



# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

**July 24, 1997**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM with 8 attending:

Dave Wright	Larry Fisher	Amy Amish	Rich Freeman
Sue Freeman	Chauncy Young	Ruth Nellis	Douglas Fisher

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

Approved as written.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

<b>July:</b>	Income	1,070.39
	Expenses	911.07
	Checking account	1,249.98
	Savings account	4,979.73
	Total	6,229.71

Dave received a form letter from the State of New York, Office of the Attorney General, advising that we need to register as a charitable entity. They did not send the necessary forms, so Dave called asking that they be mailed. When they are received, Chauncy will fill them out and mail them to the Attorney General's office.

## **Membership:**

We had 5 renewals; no new members. The total paid and honorary memberships is now 130. There will be an article in the newsletter reminding everyone that they can get a free patch if they sign up a new member. Renewal reminders will be sent with the next newsletter. The brochure quote was about \$400 for 3,000

## **Publicity:**

Dave sent a news release to the local papers regarding our August 9th hike from Dresden to Penn Yan. If interested, meet at the Town Hall at 9 AM.

## **Historian:**

There was an article in the Messenger on June 29 about the improved landscaping to be done at East View Mall over the next 2-3 years. Also, there was an article about the off-road trails in the nine-county area.

The July 17th D&C featured an article about Sue and Rich Freeman and their new book Take a Hike - Family Hikes in the Rochester Area.

### **Newsletter:**

Next issue will be printed in mid-August.

It will have articles on

- Hang Around Victor Day
- Annual trip to Marcia's in the High Peaks
- Rich and Sue's book
- Our "Billy Goat" brush log
- Off-road trails map
- Calendar, upcoming hikes, membership, etc.

### **Trailmaster's Report:**

Carol has a petition from all but one of the adjoining neighbors of the Nature Conservancy property giving permission for a hiking trail. She sent it to the Nature Conservancy office in Rochester, asking for a reply. She will follow up with a call in the next couple of weeks.

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

Larry, Dave, Sue and Rich removed rocks from Irondequoit Creek under the bridge.

Rerouted Seneca Trail at the rear of Auburn Creek Golf Range now goes by an abandoned house.

Paul Van Scott still needs to quote repairs on the bridge.

The boardwalk is to start next week

### **Last Hike:**

Ten members enjoyed a great morning at Onanda Park on the west side of Canandaigua Lake. After hiking to the top of the hills, they enjoyed great views of the lake as well as the gorge and falls. It must be spectacular in March and early April when the water is really flowing and before the leaves bud out.

### **Old Business:**

1. Hang Around Victor- Sept. 6, 1997

Anyone available to set up, man the booth or tear down? Larry Fisher, Douglas, Chancy, and Ruth would appreciate assistance.

Anyone want to make some bird, bat or butterfly houses or bird feeders?

We will also sell left over walking sticks, patches, bandanas, books (History & Hiking). A Wade's bag will be given with each purchase.

2. Keep extra Multi-use Trails Coalition calling cards for anyone hiking near businesses, in your fanny pack..

3. We have sold 18 of the Freeman's books plus what Chauncy & Larry have sold.

4. We received a thank you from the Nature Conservancy for our \$20.00 donation.

## **New Business:**

1. Deven Branca (Troop 60, Victor) called Dave regarding a possible Eagle project. Dave gave him several suggestions. Devon is interested in creating a new trail.,
2. Dave received a request from New York Parks & Conservation Association to complete a survey on established or planned greenways and multi-use trails. They are creating a data base for NYS. By completing the survey, they will put us on their mailing list for their new greenways New York newsletter. Dave will complete the survey and mail it to them.
3. Hawkins Property Subdivision is moving ahead, but has a long way to go.
4. Candlelight Creek Subdivision , Cline Rd. north of Bumpuss Rd. has 18 lots on 30A. The Planning board was asked to request a conservation & trail easement around the perimeter of the property.
5. Koch Container, 777 Old Duch Rd. is putting an addition on. It borders the Lehigh.
6. Dowling Property rezone from R1 to C. A public hearing was held and input from all boards was obtained. They will be making a decision soon, possibly by the 7/28/97 meeting.
7. Schedule for Crescent Trails.
  - Aug 10th. Powder Mills Park, Pittsford Trails, and beyond. Meet at Frontier Cellular, Parkview office Building, 1050 Pittsford-Victor Rd. (Rt. 96)
  - Sept. 14th. The History Hike of Fairport Village. Greet the Towpath "end-to-end" bikers. Meet in Perinton Park, upper lot (near canal) Rt 31 F (Fairport Rd.)
8. Land Gift.
  - Auburn Creek wants to dispose of the Conservation Easement property (30 acres) at the rear of their property. We have a trail easement through it. It is very wooded and wet. It is land-locked. We have the first offer.
  - Dave called R. L. Anderson Agency (Town's insurance agent) to see what expense would be incurred. They indicated that our present coverage would be sufficient.
  - Dave talked to Jack Richter and Jane Luce. Their concern was the proximity to the old landfill and the accessibility.
  - The abandoned house and junk cars are also on the property.
  - Owning the property would give us full control of how we develop trails and board walks.
  - Dave had a map of the property as well as a tax map from the Village showing adjoining landowners.

Dave will call John Ericson & recommend they contact Finger Lakes Land Trust & Genessee L and Trust.

**Next Hike:**

Aug 9th- Dresden to Penn Yan. We will meet at the Town Hall at 9:00 AM, car pool to Penn Yan, leaving one car. Start at the Dreseden end and hike to Penn Yan. (8 miles). Lots of Historical mills are there. Bring a bag lunch and water. We will return to Victor around 4 PM.

Next Meeting - 8/28/97

Adjourned 9:07

Ruth E. Nellis - Secretary

**VHT CALENDAR**

- Aug.. 9 - Hike from Dresden to Penn Yan
- Aug. 10 - Crescent Trails hikes Posder Mills
- Sept. 6 - Hike Irondequoit Bay Park East
- Sept. 13 - Hang Around Victor Day
- Sept. 14 - Crescent Trails' history hike of Fairport Village
- Oct. 11 - Hike Stid Hill, Bristol Hills
- Nov. 8 - Pittsford, Old Erie Canal/Auburn RR Loop
- Dec. 13 - Hike Birdsong Trail at Mendon Ponds Pa

Heavy dew at night promises a good day to follow, but no dew in the morning indicates rain. Yankee Weather Proverbs 1992