

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Victor Town Hall**  
**April 25, 2002**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM**

**Attendees:** Dave Wright, David Coleman, Ruth Nellis, Ed Brindle, Karcy Brindle, Chris Sonnefeld, Margaret Williams, Pam Webb, Tom King, Roberta Lockwood, Carol MacInnes, Larry Fisher, Douglas Fisher and Kathy Manners attended the meeting.

**Last Month's Minutes;** Approved as written

**Treasurer's Report:**

C.D. \$	0.00
Checking	2,333.95
Savings	5,990.65
Cash	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$8,324.60

It was agreed by the group that a donation in the amount of \$25 will be sent to the National DMDA (Depression and Manic Depression Association), 730 N. Franklin St., Suite 501, Chicago, IL 60610-7204, in memory of Melissa K. Young.

**Membership:**

Welcome to Beth La Vigne of Fairport; Nancy and Joe Pagano of Victor; Pam Webb of Victor. Only two renewals were received this month. Current membership is at 168 households. However, there are 27 that will be dropped and 28 that are due for renewal by June. Ruth Nellis, Carol MacInnes and Kathy Manners will make phone calls to encourage lapsed members to renew.

**Publicity:**

Dave Wright updated the voice mail line and sent faxes to the local newspapers regarding our May 11 hike on the Keuka Outlet Trail beginning in Dresden.

**Historian:** We regret to report that Roberta Lockwood has relinquished her duties as Historian due to failing eyesight. All of the clippings and photos were turned over to Glen MacHarque, an FLCC student doing community work. He will organize the documents and return them to us. Roberta agreed to keep the title of Historian and oversee the work to be done by others.

**Education:** Ruth walked some trails at Monkey Run to examine the new signage recently installed by the Boy Scouts. She has some ideas on how to make the Braille signs need for the vision impaired,

**Newsletter:** Please e-mail articles to Dave Wright ([dwright@gleason.com](mailto:dwright@gleason.com)) by May 23.

**Trail Master:** Report of Sierra Club Environmental Forum: Carole and Roberta attended and passed out maps and brochures. Apple Farm: Ruth and Carol met with Mr. Bahai on Saturday and obtained permission to pass through their property to extend the VHT trail from Ganondagan to network with the Boughton Park trail system. Carol also met with Peter Jamison, but an additional meeting needs to be arranged.

**Trail Boss:** Dave Wright met with employees of Pactiv. They want to help improve the Auburn Trail from Phillips Road to the trestle. They will talk to the developer regarding access from their new building at Omnitech to the trail. Can the Town or VHT mow the ragweed near Phillips Road? Larry Fisher will look into taking care of this with Billy Goat. Larry will buy a new gas-powered hedge trimmer.

Larry has 35 scheduled trail maintenance dates. Copy of 2002 Schedule attached.

**Last Hike:** April 13 at Boughton Park, Ruth and Dave Nellis led 8 hikers from Stirnie Road through the park in the rain and mud. Pam Webb, Bill Hubner, Derek Price, Kathy DeWispelaere, Pete DeWispelaere and Joshua DeWispelaere (1 yr) were on the trail. Although muddy, wet, and slippery – Ruth reported that the hike was enjoyed by everyone and Trout Lilies and Bloodroot were blooming along the way. Everyone had lunch at the pavilion following the hike.

**Old Business:**

Call Dave Wright at 924-3709, if you are going to the Adirondacks on May 3-5. So far it is Ann Schauman, Dave Wright, Larry Fisher, David Coleman, Josef Verba.

Don't forget to come to the Victor Free Library on Wednesday, May 22 at 7PM for VHT, **Parks and Waterfalls talk.**

The bridge over **White Brook at Monkey Run** was completed April 20 by Russ Brindle and his fellow scouts from Troup 86 in Fishers. Excellent job guys!!

