

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 18, 2003

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Dave Wright

Attendees:

Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Carol Mac Innes, Roberta Lockwood, Dave Coleman, Ruth Nellis, Jane Luce (arrived at 8:20 pm)

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: (Chauncy Young) for July.

CD	\$3093
Checking	2289
<u>Cash</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$5382

Membership: (Dave Coleman)

New members:	1
Rejoined:	0
Renewals:	10
Dropped:	0
Current:	172

Publicity: (Dave Wright) Voice mail updated. Newspapers will be notified by e-mail of October 11 hike at Stid Hill.

Website- Jeff continues to update our website to keep it fresh. Thanks Jeff.

Historian: (Roberta Lockwood) Article on autumn hiking in the Victor Area. Remember archery hunting season starts mid-Oct. And shotgun starts mid-Nov. Article on American Historic Trail, Cummings Nature Center, Rail-to-Trails Consercancy new trails book, Canandaigua trail.

Education: (Ruth Nellis) The aluminum signs (10) are complete. Victor Town Rec. has agreed to pay for the signs and help with the installation. We need to mount the signs on boards, protect from the weather and vandals and install on posts. Then the Braille signs can be applied. Ruth talked to a blind lady who has a dog to get her opinion on the signs. She recommended to put just the name of the tree in Braille. She thought the large size print would be good for everyone.

Newsletter: (Dave Wright) Our newsletter was mailed Sept. 1st. The Victor community newsletter was mailed end of August. Deadline for ours is Nov. 20th, with the newsletter to be mailed the first week in Dec. Community newsletter is now printed three times per year.

Trail Master: (Carol MacInnes)

(Bellville) Camden Hills: No action this month.

Domine- STILL waiting for their attorney to OK. Dave W. received word they are working on OSHA inspections right now, but hope to have something for us in Oct. or Nov.

Trailboss: (Larry Fisher)

Joe Logan still working on bridge design for Great Brook.

Mowing of trail from Fishers Road at Royal View Heights to Ramsey's property to be done after frost and Carol tags it.

Hedge trimmer has been repaired. Cost \$40.00 for a tune-up from Saxby's.

Trail maintenance is winding down. Will mow Auburn from Main St. Fishers to Probst Road.

Last Hike:

Aug. 30- Ring of Fire. Several cars from Victor went to Bare Hill to help celebrate the 50th year of this Native American autumn harvest celebration.

Sept. 13- Boughton Park. 13 hikers and 2 dogs hiked all the trails at Boughton Park. Met Jean Teeple, her daughter and two dogs on the trail going in the opposite direction.

Old Business:

Lehigh Crossing Park Bridge- STILL waiting for Chris Sonnefeld to report that the bridge is complete. He needs to add some riprap to the creek banks to prevent erosion.

Auburn Trail Priority Study- There was a status report meeting in Pittsford for the towns of Pittsford, Perinton and Victor. It was sponsored by GTC and presented by Bergmann Associates. Jane Luce and Dave Wright attended. The entire length of the Auburn from French Road near Monroe Ave. To Main Street Fishers is intact. Some sections are maintained by Pittsford, some are in private yards. Bergmann will study several sections that will need some large financing to complete the trail and conduct another meeting before making presentations to the general public and soliciting input.

Auburn TEP Grant- Kick-off meeting was held. Survey work on the Auburn has started. Second meeting was held today. Carol MacInnes attended.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition- Sunday, Sept. 28 will be the BOOT, BIKE & BOAT- A TRAIL SAMPLER at Genesee Waterway Center on the Genesee River, west side in Genesee Valley Park. There will be hiking, biking, boating, special events, food, etc. from 10AM to 4 PM.. Brochures have been printed and distributed. Radio commercial (95.1, 100.5 FM and 1280 AM have started. Newspapers will be doing feature articles the week of the event. Details can be found on our website as well as www.grtcinc.org. Dave W. will be looking for volunteers for helping on the day of the event, at least for two hours. So far, Larry Fisher and Chauncy Young have volunteered. Brian Emelson will also help.

Adirondacks Fall 2003 weekend- Dave Coleman is coordinating for our hike up Mt. Marcy by way of John's Brook Lodge on Sept. 19 - 21. There are eleven planning to tackle Marcy while hurricane Isadore bears down on the east coast, headed our way. Sounds like fun! (Post hike note: Was the "bears down" a premonition?)

Promotion- Chauncy will be calling you for help. Need to put article in next newsletter.

Hang Around Victor Day, Sept. 6- This was a beautiful day, with a large turnout of vendors and spectators.

Wanted: Secretary to finish out the year. If you can come to our monthly meetings and take notes, it would be greatly appreciated.

Free Culvert Pipe: Randy Goodman from Empire Pipe will let us know when the excess pipe will be available.

New Business:

GPS- We have been using an Ontario Co. GPS unit to map all of the trails in Victor that are open to the public. We are about 75% done. Maps will be completed soon.

Jim Castner, a Life scout in Troop 86, is interested in doing an eagle project for us. He is looking at creating a trail from the parking lot on Yale Court (off Gillis Rd., across from Cobblestone) to the trails in "100 Acre Woods". It will also require a small bridge over a drainage ditch, similar to the one built in Ganondagan by Troop 30 this past summer.

Franlee Subdivision- Located off High Street across from the firehouse and north of the Empire gas line. Proposed trail within the gasline ROW and woods, from High St. To the top of the hill. We asked for access for the neighbors as well as Valentown Rd. This is adjacent to the Matthews property, which may someday be developed. If we could follow the gasline east, it would take us to Monkey Run.

Roundtable: Chauncy is our representative at the meeting held on the first Friday of each month.

Monkey Run Red Trail has been regraded and is in good shape. Grass seed has been planted.

Next Hike:

October 11: Stid Hill. Meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9 am or Bristol Mountain Ski parking lot at 10 am.

Next Meeting:

October 16, 2003

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wright

Schedule of Hikes for Duration of 2003

Oct. 11	Stid Hill	6 mi	9AM	Town Hall	VHT
Oct. 16	Monthly Meeting			Town Hall	7:30PM
Nov. 8	Black Creek Park	6 mi	9AM	Town Hall	VHT
Nov. 20	Monthly Meeting			Town Hall	7:30PM
Dec. 13	Durand Eastman Pk	6 mi	9AM	Town Hall	VHT
Dec. 18	Monthly Meeting			Town Hall	7:30PM

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