Grants:**

- Larry met with Brian Powers (of Sear-Brown). We still need one more estimate.  
- No work may be done on the bridge until June (DEC regulation).

**Last Month's Hike:**

Led by Carol, nine people, including three children, hiked Bentley Woods Nature Conservancy on Sat., Oct. 12. They observed a burned down cabin, very old trees, fungi, and the skull of a deer along great trails through beautiful woods.

**Newsletter:**

The newsletter is near completion. The projected date of issue will be in the last week of October.

**Trailmaster's Report:**

- Royal View Heights Trail has been retagged.  
- Kaiser's own the land under the power lines. Carol Kildes owns the land on the steep hill on Benson Rd.. Greg Woods, Walter Fallon and Fourth Section Corp. are also involved ownership of land in this area. Dave will write a letter to the Monroe Co. Water Authority, who asked us to establish a trail on Kaiser's land, that we have tabled the concept for the time being.  
- Carol and Ruth called on the Pipers on Fisher Rd.. We now have a revocable permit from Fisher Rd. to Bentley

Woods. We need to talk with the Nature Conservancy.

#### **Trailboss' Report:**

- Larry has two sign designs which could possibly be used at the crossroads along the Lehigh.
- Ann Chandler of Explorer Post 295 in Bloomfield called to reschedule their work day, canceled due to rain, on our trails for Nov. 2, from 7:30AM to 5:30.
- Jeff Hultzaple, Troop 86, will begin his project soon.
- Chris Lawrence, Troop 86, has completed his project. Dave wrote a thank you letter to his scoutmaster.
- Dave is getting information on the DR Field and Brush Mower for a possible spring purchase.

#### **New Business:**

- Dave wrote a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers in Buffalo and the NYSDEC in Avon asking what is needed to build wooden foot bridges over some of the creeks. A verbal message from the Army stated that as long as nothing is in the creeks or the creek bed, no permits are required. Dave asked that a letter be sent to VHT stating this. (He received a letter and an application.)
- The trail easement on the Lovejoy Subdivision across lots 1 and 4 has been revoked by the new land owner. We will need to approach him and the adjacent land owner in the future, possibly spring to see if a revocable permit could be worked out. Our goal is to have a trail from Monkey Run to the firehouse on High Street, the end of the Seneca Trail.
- The Town of Clyde wants to develop a trail along the canal and another along the river.
- Interchange Heights has been asked by the Planning Board to conduct a Phase I Historical Study of their property. Peter Jemison and Doug Fisher pointed out the significance of this land to the Senecas.
- Wide Waters is working with Sun Oil to put a Sunoco gas station/car wash between the proposed RCS Bank and the proposed Hampton Inn on rte. 96.
- Dave attended a trail meeting for the Erie Canal. It was well-attended. Speakers included J. DiMura from the Parks Service, NYS Thruway, K. Beard from the National Parks Service and J. Bargavick, NYS Police Bike on Trails. They spoke about trail safety, a network of Volunteer Trail Groups and an End-to-End Trek on the entire Canal system in 1997.

- Hunting season dates: Be careful when you hike
  - Rabbit, Grouse Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
  - Pheasant Oct.21 - Dec. 31
  - Turkey Oct. 21 - Nov. 17
  - Duck Oct.21 - Nov. 17, Dec. 21 - Jan. 2
  - Deer Bow: Oct. 15 - Nov.17, Dec. 11 - 15
  - Gun: Nov. 18 - Dec. 10
  - Muzzleloader: Dec. 11 -17
- Victor Chamber of Commerce has printed a new membership directory. Dave has a copy.
- Dave spoke with the DOT, Town and Village regarding pedestrian crossing signs; DOT is reviewing rte. 251. He cannot find a hiker silhouette on a green sign. DOT requires a yellow diamond.
- The nominating committee for next year's officers will be John, Carol and Chauncy.

**Next Hike:** Sat., Nov. 9, 1996.

Meet at the Town Hall, 9AM to car pool to Thousand Acre Swamp in Penfield. We need to be there by 9:30 so please be prompt. No pets. We will have a guide, Dave Strong. Wear appropriate attire for weather and trail conditions (mud, poison ivy). Dave Wright sent a FAX to four local newspapers.

**The Freeman Trek:**

Come to the Town Hall, Nov. 6, 7:30-9:00PM, to view slides and photos and to hear Sue and Rich's first-hand account of their hike along the Appalachian Trail. Bring your neighbors and friends. Refreshments will be served. Please call 461-8107 so Dave will know how many to plan on.

**Next Meeting:** November 21, 1996, 7:30PM Town Hall

Please attend to elect officers and proposed changes in by-laws: (1)change 10% quorum requirement to 5%. Some organizations define a quorum as a majority of the Executive Board (elected and appointed officers). (2) Change \$50 to \$250 for required two officers' signatures on checks.

**Adjournment:** 8:45PM

Secretary - Ruth E. Nellis