



# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

**April 24, 1997  
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM with 10 attending:

Dave Wright	Larry Fisher	Carol MacInnes	Rich Freeman
Sue Freeman	Norm Smith	Chauncy Young	Ruth Nellis
Paul VanScott	Roberta Lockwood		

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

Approved as written.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

March:	Income	477.24
	Expenses	229.61
	Checking account	2,367.55
	Savings account	4,979.73
	Total	7,347.28

## **Membership:**

Welcome to our 3 new members: Barbara Love, Kathy Manners, and Judi Oliveri. Canandaigua National Bank renewed its membership with a generous donation and is honored as our first Trail Builder Membership - Thank you!

20 post cards have been sent to members with elapsed memberships. MEMBERS, PLEASE SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER.

## **Publicity:**

Dave will write an article on National Trails Day (June 7) for the local newspapers.

Dave wrote an article for the May Town Newsletter.

## **Newsletter:**

Amy will publish an abbreviated newsletter in May.

## **Trailmaster's Report:**

Carol and Larry walked Bentley Woods and marked the trail. Many down trees were noted some of which were large in diameter. Their removal will be looked into.

### **Trail Boss' Report:**

ISTEA: Larry talked with Steve Beavis (DOT) who emphasized the need for accurate record-keeping, which has been done. Steve also stated that we may need a hydraulic analysis for the bridge. Since the bridge was first built in the 1800's, it may have historic value and should be preserved. We need to contact another engineering firm for another quote.

Bryan Powers, of Sear-Brown engineering firm, will work on the project the last week of April.

Trail maintenance schedule - see attached sheet.

The purchase of a Billy Goat weed and brush mower from Bob James Equipment was approved for \$1449. This is a change from last month's decision; it is a better built machine.

Dave made small (about 3"x4") signs for Adopt-A-Trail sponsors. A few have been installed; the remainder will be posted next month.

New signs are needed at Maple Ave. Dryer Rd. Phillips Rd and Monkey Run.

Royal View Heights needs signs at the road and blazing. Blue was decided on since we have many in this color. Ruth noted that blue is a difficult color for many visually impaired people to see; this will be noted in the future when ordering colors.

The Seneca Trail through the wetlands needs boardwalk work. Signs and blazing (in red, keeping with the color used along the Seneca Trail) are needed at Ganondagan.

Harry Lloyd will be contacted to send reminders to trail sponsors for resumption of maintenance.

### **Last Hike:**

7 hikers took advantage of the beauty of Durand Eastman Park. 3 new members subsequently joined VHT.

### **Old Business:**

Ed Ahonen contacted Ruth; he would appreciate our ideas/plans on a trail leading up to and within the VCC park south off Main St. Victor.

### **New Business:**

We are taking orders for Rich and Sue's book, Take a Hike! Family Walks in the Rochester Area.

Crescent Trail hikes: May 11 1:30PM Horizon Hill

June 8 1:30PM Wood Cliff to Richardson's Inn

July 13 1:30PM Egypt Park

National Trails Day: June 7. At 11AM a quiet ceremony will commemorate the dedication of the MaryFrances Bluebird Haven. These 39 acres are located on Victor-Egypt Rd. across from Valentown Rd.. Before the ceremony, at 9AM, enjoy a walk through Monkey Run Trails observing the wildflowers. Be a part of National Trails Day!

The Town will be studying traffic access management of routes 96, 251 and other roads.

The first Rails-to-Trails Conservancy International Trails and Greenway will be held in San Diego, Jan. 28-31, 1998; plan your winter get-away now!

Heels and Wheels '97 is a NYS conference held in Albany, May 13, 14. Three people from the Rochester DOT and Genssee Transportation Council will be speaking.

Vote on the school budget May 14 at the High School. You also have the opportunity to vote on the athletic field proposal which would allow both the school and town to use the fields.

Ontario Pathways is having their second "Walk in the Wild" walk -a-thon on June 7; participate at your convenience, any date, would be appreciated.

**Next Hike:**

Dave is waiting to hear from Spring Farm; we will plan to hike May 10. If Spring Farm does not work out, we will hike Thousand Acre Swamp or something similar. Car pool from the Town Hall, 9AM.