Russ gave a presentation of the project before today's meeting. The total cost was \$853.56; took three days and 20 people to complete. Project was completed by Troop 86 and sponsored by the Fisher's Fire Department, April 13, 14 and 20.

Chris Sonnefeld from Troop 50, Farmington presented his plan to construct a bridge for the connection of the Auburn and Lehigh Crossing Park. It is estimated to cost \$775.00.

**Tee-shirts:** Call Chauncy at 924-9405 if you want to order.

**Genesee Region Trails Coalition** is planning a **Hike and Bike Ride**, meeting at Genesee Valley Park on October 6<sup>th</sup>. A Spring fund raiser is also being planned.

We received a nice thank you letter from Taylor Heswick of Manteca, CA for the literature we sent him.

**New Business:** The Parks and Recreation Dept. will be planting a tree on Saturday, April 27 for the first annual Arbor Day planting. Meet at 10 am at the playground on Duck Hollow in the Village on the Park development located on County Road 9, just North of the Thruway.

Mark Henny, a student at Victor, needs to do some community work. Chauncy is guiding him.

**Safeco Insurance** would like to have a bike rodeo on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in Mead Square Park and the Village parking lot by the Library. They are thinking 10- to Noon. Our National Trails Day Family Bike Ride on the Auburn will be meeting at the same place at 9AM. The Parks and Rec. will put up a tent and have refreshments. The LDC is coordinating with local businesses to make this a success, and possibly an annual event.

Jason Mellen, a Scout with Troup 86, is looking for an **Eagle Project**. Dave Wright showed him the bridge that needs to be replaced in Monkey Run and told him about additional bridges and boardwalks that are needed. He will let us know in a week or two if he is interested.

Dave Wright called Jim Matoon (Victor Parks Supervisor) to let him know about the Eagle projects, a bridge at Fishers Park by the ball field that needs repair, and the need for trail definition at the entrance to Monkey Run.

**Website e-mail addresses.** If you would like to have an address at victorhikingtrails.org, send a message to Dave Wright @ [dwright@VictorHikingTrails.org](mailto:dwright@VictorHikingTrails.org). Let him know what address I.D. you would like and if you would want it forwarded to your personal e-mail address.

The new maps and a notice about **National Trails Day** are on the website.

Village Park at Brace Road, East Street access, is being reviewed by Canfield Engineers with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Village still has about \$84,000 to spend on a NYSOPRHP Environmental Protection Fund Grant.

**Ontario Pathways** will be leading a **Spring Wildflower Walk** along Flint Creek on Saturday, May 4. Car pool from the Ontario County Courthouse in Canandaigua at 9:00 a.m. or meet at 9:30 a.m. at the BOCES parking lot on County Road 20, just North of Routes 5 & 20.

June 15 there will be a **Bird Banding and Walk** on the Ontario Pathway in Phelps. Call 394-6822 for information.

Ontario Pathways has a new **Trail Map** brochure.

We need to print more **VHT Brochures**. It was decided to change the color of the ink or paper or both and update the information. Dave W. will send to Amy.

**Fishers Fire Dept** is going to purchase .71 acres from RG&E on Main St. Fishers. The Town of Victor will have at least a 20-foot wide trail easement, the centerline will be the same as the centerline of the former railroad.

**The Governor's Tourism Conference** will be on Oct 1-4, 2002 at the Empire State Plaza & Conference Center, Albany, NY. The "I Love NY" campaign is 25 years old this year.

**Proposed new trail** – the **Trolley Trail** from Route 251 to the trail crossing of the Seneca, East of Route 251. Dave Wright is checking on who owns the properties. There are two parcels. Also, the area from the end of the Trolley Trail to the Town Barns needs to be investigated.

**Next Hike:** Saturday, May 11. Walk the Keuka Outlet Trail from Dresden to Penn Yan, about 8 miles on the old railbed/towpath. Meet at Town Hall at 9 a.m. and return by 4 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 23.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Manners, Secretary

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