

**VICTOR HIKING TRAILS**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Victor Town Hall**  
**May 23, 2002**

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM

**Attendees:**

Dave Wright, David Coleman, Ruth Nellis, Carol MacInnes, Larry Fisher, Chauncy Young and Norm Smith.

**Last Month's Minutes;**

Carol MacInnes did not volunteer to make phone calls. Approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:**

C.D.	\$ 0.00
Checking	2,358.95
Energized checking	2625.75
Savings	3349.69
Cash	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$8,334.39

Chauncy found out that the Energized Checking account is only available for personal accounts, so he will be investigating where to move our funds for the best return.

**Membership:**

Welcome to Dean Harper of Rochester. Only one renewal was received this month. Current membership is at 169 households. Ruth Nellis, Kathy Manners and Roberta Lockwood made phone calls to encourage lapsed members to renew. Several said they were still interested in being members. They will be mailed the next newsletter with a reminder to renew. Others will be dropped.

**Publicity:**

Dave Wright updated the voice mail line and sent faxes to the local newspapers regarding our June 1 bike ride on the Auburn and our June 8 hike at Fishers Park. Ruth suggested that we include the length and degree of difficulty of the hike so people know what to expect.

**Historian:**

Glen McHargue continues to organize the newspaper clippings. Submitted were several articles on the library talk, waterfalls in the area, upcoming hikes and a map of a 46 mile paved trail in Florida.

**Education:**

Ruth Nellis submitted an article for the newsletter on how to select a bicycle. She also contacted the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired regarding Braille signs for a nature trail at Fishers Park. She will be getting more information next week. The signs need to be weather resistant.

**Newsletter:**

The summer issue is roughed out. We need photos of Adirondacks, monthly hikes, eagle bridge, etc. Larry submitted a CD with lots of spring 2002 pictures. The newsletter will be mailed on 5/29/02.

**Trail Master:**

Ruth and Carol have been working very hard to get permission for a trail from Ganondagan to Boughton Park. They have a signed revocable permit from Mr. Bahai (Apple Farm). They talked to Mr. And Mrs. John Duvall on Rt. 444, just over the Victor town line. They would like to walk where we suggest the trail should be located. Carol is still trying to get an appointment with Peter Jemison. Two other property owners are thinking about the permission for the trail.

**Trail Boss:**

Dave Wright met with Pactiv and Omnitech landowners (MCA Group, LLC) regarding an access path from the building parking lot to the Auburn by Phillips Rd. MCA will consult with the engineers and come back with a proposal.

**Pactiv** has 30 employees available for trail clearing on Friday June 7. Dave suggested we clear the trolley trail from Rt. 251 to the connection of the Seneca and Auburn. All agreed this would be a great addition to the trail. Dave W. needs to send a letter to the property owner in New Jersey to get permission.

Larry F. suggested we mow **Ganondagan** on Saturday, May 25. Meet at the RG&E substation on Dryer Rd at 8 a.m. Larry will take care of the Auburn between Phillips and Probst Roads at his leisure.

Dave W. suggested that we mow the path in the Hamptons by the pond near **100-Acre Woods** on Monday, May 27 at 8 a.m. Meet at the end of Yale Court near the detention pond.

Dave W. is planning to meet with Douglas and Sheldon Fisher at the tennis courts at Fishers Park on Sunday, May 26 at 2 p.m. to view and discuss the plan for the "FISHERS" stones on the hill above Larry's house.

**Last Hike:** 19 hikers drove to Dresden and hiked the Keuka Lake Outlet Trail on a gorgeous sunny day. They returned to Victor at 3:45 p.m.

**Old Business:**

Eight people drove to Marcia Bryan's house for dinner on May 3 and a great hike of the Tongue Mountain Range on May 4. This 15-mile hike on the ridge overlooking Lake George took about 11 hours to complete. It was a leisurely hike with many stops for food, drink, views and rest. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful steak dinner in Bolton Landing. On Sunday it was a short hike to the Blue Heron rookery followed by a restful ride back to Victor.

Dave Wright, Charlene Berry-Pickering and Rich & Sue Freeman gave an informative talk about Victor Trails, Victor Parks and waterfalls in western NY at the Victor Free Library on Wednesday, May 22. One free VHT membership was included in the raffle.

**Chris Sonnefeld** from Troop 50, Farmington, continues to work on the plan for a bridge for the connection of the Auburn and Lehigh Crossing Park. He needs to take care of special paperwork because the DEC has determined that the creek is a trout stream. Chris raised \$427.50 selling donuts to local businesses to help pay for the materials. The balance of the cost will be split between VHT and Victor Parks and Rec.

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

**Genesee Region Trails Coalition** continues to plan a **Hike and Bike Ride**, meeting at Genesee Valley Park on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Dave W. volunteered to work on the publicity and will attend the subcommittee meeting on June 11 in Mendon. A spring fundraiser is also being planned. We rec'd. an acknowledgement letter from GRTC. Also, Victor Parks and Rec. has joined the coalition.

**Jason Mellen**, a Scout with Troup 86, agreed to replace the old foot bridge over White Brook in Monkey Run. Dave Wright will meet with him on Saturday, 5/25/02 at 10 a.m. at the library to review his plan.

