



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

Jan. 23, 1997
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with 9 attending:

Dave Wright	John Francis	Ruth Nellis
Carol MacInnes	Larry Fisher	Amy Robinson
Roberta Lockwood	Sue Freeman	Rich Freeman

Last Month's Minutes:

Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

For 1996:
Total income: \$3,909.60
Total expenses: \$2,993.26
Net: \$ 916.34

Roberta Lockwood and Sue Freeman volunteered to audit the account for 1996.

Membership Report:

Welcome, to Chris and Anne Leonard, our newest members. Leonore Dey has regretfully submitted her resignation as Membership Chairperson. Her work has been appreciated. **We are now in need of someone to take Lee's place. If you or someone you know is interested, please call Dave.**

Dave presented graphs of our membership by year (1991-1996) and by town. See attachments.

A new brochure will be printed. Consideration was given to a new color paper and to printing them in one ink color to save on printing costs. Amy will get prices.

Dave proposed that a logo patch be awarded to every member who signs up another member or gives a membership as a means to increasing our membership. It was approved and will start immediately.

Publicity Report:

Dave will fax information for the next hike, at Boughton Park, to the area's newspapers.

Historian's Report :

Dave submitted an article on Dave Schaeffer, of Crescent Hiking Trails, who received the Citizen of the Year award from the Perinton Chamber of Commerce.

Education Report:

John Francis submitted two articles for our newsletter: emerging spring vegetation and Victor beavers. John will get together with the Victor Garden Club and place numbers at various sites along Monkey Run Trail and will write a pamphlet telling about each natural feature.

Adopt-a-Trail:

Troop 60 will hike the wetland section of the Seneca Trail and the Auburn between Brace Rd. and E. Victor Rd.. They will then decide which section to adopt.

Book Sale:

A few more books were sold last month giving us a total of \$43.10.

VHT will donate a copy to the Town Hall and one to the Village Hall. They have been using them for display. A book plate will be placed in the front of each noting that it was donated by the VHT.

ISTEA Grants:

Larry and Dave met with Mike Simon (of MRB Group) to look at the bridge over Irondequoit Creek. He said that it is possible to save some of it but it is deteriorating fast. Estimates and recommendations will be sent to Larry. A structural engineer may look at it also.

Last Month's Hike:

On Jan. 11, 10 officers enjoyed a breakfast-meeting at Dede's to start the new year. Then, five members set off for Harriet Hollister Spencer Memorial Park. There was little snow for cross country skiing and it was COLD!!! and WINDY!!! But the view of Honeoye Lake was beautiful.

Newsletter:

Our next newsletter will come out in February; deadline for articles is February 1. Articles on beaver, skunk cabbage, sledding dogs, up-coming hikes, the Nature Conservancy, and others will be featured.

Be thinking of articles for the May issue.

Trailmaster's Report:

On Feb. 3, VHT has been asked to talk to the Audobon Club, at the Garden Center near Highland, about our trail off Fisher's Rd. (Pipers'/ Royal View Heights area).

MUTC is drafting a letter offering towns a presentation on the trails (Rochester - Finger Lakes Region). Rochester Bicycling Club would like us to endorse their efforts to establish bike trails in Monroe County parks.

Trails' Report:

Larry made signs to place at Monkey Run warning of the lumbering taking place.

It was approved to order the book **Trails for the Twenty-First Century**, published by Rail to Trails Conservancy, to have as a resource. Larry will order one.

New Business:

Hikes for the months of August - December:

August - Dresden to Penn Yan

September - Irondequoit Bay Park East

October - Stid Hill, Bristol Hills

November - Pittsford - Old Erie Canal/Auburn RR Loop

December - Birdsong Trail at Mendon

The Victor Community Center will hold an information meeting Jan. 27, 6:45PM at the Village Hall. Call Tom Turner at 924-5289 for more information.

We received a letter from the Victor Senior High School. Their annual senior drug- and alcohol-free bash will be held June 27. Donations were requested. It was agreed upon to donate \$20, to give something back to the community which has supported us. Dave will write a letter.

The Conservation Board recommended a trail easement along section IV of Cobblestone Creek. The Planning Board supports it. Mr. Boncke, resident/developer, was adamantly against it stating it would be a detriment to the sale of new homes and against the wishes of present owners.

VHT will probably wait until individual lots are sold and approach individual owners for revocable permits.

Macedon Trails would like to plan a hike through Bentley Woods Nature Conservancy for April. Dave will send info.

