

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
Regular Monthly Meeting
Victor Town Hall
January 24, 2002

Called to order at 7:32 PM

Attendees: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Norm Smith, David Coleman, Ruth Nellis, Larry Fisher, Carol McInnes, Kathy Manners, Roberta Lockwood

Last Month's Minutes: Approved as written

Treasurer's Report:

C.D. \$	2,604.09
Checking	2,148.87
Savings	3,336.69
Cash	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$8,089.65

It was agreed that the Treasurer would renew the CD for \$3,000 at the best rate available.

Membership: Two new members this month; welcome to Judy and Stuart Kaplan of Pittsford. Two renewals. Three removed due to non-payment of dues. Total current membership now stands at 155.

Publicity: Dave Wright sent faxes to the local newspapers and updated the phone message regarding our February 9th hike.

Historian: Many articles regarding Victor, Valentown and the Village were reported on in addition to several from Ruth, Chauncy and Roberta regarding various hiking trails and other issues related to the natural world.

Education:

Ruth Nellis working on vision impaired signs for Fisher's Park. Ruth brought an example of how the signs will look and where the vision-impaired tag will affix. Ruth plans on adding pictures of the tree structure and an inset with detail showing leaf forms, nuts and blossoms for identification, and the Latin names of each.

Newsletter: Dave Wright submitted an article for the Community Newsletter, scheduled to be mailed in early February.

VHT Pathfinder to be mailed March 1. Deadline for article is Feb 22. There will be items on Spring and Summer themes.

Trailmaster: Sometime in the Spring, we need to blaze the trail from Fisher's Road across from Royal View.

Trail Boss: January 5th, bridge across White Brook was measured (18 feet). Need to draw up design and show Town for approval. Dave Wright put up red metal VHT signs on the trail at the Hampton's leading into the "100 Acre Woods". We will need one of our large yellow signs on a 4"X4" post in the Spring. Need to build a small footbridge over a drainage creek by Wiley Estates and blaze the trail from Gillis Road parking lot near pump station to the creek.

Last Hike: January 12 -Four members and one guest hiked, skied, or snow-shoed at Harriet Hollister Park. The snow was plentiful and the temperature was perfect.

TEP Grant:

Our project has been rated #1 by the local reviewers, but the top five projects are all very close. It will help us if more letters of support are sent to GTC. They have set up a special web page for receiving letters of support. Please send a letter to www.gtcmpo.org and tell your friends as well. See handout for instructions.

Genesee Region Trail Coalition: First annual meeting will be held on March 21 at the Perinton Community Center, 3:00 p.m. A letter will be mailed in February to all local trail groups, towns and related organizations inviting them to attend.

On motion by Dave Wright, and seconded by Roberta Lockwood, it was agreed to send a check for \$100.00 for membership and to help Mendon Foundation with the cost of the mailing.

Old Business:

Parks Master Plan is nearly complete. Watch for notices of Town Board meeting.

Trail Map Updates: Copies were given to Charlene for the town to review. Dave W. and Rich Freeman will be meeting with her soon to finalize.

Eagle Projects:

Russ Brindle met with Joe Logan to refine the bridge design. He needs to meet with the team. Dave W, Larry and Chauncy met with Chris Sonnefeld from Troop 50 for a proposed bridge over the creek along the Auburn next to Lehigh Crossing Park. The bridge will need to have a span of about 24 feet, one of our longest. Chris will need to meet with Jim Matoon and Charlene for approval.

Website: New domain name is complete. Our new address is www.victorhikingtrails.org We should work with Rob Sears to add e-mail addresses and get access to allow us to add photos, newsletter, maps, etc.

Outdoor Expo 2002, at Mendon Ponds on Saturday, May 18. Let Dave W. know if you can help man our booth.

National Trails Day, June 1st Need to make plans for a special hike or event. Chauncy suggested a bike ride on the Auburn starting at Mead Park.

Golf Shirts: Chauncy will report next month on this project. They will be “hot pink”, with our name in navy blue.

Grand Canyon Trip: Still have one opening. Early April. Call Larry if you want to go.

Annual Kick-Off Breakfast was held January 12 and attended by six people.

New Business: New Ontario County maps are available from the Finger Lakes Visitors Connections

Kathleen Brady, a member of the “Friends of the Victor Free Library” would like us to make a presentation at the Library on May 22 at 7 PM. We could combine with Town Parks, Master Plan and Freeman books with a book signing. Do we want to pursue this opportunity to promote trails and hiking?; National Trails Day? General consensus was yes, our mission is to educate the public. Larry suggested a Power Point presentation. Dave W. will contact Charlene and the Freemans.

Adirondack Spring Hike: Marcia would like us to visit her the weekend of May 17, 18 & 19, but that is the weekend of the Outdoor Expo. The Saturday before is our monthly hike. Dave will check with Marcia on first weekend in May or last weekend in April.

Ontario Pathways 9th Annual Winter Social 7 Potluck Supper will be held on Sunday, Feb. 10, 4-8 p.m. at the Holiday Harbor Club House, West Lake Rd., Canandaigua. Call 394-5077 if you would like to attend. Rich and Sue Freeman will be giving a presentation on their newest book, “Waterfalls of the Finger Lakes”.

Next Meeting: will be held February 28

Auditing of Books: Three people will remain after next meeting to audit the books: Ruth Nellis, Roberta Lockwood and (?) volunteered.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.???

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Manners