

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Oct. 21, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Dave Wright.

Attendees: Dave Wright, Carol MacInnes, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Dave Coleman, Jeff Hennick

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, NOV. 18TH AT **7:00 PM** at the Victor Town Hall main meeting room. Kristin Bennett from the Genesee Transportation Council will make a presentation to us and the Walkable Communities Committee on trails and sidewalks in Victor.

Last Month's Minutes:

Motion by Carol, seconded by Larry and carried to approve minutes from Sept. 16, 2004 meeting.

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

CD	\$3012
Checking	\$2900
<u>Cash</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$5912

Membership: (David Coleman)

Previous month:	160
New members:	1
Rejoined:	0
Renewals:	6
Dropped:	2
Current:	159

Publicity: (Dave Wright)

Voice mail was updated. Newspapers were sent e-mail for our hike in Nov.13.

Historian:

Article on our Sept. Hike and on ADA compatible trails in the Adirondacks.

Education: No report.

Newsletter: (Dave Wright)

Next VHT newsletter will be mailed Dec. 30. Deadline for stories is Dec. 10.
Community Newsletter will be mailed in Jan. Deadline is Nov. 17.

Trail Master: (Carol MacInnes)

Waiting to hear from the resident on Break of Day Road.

Trailboss: (Larry Fisher)

Maintenance equipment has been winterized.

Future projects- Ganondagan wet areas
Need trail head signs for Royal View Trail
Need culverts on Trolley Trail, east and west of Rt. 251
Wet areas in Fishers Park. We have boardwalk to use.
Put up Braille signs in Fishers Park. Larry testing new design.
GPS on new trail at Monkey Run. Dave W. has GPS.
Help clear connection from Auburn to Lehigh at Trestle on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 8 AM. Bring chain saws, loppers, hand saws, gloves, pruners, hedge trimmers, etc.

We need to mark trail access points on our map and give to the emergency responders.
New evergreens have been planted at Monkey Run by the Cash property.
Jeff Hennick placed new trail markers on the new trail on Mrs. Schrader's property, south of Monkey Run.

Last Hike:

Nine hikers started out at 10am on the FLT at the DEC station on Route 245 in Naples. Two dropped out, but the rest hiked to the top, had lunch, hiked the upper part of Conklin's Gully until about 2pm, then headed back to the cars, arriving around 4pm. The weather was perfect for hiking, but a little cool and a little late for ice cream at Bob and Ruth's.

Old Business:

Auburn Trail Priority Study- A final report was given to the three towns for a basis for future grants.

Auburn TEP Grant- Construction continues on the Lehigh from Old Dutch Road to the trestle. Herbicides were sprayed. The center was rolled. Base stone has been placed and rolled. Stone dust to be spread and rolled. Check out the photo album on our website www.victorhikingtrails.org.

GPS- Waiting for Kristin Bennett to reply to our request for master plan suggestions. We will collect the data for the new trail at Monkey Run.

Bridge Inventory- Will do Monkey Run, Bluebird, Lehigh Crossing, Seneca Trail South and 100 Acres in Oct. and Nov.

Oldcastle Domine Trail- Chauncy will stop by to see if they are still interested in giving us permission for a trail.

Eagle Project- Chris Bocchino will be making one or two benches for MaryFrances Bluebird Haven.

New VHT Shirts- They are in. If you ordered one, pick it up from Chauncy.

Autumn Weekend in the Adirondacks- Eight from Victor joined Marcia for a great hike up Gothics. 3 also did Armstrong and Upper Wolf Jaw. Dave Coleman also did Lower Wolf Jaw. On Sunday, 6 did Ampersand. Pictures are on the website.

Feet for Food- This was a very successful fund raiser. Over \$12,000 was collected for the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard. Thanks to all that contributed.

Trail Maps using GPS- Jeff is checking to see if he can use the raw data to create maps for VHT.

Empire Pipeline Project- The proposed pipe will be close to Monkey Run and MaryFrancis Bluebird Haven.