**Brace Road Park:** Dave Wright will meet with the Village and Town on Thursday, May 30 at the Village Hall at 4 p.m. to review what work can be done this summer.

**VHT Brochures:** Dave W. sent the marked up brochure to Amy Amish for updates and a new color ink. Amy will get the old file and make the changes.

**RG&E Auburn Trail:** So far, Fishers Fire Dept. is the only adjoining landowner that has offered to buy the rail bed from RG&E. The town code enforcement officer will let us know if any other property owners express an interest in the land.

**Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds** was a success despite the inclement weather. Dave W. passed out over 100 maps and brochures to attendees interested in hiking and biking. At

least one person joined as a result of our presence. Three gift certificates for VHT membership were also raffled off at the end of the day. One of the winners was the co-chairman of the event.

**New Business:**

**Cardiac Rehab. Walk fundraiser** on Saturday June 15 at Sonnenberg Gardens. Norm Smith will be walking. VHT pledged \$25.00 to Norm. If anyone is interested in pledging or walking for this worthy cause, please call Norm at 924-3871.

Dave W. sent info to the D&C for their summer guide publication.

An E-mail was received from a lady who was threatened by a dog on the Auburn Trail between Rt. 251 and Rawson Rd. She was advised to report the incidence to the town and the Sheriff's dept.

Dave W. recommended that VHT purchase a 10' x 10' EZ-Up tent for Hang Around Victor Day. All agreed we should and then Larry can dispose of the old booth material.

The Finger Lakes Hiking and Biking Guide has been updated and reprinted. May of our trails are mentioned.

The Penfield Trails Committee has produced a new trail brochure and map.

**Next Hike:**

Saturday, June 1, National Trails Day. Ride the Auburn Trail on your mountain bike. Helmets are mandatory. Meet at Mead Park in the Village at 9 a.m.

**Saturday, June 8** will be a hike on the trails in Fishers Park. Meet at the picnic area on Main Street Fishers at 9 a.m.

Next Meeting: June 27.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Wright

NOTE: If you received this via U.S. mail and would like to receive it via e-mail, send a message to [dwright@VictorHikingTrails.org](mailto:dwright@VictorHikingTrails.org).

**REVISED Trail Maintenance 2002**

For the weeks of our monthly meeting we will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. otherwise we meet on Thursdays. Saturdays we meet at 8 a.m. Sometimes we cancel due to rain and then shift the schedule. Please call 924-5803 if you are unsure where we will be meeting.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Trail</b>	<b>Start Location</b>	<b>Destination</b>
<u>5/25 Sa</u>	<u>Seneca</u>	<u>RG&amp;E on Dryer Rd.</u>	<u>Into Ganondagan</u>
<u>5/27 Mon</u>	<u>100 Acre Woods</u>	<u>Yale Court (The Hamptons)</u>	<u>Mow path that was blazed. Install trailhead signs.</u>
5/30 Th	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
6/1 Sa	<b>National Trails</b>	<b>Day, Bike the Auburn</b>	
6/6 Th	Blue Bird	Victor Egypt Road	In wooded section
6/8 Sa	<b>Hike</b>	<b>Fishers Park</b>	
6/13 Th	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail
6/15Sa	Auburn	East Victor Road	To town line
6/20 Th	Auburn	Route 251	To Phillips Road
6/22Sa	Auburn	Rawson Road	To Seneca
6/26 We	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
6/27 Th	<b>Meeting</b>		
6/29 Sa	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
7/4 Th	Auburn	East Victor Road	To Break of Day Rd.
7/6 Sa	Seneca	Fishers Fire Dept. House 2	To Willow Brook
7/11 Th	Seneca	Dryer and Maple	To School St, Maple
7/13 Sa	<b>Hike</b>	<b>Creek Walk Naples Area</b>	
7/18 Th	Monkey Run	Victor Egypt Road	All
7/20 Sa	Auburn	Fishers Fire Dept. House 1	To Phillips and Fisher Rd
7/24 We	Auburn	Fisher Road	To Probst Rd
7/25 Th	<b>Meeting</b>		
7/27 Sa	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
8/1 Th	Seneca	Route 96 at Route 251	To Willow Brook
8/3 Sa	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail
8/8 Th	Auburn	East Victor Road	To Break of Day Rd.
8/10 Sa	<b>Hike</b>	<b>Eggleston Falls</b>	
8/15 Th	Auburn	Route 251	ToPhillips Road
8/17 Sa	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
8/21 We	Seneca	Auburn Creek Driving Range	To Auburn Trail
8/22 Th	<b>Meeting</b>		
8/24 Sa	Seneca	Maple Street	Into Ganondagan
8/29 Th	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	

8/31 Sa	Seneca	Fishers Fire Dept. House 2	To Willow Brook
9/5 Th	Seneca	Dryer and Maple (RG&E)	To School St
9/7 Sa	<b>Fundraiser</b>	<b>Hang Around Victor Day</b>	
9/12 Th	Monkey Run	Victor Egypt Road	All
9/14 Sa	<b>Hike</b>	<b>Mystery Hike</b>	
9/19 Th	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
9/21 Sa	Blue Bird	Victor Egypt Road	Prune, Mow all
9/25 We	Seneca	Route 96 at Route 251	Prune, Mow to Willow Brook
9/26 Th	<b>Meeting</b>		

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