Sue and Rich Freeman are writing a book, **Take a Hike -**

Family Walks in the Rochester Area. They would like photos, a logo and people to test their step-by-step directions for local loop trails. If interested, give them a call. They are giving another slide show Thurs., Feb. 20, 7:30PM at the Fairport Library, Fairport Village Landing.

Next Hike: Sat., Feb. 8, 1997.

Meet at the Town Hall, 9AM to car pool to Boughton Park.
Bring your x-country skis if there is snow!

Next Meeting: Feb. 27, 1997, 7:30PM at the Town Hall.

Adjournment: 9:10PM

Secretary - Ruth E. Nellis

VHT CALENDAR

Feb. 8 - Hike Boughton Park
Feb. 27 - VHT meeting 7:30PM

Other future monthly hikes:

Mar. 8 - Powder Mills Park
Apr. 12 - Durand Eastman Park
May 10 - Spring Farm, Newark
June 7 - National Trails Day - Monkey Run & Bluebird Sanctuary
July 12 - Gananda Park, west side of Canandaigua Lake
Aug. 9 - Dresden to Penn Yan
Sept. 6 - Irondequoit Bay Park East
Sept. 13 - Hang Around Victor Day
Oct. 11 - Stid Hill, Bristol Hills
Nov. 8 - Pittsford, Old Erie Canal/Auburn RR Loop
Dec. 13 - Birdsong Trail at Mendon Ponds Park

Note: After the meeting, Roberta Lockwood and Sue Freeman auditted the books and found everything to be in proper order.

attachments:

Membership by year graph
Membership by town graph
1996 accomplishments
1997 goals



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GOALS FOR 1997

TRAIL ACQUISITIONS

Bentley Woods Nature Conservancy
Interchange Heights
Tambe HVAC on Willowbrook Rd
Ganondagan to Boughton Park

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Auburn Trail- Bridge repair- ISTE A Grant
Build bridge over creek at Break of Day Rd.
Trail to by-pass Victor Insulator
Seneca Trail- Bridge over Great Brook by Dryer Road
Boardwalk through wetlands
Monkey Run- Make nature identification signs
Royal View Heights- Clear and mark trail
Pipers- Signs needed at road, mark trail
Willow Brook Estates- Mark trail
Signs- At road crossings for traffic
Equipment- Purchase walk-behind self-propelled "brush hog"

ADOPT A TRAIL

Auburn from Brace Rd. to East Victor Rd.
East Victor Road to Farmington town line or Mertensia Road
Seneca trail from golf range to Auburn Trail

MEMBERSHIP

Increase by thirty (30) percent

FUND RAISERS

History Book Sale
Hang Around Victor Day- Sept. 13
Bridgewalk '97

EDUCATION

National Trails Day- June 2
Nature trail at Monkey Run
Town and VHT Newsletters
Guided Hikes
Slide Show
Video Show

HISTORY

Scrap book

PUBLICITY

Local Newspapers
New Membership Brochure
Victor Town Newsletter
Our Newsletter
Other Hiking Associations
Other Outdoor Clubs



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS- 1996

TRAIL ACQUISITIONS

Auburn from East Victor Rd. to Farmington town line
Pipers (Fishers Road to Bentley Woods Nature Conservancy)

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Auburn Trail- Built temporary bridge over two (2) creeks at Break of Day Rd.
Installed white metal logo signs and bike by-pass signs
Seneca Trail- Scouts and VHT built bridges over creeks in wetlands
Explorers cleared trail on Ganondagan property
Re-routed part of trail, put up red metal logo signs
Installed signs at cross roads and at Y's and T's
Monkey Run- Installed red, white and blue metal logo signs
Royal View Heights- Marked trail