Grant Opportunity-

The American Hiking Society has some grant money available. We will submit an application to pay for the materials for the bridge over Great Brook at the Apple Farm, so we can continue the trail south toward Boughton Park.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition and Genesee Waterways Center hosted a two-day meeting with local trail leaders and the Ontario (Canada) Trails Council at the GWC. It was a great exchange of information and ideas. The next meeting will be Nov. 20 and 21 in Canada.

New Business:

NOMINATIONS for OFFICERS for 2005-

Chair-	Dave Wright
Vice Chair-	Jeff Hennick
Secretary-	Open
Treasurer-	Chauncy Young
Trailmaster-	Carol MacInnes
Trail Boss-	Larry Fisher
Membership-	Dave Coleman
Publicity-	Dave Wright
Historian-	Roberta Lockwood
Editor-	Dave Wright

Ideas for monthly hikes for 2005.

Jan.	Palmer's Pond, Belmont, NY
Feb.	Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville, Rt. 370N
Mar.	Wesley Hill Preserve, Naples
Apr.	1000 Acre Swamp, Penfield
May	Lehigh Trail, from Chauncy's house to Rush, on bikes
Jun 4	National Trails Day, Victor to Fishers
Jun 11	Quinn Oak Openings, Honeoye Falls
July	Creek walk
Aug.	Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol Hills Branch
Sept 3	Ring of Fire, Bare Hill, 5pm supper picnic
Sep 10	Hang Around Victor Day
Oct.	Canadice Lake Trail
Nov.	Rife Range Trail, Penfield, Irondequoit Bay
Dec.	Indian Hill Trail, Perinton

Dryer Road Park

Construction of the park building will start the week of Nov. 1.

Lehigh Crossing Park

The ponds are being deepened and planted with vegetation. Basking rocks and logs are being added. This is from the wetland mitigation of a new business on Rt. 96.

MaryFrances Bluebird Haven

An ice cream social will be held on Friday, Nov. 5th at 11AM at the Haven to celebrate Bob Butler's (donated the land to the town in 1997) life and legacy.

Seneca Trail Hike

Dave W. will be leading a group of 35 students and 2 teachers from Gananda schools from Ganondagan to the fire house on High Street on Tuesday, Nov. 2, starting at 10 AM. Meet at Ganondagan at 9:45 AM if you would like to join them.

Black Diamond Dualthon Race

Victor Parks Dept. Will sponsor this event, tentatively scheduled for Sat. Oct. 22, 2005. Probably will be a 2.5 mile run, 10 mile bike ride and 2.5 mile run. To be held in Fishers Park, on the Auburn Trail and on the Lehigh Trail. Brian is looking for volunteers to help plan and staff the event.

Proceeds after expenses would go to Victor Hiking Trails and Project All Aboard.

MOTION BY CHAUNCY, SECONDED BY JEFF, TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT.

The Fairways

This proposed 100 acre development is on High Street, north of the Thruway. It will be Townhouses at the north end of the property and a nine hole golf course at the south end. VHT will propose a trail connection to Yale Court and a trail to Aldrich Road and High St. to connect with the trail easement along the Thruway to Willowbrook Rd. Dave W. will meet with the developer on 10/25 at 4:30 PM at town hall.

Bel Arbor

This 23-acre project is at the corner of Willis Hill Rd and Rt. 251. It has potential for a perimeter trail of about one mile long. If we get permission from the property owners on the north side of Rt. 251 to go to the Lehigh Trail, this would be a good connection.

Next Hike:

Nov. 13- Hike Ellison Park. Map available at www.monroecounty.gov. Select Parks and Ellison on left side of pages.

Next Meeting:

Nov. 18- Discussion of Victor trails master plan with Kristin Bennett of GTC and the Victor Walkable Communities Committee.

Election of Officers for 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wright

Schedule of VHT hikes and meetings for remainder of 2004- Clip and save

- Nov. 13- Hike Ellison Park
- Nov. 18- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM
- Dec. 11- *Hike Cummings Nature Center. Note-Park will be closed. Need to change.*
- Dec. 16- Monthly Meeting at Town Hall at 7:30 PM

See minutes for 2005 hikes.

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