



# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

Sept. 25, 1997  
Meeting Minutes

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

Dave Wright      Norman Smith      Sue Freeman      Rich Freeman  
Carol MacInnes      Chauncy Young      Douglas Fisher      Roberta Lockwood

## Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

## Treasurer's Report:

Checking account	1253.68
Savings account	5011.21
Total	6264.89

37 Take a Hike! books have been sold to date.

## Membership

Welcome to our newest members: MaryAnn and Norm Hochman, Jane Luce, Marsha Sutton, Charles Blackmon and Susan Kauffman. There were 7 renewals this month, 2 members moved and one did not leave a forwarding address. The total membership is now 132.

## Publicity:

Dave submitted information to the 4 local papers and to Jack Jones (D&C reporter) on our October hike. Jack placed a small article in the D&C the following day.

## Historian:

Dave had an article on preserving Penfield wetlands and hiking opportunities in the Rochester area.

## Newsletter:

The town newsletter will be distributed around November 1. Anyone who would like to submit an article, please call Dave.

Our newsletter will be distributed mid-December. Call Dave with suggested ideas.

**Trailmaster's Report:**

Carol reported that Mrs. Ostrum is not in favor of a trail through the Nature Conservancy. Kris Agard (Nature Conservancy) will visit her on 10/18/97. Please write to Kris and explain why you feel that a VHT trail in Bentley Woods would be a benefit to the property. You may want to mention that you have enjoyed VHT trails, the closeness with nature, and that you care for and about the land. A good word about VHT and/or the Crescent Trails would also be nice. Kris' address is:

Kris Agard, Director of Science and Stewardship  
Nature Conservancy Central Western Office  
315 Alexander St.  
Rochester, NY 14604

**Trail Boss' Report:**

Trail maintenance is complete for the season, however, if anyone thinks that any trail needs some work before the snow flies, give Larry a call.

Larry spoke with Scout Devon Branca and his father, Matt. Devon is interested in building a boardwalk in the wetland.

Larry and Dave put up posts and signs on the Seneca Trail at the "Ambush Valley."

**Last Hike:**

9 members walked the trails in Bay Park on the east side of Irondequoit Bay. This undeveloped park has many steep trails through the ravines that dip down to the bay.

**Old Business:**

- Hang Around Victor- Sept. 6, 1997. The morning began with a drizzle, but eventually cleared up and the crowd came to town around noon. One new member signed up. We sold 3 Take a Hike! books and \$105.10 worth of birdhouses, shirts and patches. More bat houses are needed for next year.

- The "End-to-End" Canal trek was a success. Pittsford and Fairport had lots of press in the newsletter, "Canalway Trail Times." Dave has a detailed 4-color map of the canal.

- Dave wrote a letter to Leo Downey, Grants Administrator of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation, but is waiting for approval from Charlie Criss of the Victor Community Center, for support for a grant to purchase 34 acres of land adjacent to the Victor Village 9 acres south of Main St..

- 200 brochures were given to the Welcome Wagon.

- Dave gave 4 pictures to MUTC for their map of the off-road multi-use trails.

**New Business:**

- Suggestions are needed for hikes for next year. Please bring a list of possible hikes and what month would be best to next month's meeting. Some possibilities are Letchworth, Greenway, Ontario Pathways and the Sat. evening before Labor Day at 9PM hike Bear Hill - watch the Ring of Fire around the lake.

- MUTC recommends that trails which cross busy roads should have a STOP sign for bicyclists. We should consider them at rte.251 and also have directional signs where bicycles need to follow alternate routes.

- The Victor Heights Corporate Park on rte. 251 asked for and received a re-subdivision. The Planning Board asked for a trail easement from the property to the Auburn Trail. The developer is not sure where the trail will be.

- There will be a public hearing for the Hawkins Property Subdivision on 10/14/97.

- Auburn Creek Golf Park will be expanding their parking lot. Business is good.

- Gordy Phillips is considering selling 10 acres on Phillips Rd. for construction of office/manufacturing buildings. The old trolley passed through the property.

- The town is applying for a grant to develop their land on Dryer Rd. into a park for lacrosse and picnic pavilion. There could be a trail from Dryer Rd. to Fort Hill. Also included in the grant is development of a nature trail at the MaryFrances Bluebird Sanctuary, the Village Park and possibly the Fishers Park.

- It was recommended that John Erickson call the DEC and town regarding donating their wetland property.

- October 9, the Elks Club of Canandaigua will be giving a spaghetti dinner from 5PM - 7:30PM to support Habitat for Humanity. See/call Norm Smith for tickets.

#### **Next Hike:**

October 11. We will meet at the Town Hall at 9:00 AM, car pool to Stid Hill and hike the DEC property. Foliage should be beautiful!

**Next Meeting - 10/23/97**

Adjourned 9:00PM

Minutes written by Ruth E. Nellis, Secretary, from Dave Wright's notes.

### **VHT CALENDAR**

- Oct. 11 - Hike Stid Hill, Bristol Hills
- Oct. 23 - VHT monthly meeting, 7:30PM, Town Hall
- Nov. 8 - Pittsford, Old Erie Canal/Auburn RR Loop
- Nov. 20 - Annual meeting, election of officers
- Dec. 13 - Hike Birdsong Trail at Mendon Ponds Park

A thunderstorm in October is a sign of a long, cold Winter. Yankee Weather Proverbs  
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