ADOPT A TRAIL- Auburn from Maple Avenue to Brace Road contracted

MEMBERSHIP- Increased by 60 percent over last year

FUND RAISERS

Hang Around Victor Day- Sept. 14
Bridgewalk '96
History Book Sale

EDUCATION

National Trails Day- June 1
Town and VHT Newsletters
Guided Hikes

HISTORY- Scrap book created

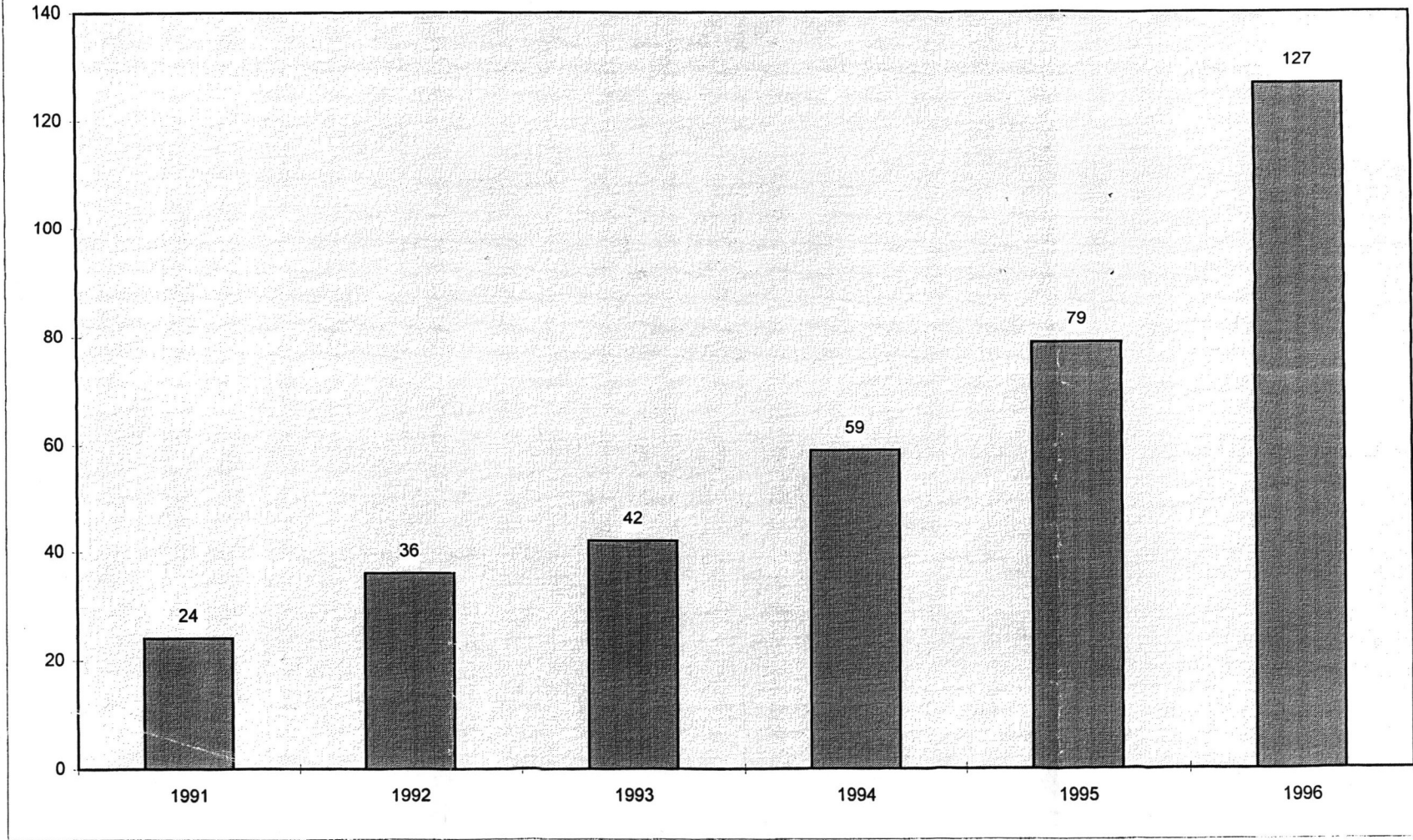
PUBLICITY

Had a booth at Victor Car Show
Had a booth at Hang Around Victor
Local Newspapers Calendar showed our upcoming guided hikes
New Membership Brochure printed and distributed
Victor Town Newsletter printed several articles and our calendar of events
Our Newsletter, VHT Pathfinder printed and distributed

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1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
24	36	42	59	79	127

PAID AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS



BLOOMFIELD	3
BRIGHTON	1
BROCKPORT	1
CANANDAIGUA	2
EAST ROCHESTER	2
FAIRPORT	5
FARMINGTON	9
FISHERS	13
HENRIETTA	1
HILTON HEAD, SC	1
MACEDON	2
MENDON	1
PITTSFORD	4
PLATTSBURG	1
ROCHESTER	5
RUSH	1
SCHROON LAKE	1
SCOTTSVILLE	1
SHORTSVILLE	1
SPENCERPORT	1
VICTOR	70
WEBSTER	1