**Next Meeting:** May 22, 7:30PM

**Adjournment:** 8:45PM

*Ruth C. Nellis*  
*Secretary*

**VHT CALENDAR**

- May 10 - Hike to Spring Farm or Thousand Acre Swamp, car pool 9AM
- May 22 - next monthly meeting, 7:30PM at Town Hall
- June 7 - National Trail's Day - Monkey Run and Bluebird Sanctuary
- July 12 - Hike at Onanda Park, west side of Canandaigua Lake
- Aug. 9 - Hike from Dresden to Penn Yan
- Sept. 6 - Hike Irondequoit Bay Park East
- Sept. 13 - Hang Around Victor Day
- Oct. 11 - Hike Stid Hill, Bristol Hills
- Nov. 8 - Pittsford, Old Erie Canal/Auburn RR Loop
- Dec. 13 - Hike Birdsong Trail at Mendon Ponds Park

"A cold wet May means a barn full of hay." from Yankee Weather Proverbs

# Trail Maintenance '97

## We Need Your Help!

Every Thursday evening at 6:00PM (except nights of our monthly meeting) from May to October we need volunteers to perform trail maintenance. Volunteers should come equipped with sturdy shoes, pruning shears, small pruning saw or loppers. Expect to experience an enjoyable evening outside with other members of Victor Hiking Trails. We welcome owners of weedwackers and gas powered hedge trimmers to volunteer their use on the trails. The work usually is not hard and typically lasts one hour. Please feel free to work all or just part of a shift. Give me a call if you have questions or want to know if maintenance has been canceled because of weather. Larry Fisher 924-5803

<b>Date</b>	<b>Trail</b>	<b>Trail Head Location</b>	<b>Tasks</b>
5/1	Monkey Run	Victor-Egypt Road	Clean up after Logging operation
5/8	Auburn	Break of Day Road	Prune, Mow
5/15	Seneca	Dryer Road	Prune, Mow, install Plank bridges
5/22	<b>Meeting</b>		
5/29	Auburn	School Street	Prune, Mow
6/5	Auburn	Route 251	Prune, Mow, Plank Walkways?
6/12	Auburn	Philips Road	Prune, Mow
6/19	Auburn	Fishers Fire House #1	Prune, Mow
6/26	<b>Meeting</b>		
7/3	Seneca	Fishers Fire House #2	Prune, Mow
7/10	Seneca	Route 96 at Route 251	Prune, Mow
7/17	Auburn	Fisher Road	Prune, Mow
7/24	<b>Meeting</b>		
7/31	Monkey Run	Victor-Egypt Road	Prune, Mow
8/7	Auburn	Break of Day Road	Prune, Mow
8/14	Seneca	Dryer Road	Prune, Mow
8/21	Auburn	Route 251	Prune, Mow
8/28	<b>Meeting</b>		
9/4	Auburn	Route 251	Prune, Mow
9/11	Seneca	Fishers Fire House #2	Prune, Mow
9/18	Seneca	Route 96 at Route 251	Prune, Mow
9/25	<b>Meeting</b>		

# TAKE A HIKE!

Family Walks in the Rochester Area

by Rich & Sue Freeman

**T**his book was written for those who:

- are looking for unique or little known places to explore
- want to have a better understanding of our community
- want to introduce children to the fun of the outdoors
- want to break up the day with a relaxing walk
- want an inexpensive way to exercise
- want to get out of the house
- enjoy hiking, but have a busy life style
- want to leave the office behind
- all the above reasons



**P**erfect for everyone who wants to explore the local trails

**and learn more about the history and geology of the area.**

**From lost cities to farm lanes, this book explores a variety of interesting walks. Whether young or young at heart, you will enjoy each of the 40+ trails.**

**You may become the one others turn to when the question is:**

**What can we do for fun this weekend?**

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- 4 Unknown Trail?? (Irondequoit Bay Park East)
- 5 North Ponds Park Trail
- 6 Ohmsted/Seneca Trail (Seneca Park)
- 7 Thousand Acre Swamp Trails (The Nature Conservancy)
- 8 Lost Trails of Tryon Park

#### Outdoor Walks Southeast of Rochester

- 9 Auburn Trail (Victor Hiking Trails Inc.)
- 10 Wetlands Trail (Crescent Trail Assoc.)
- 11 Indian Hill Trail (Crescent Trail Assoc.)
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- 15 Trail Of Peace (Ganondagan State Historic Site)
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