Victor Hiking Trails Board Meeting – 1/19/05

- Meeting began at 7:32 p.m. with introduction of all in attendance: Dave Wright Larry Fisher Andy Reddout (guest) Carol MacInnes Brian Emelson Chauncy Young Dave Coleman Debbie Kurvach Russ Kurvach
- 2. The minutes from the 12/16/04 board meeting were read and approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report (2004) by Chauncey Young
  - total income \$682.38

Phil White (guest)

- total expenses \$597.25
- total cash & bank accounts \$6590.18
- Audit committee will review books after next months's meeting.
- 4. Membership Report by Dave Coleman
  - Previous128Renewed7Rejoined4Dropped1 \*dropped for no valid addressNew0Total131

- Carol MacInnes requested updated membership list. Dave will bring to next meeting.

- 5. Publicity by Dave Wright
  - press releases & emails sent for Feb. 12 hike
  - reviewed newsclippings relating to VHT or hiking from area newspapers
  - spring newsletter will be mailed around 3/15/05 and deadline for submissions is 3/10/05.
  - Reviewed Victor Town & Village newsletter
- 6. Trail Master by Carol MacInnes
  - Visited Mark Schwenk (Break-of-day Rd.) to request temporary easement for the part of trail that goes through his property. Mr. Schwenk said he will call back in 2 weeks regarding this.
  - Dave Wright reminded board that federal money cannot be spent on trails crossing property with a revocable permit. Must have a long term (minimum 15 years) agreement.
- 7. Trail Boss by Larry Fisher
  - Trail signs installed 1/1/05 on Fisher Rd & Benson Rd.
  - Trailer inspected and registered for next year
  - Possibility of doing some brush work in coming month
  - Ongoing test of casting plastic that will be used to protect signs
- 8. Past Hikes by Dave Wright
  - Phillips Creek State Park on 1/8/05- 5 attended.
  - Two "unofficial" hikes over holidays- 10 to 15 on each hike in Victor.
  - Cold Rush hike through the village and surrounding area on 1/15/05- 4 attended.
- 9. Old Business
  - Auburn TEP Grant update by Brian Emelson 8% complete & under budget. Lehigh section near Phillips Rd is nearly completed.

Future work includes providing parking areas at Old Dutch Rd & finish trail shoulders. Must be done soon – railings on Lehigh Wait to install Lehigh signage & keeping the temporary fence in place. Consider decking the bridge & finish Lehigh trail to 251– this isn't part of the grant Updating www.Auburn.com website with pictures of work that's being done

- Snowmobiles & ATV's on trail
  - Brian Emelson researching what type of fines can be levied & also consider having a trail designated for snowmobile use.
- GPS work by Dave Wright Still waiting for county planning to finish work
  - Bridge Inventory completed by Dave Wright
- Old Castle Chauncey will follow up
- Dryer Rd. Park building 90% complete reports Brian Emelson
- Mountain Bike Trails

Brian Emelson reports a \$6k grant from Kenlou foundation to help build a mountain bike trail at Dryer Rd. Park, though it isn't required that all the money be used for strictly mountain bike trails.

- 10. Updated look to Website by Andy Reddout
  - presented updated logo
  - presented updated website
  - will follow up with Jeff Hennick
- 11. Mendon Ponds Outdoor Expo & Hike 6/11/05. Dave Wright needs volunteers.
- 12. Project All Aboard

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- Warner Fisher stepping down as project chairman, but would like to be on Committee. Need new chairperson.
- 13. Black Diamond Duathlon
  - Brian Emelson / Race Director; Victor Gaspar/ Bike Captain; Russ
    - Kurvach/ Run Captain. Either Carole Fisher or Chauncy Young will be Volunteer Captain.
  - Proceeds from race go to VHT & Project All Aboard
- 14. New Business
  - Winter Weekend in Alleghany State Park, Feb 25-27, cost \$139/couple. E-mail Rob Leavens at rleaven1.rochester.rr.com to sign up.
  - April 23, 2005 Earth Day. Clean up the rubbish.
  - Ontario Pathways Annual Dinner 2/13 @ 4 p.m. 8 p.m. For reservations contact Lisa at 398-2424
  - Victor Small Business Awards nominate Tri Running & Walking. Chauncy will submit on behalf of VHT.
  - Job Postings for Center for Environmental Information. See Dave W. for info.
  - Opening on Advisory Committee for Victor Parks & Rec. Contact Brian Emelson if interested.
  - Wellness Center at VHS. Next public meeting is 7 p.m. 1/27/05 at VEC.
  - VHT Hike /Snowshoe/Cross country ski 2/12/05 at Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville, NY.
  - Cold Rush event- Sunday 2/27/05. Meet at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven at 1:00 p.m., ski or hike.
  - Victor Chili Cookoff & Ganondagan Winter Sports Festival 2/12/05, Mead Sq. and Ganondagan.
  - Approved a resolution to support the county tourism bureau plan to brand the Finger Lakes area as "Nature's Health Club".
  - Next meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m., 2/17/05

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectively submited,

Debbie Kurvach

## Schedule of VHT hikes and meetings for remainder of 2004-2005 Clip and save

## 2005 Hikes

Feb. 12Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville, Rt. 370N	
Feb. 25 - 27	Winter Weekend in the Souther Tier
Feb. 27Cold Rush at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven	
Mar. 12	Wesley Hill Preserve, Naples
Apr. 9	1000 Acre Swamp, Penfield
May 14	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
Jun. 11	Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds Park 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
July 9	Creek walk
Aug. 13	Finger Lakes Trail, Bristol Hills Branch
Sept. 3	Ring of Fire, Bare Hill, 5pm supper picnic
Sep. 10	Hang Around Victor Day
Oct. 8	Canadice Lake Trail
Nov. 12	Rifle Range Trail, Penfield, Irondequoit Bay
Dec. 10	Indian Hill Trail, Perinton