

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
Regular Monthly Meeting
Victor Town Hall
December 20, 2001

Called to order at 7:37 PM

Attendees: Dave Wright, Carol MacInnes, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Roberta Lockwood, Ed Brindle, Russell Brindle

Last Month's Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

C.D.	\$2604.09
Checking	1173.03
Savings	3,329.90
Cash	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$7,071.02

Membership: Five new members this month; welcome to Cynthia Schwab, William Clifford, Clark & Stephanie Hastings and Al Kidd, all from Victor and Pauline Motkowski of Rochester. Eight renewals. Six members dropped for lack of paying dues. Total current membership now stands at 157.

Publicity: Dave Wright sent faxes to the local newspapers and updated the phone message regarding our hike on Jan. 12.

Historian: Brace Road Park expansion, preservation of green space in Victor, prairie flora in Rush, where to hike during hunting season.

Education: Ruth Nellis advises to use warm water when putting up your Christmas tree.

VHT Newsletter: Winter 2001 issue was mailed on Dec. 1. Next issue will be mailed March 1, 2002. Deadline for articles is Feb. 22. Town newsletter will be mailed in Feb.

Trailmaster: Carol suggested that we blaze and clear the trail at Fishers Road across from Royal View so the people who gave permission know we want the trail. Chauncy also suggested we clear the trail at Wiley Estates/The Hamptons on Gillis Rd., especially now that the development road is complete. This trail leads to "100 Acre Woods".

Trail Boss: Larry suggested we measure for the bridge over White Brook at Monkey Run. We will meet on Sat., Jan. 5, 2002 at 9 AM. on Valentown Road.

Last Hike: Seven people enjoyed hiking the trails of Northhampton Park. The park features a rope tow and gentle hill for beginner skiers, a sledding hill and many cross-country ski trails.

TEA-21 Grant: After all of the reviews, the Governor will announce the winners this summer.

Genesee Region Trail Coalition: Dave W. was asked to be on the steering committee. He will be acting VP with Carl Foss of Mendon Foundation the acting president until the first annual meeting with election of officers in March. The Coalition will ask trail groups to be members and charge \$25.00 per year. Chauncy made the motion that we join and that Dave W. represent our group. Seconded by Roberta. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Parks Master Plan: Final version is being prepared by Kotz Associates and will be presented to the Town Board in Jan. A public hearing will then be set.

Trail Map Updates: Rich Freeman finished the updates and reviewed them with Dave W. He will mail a set to Dave for review by Charlene Berry-Pickering before finalizing.

Eagle Projects: Zack Rheume has finished his project of nature signs at Monkey Run. Stop over and check them out.

Russ Brindle was present and made a formal proposal to build a footbridge over White Brook at Monkey Run. He showed us pictures of the area and what the bridge will look like. It will be approximately 20 feet long with ramps, 20 inches above the ground and 4 feet wide. The support posts will be 45 inches into the ground. He may need pea gravel in the bottom of the holes. He will review the final design with Mr. Joe Logan, a professional engineer and bridge designer. He needs the troop committee to approve the project, as well as the district to sign off. He will also talk to Charlene and Jim Mattoon to get the town's permission.

Hikes for 2002: Sue Freeman sent suggestions for our summer falls hikes. We decided to do Eggleston Falls and Great Gully Falls on August 10, 2002.

Also, we will do a hike on Sept. 14, 2002. Destination to be determined later. If anyone has an idea, call Dave W.

Our July 13 hike can be on the Greenway where there is a gap just north of Mt. Morris, but it needs to be checked out before the hike.

Website: Ron Sears updated our site, adding several links to other sites.

We need to decide if we want to continue with GGW and pay \$30.00 per year for the service or if we want to have our own domain name and enhanced features for \$60.00 per year. On motion by Chauncy, seconded by Carol M. it was decided unanimously that we would seek to have **VictorHikingTrails.org** as a domain name and pay \$60.00 per year to GGW for their full service package. Dave W. will send in the application.

New Business: We received a holiday card from Marcia Bryan.

The Outdoor Expo 2002 will be held in Mendon Ponds Park on Saturday, May 18, 2002. Everyone agreed this is a good opportunity to promote trails, National Trails Day and VHT. We will again have a booth at the Expo.

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection has published a new brochure promoting the Finger Lakes. Victor Hiking Trails and MaryFrances Bluebird Haven are included.

The Freeman's sent their holiday letter and schedule of upcoming slide shows.

Chauncy suggested we get golf shirts with Victor Hiking Trails embroidered on the front. These would be worn when attending hiking promotion functions to promote VHT. He will check on price ranges and level of quality.

Larry reported that the Grand Canyon Trip is booked for April 7, 8 and 9. Probably fly out of Rochester April 5, 2002. There is one opening available. Call Larry at 924-5803 if you are interested.

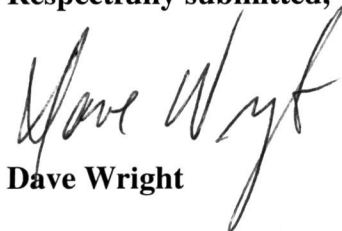
Attention VHT board members and staff. The yearly kickoff breakfast will be on Sat. Jan. 12, 2002 at 7:30 AM at Brenda's Restaurant. Bring a big appetite and Chauncy will bring the checkbook.

Next Hike: Jan 12. We will ski the trails at Harriet Hollister Spencer Park. Bring a drink and bag lunch. Meet at rear parking lot of Victor Town Hall at 9 AM to car pool to the park. Should be back in Victor by 2 PM

Next Meeting: Jan. 24, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Wright

Calendar

- Jan. 12 First hike/ski of 2002 and Kick-off Breakfast for new and old officers**
Jan. 24 Regular monthly meeting
Feb. 9 Hike or ski Genesee County Park trails
Feb. 22 Deadline for newsletter articles
Feb. 28 Regular monthly meeting
Mar. 1 Mail spring newsletter
Mar. 9 Ski or hike Perinton Hills trails
Mar. 28 Regular monthly meeting
Apr. 13 Boughton Park wild flower walk
May 11 Keuka Outlet Trail
Jun. 1 National Trails Day. Special hike in Victor
Jun. 8 Fishers Park
Jul. 13 Creek walk in the Naples area
Aug. 10 Falls hike in western NY
Aug. 31 "Ring of Fire" at Bare Hill at night
Sep. 7 Annual "Hang Around Victor" day
Sep. 14 Mystery hike
Oct. 12 Finger Lakes National Forest
Nov. 9 East side of Letchworth State Park
Dec. 14 Black Creek Park in the town of Chili

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