

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
VICTOR TOWN HALL
03/22/01**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by David Wright at 7:35 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Attendees: Dave Wright; Chauncy Young; Kathy Manners; Carol MacInnes; Larry Fisher; John McVay

Last Month's Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Chauncy Young.

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
8 Month CD	0.00
Checking	1,333.84
Savings	3,791.49
Cash	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank	5,125.33
Total Liabilities	79.75
Equity	<u>5,045.48</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	5,125.33

Membership:

We have one new member: Debbie Denz of Victor. Seven renewals. Total membership is now 152 households.

Publicity:

Dave Wright sent a fax to local papers regarding our April 14 hike at Chimney Bluffs State Park. He also updated the phone message.

Historian:

Baby bald eagles are expected at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, a 10,818 acre area located in Genesee and Orleans counties.

Education: Ruth Nellis is working on a story regarding the history of the steam engine and electric train that ran on the trolley bed in the Victor area.

Newsletter: The spring issue was mailed March 1. Dave W. will be looking for articles for the June 1 issue. Some topics will include National Trails Day, New trails, New Parks, Trail Maintenance, Hikes planned, Adirondack Spring Weekend.

Trailmaster: Carol will research access to Powder Mill via Victor trails and possible access via Golisano's property. Other possible future connecting routes would include Boughton Park to Ganandagan; Fort Hill to Town Park on Dryer Road.

Trail Boss: Trail Sweep Day is Saturday, April 21, 2001. Meet at Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Last Hike:

We had 8 trekkers enjoy the bountiful snow and sunny skies at Harriet Hollister Memorial Park on March 10. Four cross country skied, two were on snow shoes, and two hiked. The trails were freshly groomed and the views of Honeoye Lake were great.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

The United Way-Day of Caring Project will be on Wednesday, April 25. If anyone can help, meet at the Lehigh Crossing Park on Route 251, across from the Auburn Creek Golf Driving Range at 8:00 a.m. or whenever you can make it. Bring trail clearing tools. Dave will go to Victor Coal & Lumber to pick up paint; Rustoleum; brushes; wire brush, etc. appropriate for painting 14 gates on the various trails.

We will need sandpaper, rags, paint brushes, paint, extra cans, etc. to paint the metal gates. – black, brown or green.

VHT will supply refreshments (pizza, pop) for the workers around noon.

Mendon Foundation (Carl Foss) is organizing a fund raiser: "Healthy Heart Hikers & Bikers". There is a meeting at Perinton Town Hall at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 23 with other local trail groups to discuss the plan. Dave is planning to attend.

American Heart Walk is Sat. March 31, at the War Memorial, 8 a.m.

The Town Board passed a resolution making the Valentown area a historic planned development district.

High Adventure Explorer Post #215 has been inactive for over one year. The advisor, Bruce Mellen, had a bank check drawn for the balance and payable to VHT. He is attempting to determine what funds he is owed for equipment he purchased. He has all the tents, stoves, etc., in his townhouse. Technically, it all belongs to VHT. We need to decide what to do with the equipment; give to another High Adventure Crew; loan to other outdoor groups; sell to a group. The bank needs a letter from us to close the account.

Dave W. will ask Harry Lloyd to send out a letter to our Trail sponsors reminding them of their commitment to maintain their sections of the trail.

Dave W. has a copy of the Feb. 2001 Newsletter of the Genesee Valley Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club.

NYS Canal Cruise & Trek is July 10-27, 2001.

Dave W. called Marcia Bryan. She is expecting us on Friday, May 18 for the spring Adirondack hike. Call Dave W. if you plan on going. Fall hike will be Oct. 12, 13 & 14.

Dave W. has a copy of the **Footprint Press March/April 2001 Newsletter** featuring: "Thoughts from the Appalachian Trail" with a foreword by Rich Freeman

Finger Lakes Trail News has an article discussing the "Spectre of Sprawl"

EMS Club Day (20% off) is April 28.

Dave W. has a report on the **Lehigh Valley Multi-Use Trail Study** done by Bergmann Associates for Genesee Transportation Council & the Town of Henrietta.

David W. has been appointed to the **Boughton Park Board of Directors Commission.**

Chauncy Young made a formal motion that Dave Wright present a proposal to the Town Board to the effect that the Auburn line be legally acquired by the Town. It was agreed by everyone present that this was a great idea. The Fishers fire department is looking at purchasing land adjacent to the firehouse for expansion.

March 2, Chauncy attended the Victor Roundtable meeting and it was discussed that VHT would conduct historic hikes during special events, such as Hang Around Victor Day on Sept. 8, 2001. The Stuart Horse Trials will be international this year and will be held from July 25 to 29th on Murray Road. Next meeting is Friday, April 6 at 8 a.m.

Next VHT Hike is April 14, Chimney Bluffs

Next Meeting is April 26.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Manners