



# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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January 22, 1998

The meeting called to order at 7:30 PM with the following members present:

Dave Wright

David Coleman

Carol MacInnes

Ruth Nellis

Larry Fisher

Chauncy Young

## Minutes of the previous meeting:

Approved as written.

## Treasurer's Report:

Checking account: 17.79

Savings account : 5076.16

Total: 5093.95

Expenses in Dec.: 498.68 Poles for gates  
307.99 Newsletter

## Membership:

Welcome to 5 new members: Jerry Soltas, Jerry Sebring, Susan Brennan, Bryan and Cathy Powers (a Christmas gift from Bryan's sister in Mass. – she found us in the WWW!)  
Total to date is 135 households.

## Publicity:

Dave sent faxes to the local newspapers announcing our Feb. 14 hike – see Next Hike for details.

## Historian:

Dave submitted articles on the following: Ted Collins Tree and Landscape has “adopted” an intersection where the Lehigh Trail crosses rte. 64 in Mendon – the Mendon Foundation has a program where trail and road intersections can be landscaped and maintained voluntarily in order to be made more visible and appealing; the Victor Historical Society has reorganized in an attempt to save Valentown Museum; a developer would like to build upscale houses on Pinnacle Hill in Rochester – this is one of a few natural areas left in the city.

Roberta submitted articles on the following: NYS guided hikes one of which will take place at Toughanock State Park on Jan. 24 – meet on rte. 89 at the trail or call the park for details; near Macedon there is a trail linking a subdivision with a neighboring park; an article including maps of cross country ski trails in the New York State area was also submitted.

**Newsletter:**

As a result of sending the newsletter to prospective and dropped members, we obtained 3 new members. Thanks to Amy – we continue to receive many favorable comments.

Deadline for the next issue is March 1.

**Trailmaster's Report:**

Carol reported on the last MUTC meeting: they are working on the NYS Obligation Law which protects landowners, Carol asked for more details; Bike Week is June 1 – 7; they would like to host a trail workshop in the fall for trail groups/associations to discuss mutual problems and solutions.

**Trailboss' Report:**

Larry reported that signs (yellow diamond) have been put up at Monkey Run and that laminated ones telling where you are will be placed on the trail; he is waiting to hear from Devon Brianca for the boardwalk; Larry will contact Phil Clark to get a quote for engineering time on the bridge.

**Last Hike:**

Due to major flooding and on the advise of Alan Oberst, we switched our January and February hikes. 15 people met at Wegman's on East Ave., drove to Highland Park and hiked back to Wegman's. Alan graciously offered to be our leader and pointed out scenic and historical features at Highland, Pinnacle Hill and Cobb's Hill. It was a great city hike over the hills and through the woods.

**Old Business:**

Has anyone changed our web page lately?

Dave has included our '98 –'99 goals on a flyer that will be sent to members when they renew their membership.

16 members attended the organizational meeting at Dede's. Dave presented certificates of appreciation to all of the staff for making 1997 successful for VHT.

Bryan Pazaras organized a New Year's Eve hike. 6 VHT members braved the cold and hiked from Fisher's Fire House on Main St. to the Post Office on School St.. Bryan would like to see this become an annual event.

**New Business:**

Dave received a letter from Mona Rynearson of the Bergen Swamp Society. She said that depending on the winter, native plants may not be in evidence in April when we have scheduled our hike. It was decided by the members to switch the April 11 hike with the June 6 hike, therefore, we will go to Corbett's Glen in April and Bergen Swamp in June. An application will be completed and returned to Mona. Bergen Swamp is not interested in our wetland donation (Erickson's property behind the driving range).

Marcia Bryan has invited us to her place for Sept. 18 – 20.

Regarding the wetlands, Dave wrote a letter to Jack Richter recommending the Town accept the land donation. Dave said we would support and include plans for

developing the land into an educational park like the Bergen Swamp and Thousand Acre Swamp.

The Town received 103 responses to the park questionnaire. Hiking trails were the most popular recreational feature and most responses indicated an interest in the preservations of green space.

Dave received a letter from Kristin McBurney at the Genesee Transportation Council concerning the NYS Thruway's proposal to remove some bridges, including some which are used as parts of trails and the one that passes over the Auburn in Fishers. This would drastically effect out trail. Dave will write a letter to the Thruway and request they consider pedestrian tunnels where needed.

The Freemans have included the Auburn and Lehigh Trails in their new book, Take Your Bike! Family Rides in the Rochester Area. Dave has proofread it and made some corrections/additions and will mail it to them.

Doug Stinson and Joy Barnitz of Crescent Trails are moving to California. They have had a great deal of influence on the development of this association and will be greatly missed – Best Wishes!

Ontario Pathways is sponsoring a moonlight ski night on Feb. 13, at 8:00PM. Meet at the rte. 96 trailhead parking lot, ¼ mile east of Midlakes High School on the south side of the road.

Bryan Pazaras has a proposal to help “Keep Victor Clean:” meet at the Village Hall 9AM fourth Sat. each month, work for 1 hour on the streets and trails, redeem bottles and cans for honorary memberships publicized in the newspaper and letter. It was felt by the members that, while it is an admirable goal, this should be a village-wide effort which involves other groups and residents.

The Omnitech Business Park sketch plan was approved. This is the parcel near the Auburn and Lehigh on Phillips Road. There is a possibility of a trail through a wooded lot where the trolley used to run.

The Town Planning Board will again schedule neighborhood meetings in 1998 to discuss development issues with the residents.

The senior citizen housing project in the Village on School St., bordering the Auburn, is progressing. This will be a 24-unit complex. Buffers along the trail may have to be looked into.

The annual financial audit will take place next month.

**Next Hike:**

Feb. 14, meet at 9AM at the Town Hall. Car pool to Canawaugus Park at Oatka Creek in the Village of Scottsville. Hike the Greenway to 5&20 in Avon. Expect to return after 12 noon.

**Next Meeting:**

Feb. 26, 1998, 7:30PM at the Town Hall.

**Adjournment:** 9:15PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth E. Nellis - Secretary

## VHT CALENDAR

Feb. 5 - Freeman's' slide show on the Appalachian Trail, 7PM at the Victor Library

Feb. 14 – hike the Greenway to Avon

Feb. 26 – next meeting

Yankee weather proverb: Snow that comes in the old of moon is apt to last; snow that comes in the new of the moon soon is past.