



# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

Oct. 28, 1999  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM with 7 attending:

Dave Wright	Larry Fisher	Carol MacInnes
Dave Coleman	Rich Freeman	Sue Freeman
Ed Steiner	Barb Steiner	

**Last Month's Minutes:**  
Approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:**

September	CD	\$2000.00
	Checking account	843.97
	Savings account	2469.35
	Total	\$5313.32

**Membership:**

We recieved six new memberships. Welcome Jean Hvatt, Jon & Jeanne Gehret, Suzanne & Jacques Paquin, Karen LeGrett, Robert & Mabelle Pizzutiello, Ed & Barb Steiner. We also had three renewal. This brings the total current household memberships to 127.

**Publicity:**

Dave W. sent a fax to the eight local newspapers about our Nov. 13th hike at Mendon Ponds Park. He also updated our voice mailbox. The Messenger reporter, Chris Dressen, Called Dave regarding information on the MaryFrances Bluebird Haved. Dave sent her a copy of the map of the property and explained how the public will be able to observe the birds and other wildlife.

**Historian:**

Dave W. submitted newspaper articles about the history of the Genesee River, poison ivy, montering the water in Allen's creek at Corbett's Glen, banning engines in the Adirondacks, preserving Hemlock and Canadice Lakes as well as the usual notices of our monthly hikes.

**Education:**

No report.

**Newsletter:**

Deadline is Nov. 20th. Newsletter will be mailed Dec. 1. Submit ideas to Dave W. Town newsletter was just mailed this week. Good publicity for VHT. Look for pullout survey. Fill it out and take to the polls on Tuesday. Make your vote count.

**Trailmaster:**

On Oct. 10, Carol, Dave W. and Douglas Fisher hiked from the Valentown Museum up to the Kesel property, under the power lines and over to Turk Hill Road to meet up with the Crescent Trail. We will need a revocable permit for the Kesel property and possibly the Cummins and Pickering properties to connect with Perinton. Carol and Douglas will proceed with this. Dave Schaffer from Crescent Trails would like to hike this in the near future.

Carol will investigate where the trail for 100 Acre Woods will be located in the new development off Gillis Road opposite Cobblestone.

**Trail Boss:**

On Oct. 16, Larry, Dave W., Rich and Sue started the stone foundations for the new bridge over Great Brook by the RG&E substation on Dryer Road. Each of the wire baskets are nearly half full. We will be loading more stone from the creek Saturday morning at 9 AM on October 30. Anyone that can help, bring boots, gloves and a strong back. We will take measurements for the lumber needed. B.J.'s Wholesale Club has invited us to their store on Sat. Oct. 30 from 8 to 9 AM for a breakfast celebration.

Dave W. has cleared most of the trail around the MaryFrances Bluebird Haven. There is one thick section left to be done around Thanksgiving time. Then it can be marked with our blue signs and paint.

Dave W. will be putting up signs at the trail road crossings reminding hikers that this is hunting season and letting hunters know that there may be hikers on the trails. Best thing to do is to wear blaze orange.

Archery-	Oct 15 to Nov. 21 and Dec 15 to 19
Shotgun-	Nov. 22 to Dec. 14
Muzzleloader-	Dec. 15 to 21

**Last Hikes:**

Oct. 9- 33 people hiked from Jumpoff at Ontario County Park to the south end of BSA Camp Cutler, a distance of over five miles. It was a great fall day with lots of color on the trees, but not at peak yet.

**OLd Business:**

Our Adirondack Adventure was a great success. Larry, Chauncy, Dave C, Dave W., Jackie Morris, Kathy Manners and Len Fela joined Marcia for a day of hiking over Cascade, Porter and Blueberry mountains, a distance of at least eight miles. It took us about eight hours, with many rest stops and a leisurely lunch at the top of Porter. Although it was overcast with a few peeks of the sun, the colors

were great. On Sunday morning, Larry, Chauncy, two Daves and Marcia scaled Severence Hill for a beautiful view of Schroon and Paradox Lakes. There will be pictures of these hikes on our web site soon.

### **New Business:**

We discussed possible trial hikes for next year and came up with these choices:

Jan 8	Genesee County Park
Feb 12	Webster Park
Mar 11	Oatka Park
Apr 8	Daffodil trail (Power Mills Park)
May 13	Spring Farm (Newark)
June 3	National Trails Day. Seneca Trail from Ganondagan to Valentown
June 10	Urbana State Forest
Jul 8	Tanner Glen and Grimes Glen (Naples)
Aug 12	Howland Island (Montezuma)
Sep 2	Ring of Fire
Sep 9	Hang Around Victor Day
Oct 14	Tanaughick Falls (Ithica)
Nov 11	Greece Canal Park
Dec 9	Durand Eastman Park

Dave sent a thank you letter to B.J.'s Wholesale Club for providing bottled water and granola bars for our Oct. hike. There were some leftovers. Dave will bring them to our Nov. hike.

Rich and Sue Freeman have a bimonthly newsletter on their website, footprintpress.com. The Oct/Nov issue tells about their hike on the West Overland Trail in Chautaugua Co.

Rich and Sue will be presenting their Appalachian Trail slide show on Sunday Nov. 7 at 4 PM at the Trinity Church in Nunda. This is the Friends of the Genesee Greenway's annual dinner meeting.

Crescent Trails is presenting Trail Trek 2000. The goal is to hike all of the Crescent Trails during 2000. They are planning their monthly hikes to cover all of their trails. Hikers who complete the challenge will be awarded a T-shirt or other momento on the Dec. 10, 2000 hike.

On 10/24, Dave W. received some donated hand tools from Al Friedrichs. We now have a grass whip, pick axe, metal rake, short handled shovel, hoe, breaker bar, pitch fork, potato rake, sledge hammer, two 3-foot metal clamps, and several wooden stakes. He also offered us some short railroad ties and patio blocks which we need to pick up at a later date.

The Town Board presented a preliminary budget on 10/25. It contains \$206,000 for park development and \$175,000 for a parks dept.

Trail Works Inc is holding three workshops to solicit residents input for a trail master plan.

We received a nice letter from a lady from New Hampshire who was staying at the Microtel motel and happened upon one of our trails. She was delighted and wanted to learn how to start a trail group in her town. Dave sent her lots of

information and is hoping for a reply. Dave will leave maps at the local motels, encouraging visitors to try our trails. Also Carol mentioned it would be great to have a trail near Main Street Fishers and 96 for the businesses employees to use at lunch time. Redcom does have some trails on the old trolley bed in the rear of their building. It would be easy to connect with the Lehigh and Auburn. Food for future planning.

Friday, Nov. 19 from 6 to 8 PM will be a retirement party for Celie Umland at the Cobblestone Country Club. Cost is \$20.00

A big thankyou to Chauncy for creating the wonderful artwork to remind us of our weekend with Marcia.

Rich sent the latest Foot Print Press maps of Victor Trails to Ron Sears to put on our website. He will send Dave a set for photocopying for our members.

Dave C. noted in the Honoeye newsletter that Briggs Gully will be developed into a nature preserve and it will double the size of Harriet Hollister Memorial Park.

**Officer slate for 2000**

Chairperson	Dave Wright
Vice Chairperson	Norm Smith
Secretary	Ruth Nellis
Treasurer	Chauncy Young

Election will be next month.

**Next Hike:**

Saturday, Nov 13. 2-3 mile hike at Mendon Ponds Park. Meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9 AM or at Devil's Bathtub Parking lot at 9:30 AM. Return to Victor by 1 PM.

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, Nov. 18, 7:30 PM at town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectively,

David A. Wright with notes from Sue Freeman

