



Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, May 26, 1994

The meeting came to order at 7:30 PM. Nine people were in attendance.

Corrections to last month's minutes:

Grant Status:

The town board approved the purchase order on March 14th and became an official sponsor on April 25th.

Community Service Program:

- Diana Wingfield, a community service counselor from the Ontario Community Service Program presented her program to see if we could become a work site.
- Non violent criminals are often sentenced to do a number of community service hours. Diana interviews the candidates to determine eligibility and rules out anyone with a criminal history, physical disability or mental health issue. She then determines the skills, interests, locality, and transportation available.
- Work sites must be government or non-profit agencies. They must keep a simple timesheet and supervise the participant, but otherwise treat them like any other volunteer.
- The OCCS program provides workmen's compensation coverage and the participants must sign a waiver of liability.
- Sentences range from 8 to 500 hours. Typical crimes are disorderly conduct, petit larceny, DWI, forgery, possession of stolen property (i.e. credit cards). There is an age range, but most participants are young.
- We discussed the option of using this program & unanimously agreed to submit our application.

Treasury report:

- The treasury balance stands at \$1,010.

Misc. Items:

- Marcia Bryan sent thank-you notes to:
 - Ken Wilson for agreeing to act as an eligible sponsor and agreeing to sign a letter of intent
 - Jane Luce for her on-going support & help
 - Sheldon Fisher for guiding our last hike
- VHT plans to submit our application for a grant to help finance the bridge by June 5.
- Marcia sent a letter to Karen Brown of DOT requesting a pedestrian crossing light at the intersection of routes 251 & 96. In 1995/96, DOT will be taking the Y intersection out & putting in a T intersection with a stop light. Our trail will meet route 96 in this vicinity.
- No one from VHT was available to attend Expo 94 Pathways, instead brochures were sent with the Crescent Trail representatives.

Growth Management Committee:

- Marcia Bryan spoke at last night's meeting on preserving open space & establishing conservation easements through tax reductions. She told them it works well in Perinton & asked them to make a proposal to the town board.
- Chauncy Young reported that the town assesses a large value on the house and a lower value on the land so even establishing a conservation easement doesn't result in a large tax break.

Victor Car Show:

- Dave Wright reported he has staff & bakers ready for the car show 42 pies committed to!
- Ken Christy will deliver the booth - thanks Ken!

Hang Around Victor Day:

- Sept. 10th is our next fund raising opportunity.
- We need a coordinator for this event. Call Marcia Bryan (924-2936) if you'd like to volunteer.
- We discussed the availability of tree seedlings to sell. Carol will investigate.
- We need to have our BridgeHike Tshirts available for booth staff to wear.

Trails:

- Larry Fisher says it's time to begin spring trail maintenance. If you like to clip, saw, or mow, join the work party each Thursday at 6PM beginning June 2.

June 2	Auburn trail at Phillips Rd.
June 9	Auburn trail at route 251
June 16	Auburn trail at Rawson Rd.
June 23	MEETING NIGHT - NO WORK PARTY
June 30	place TBD

- Jeff Hennick reported that another course of stone fell from the bridge into Irondaquiot Creek. We may need another summer day stone removal work party. Also some cement on both bridges may slow the deterioration. Marcia suggested we have the engineer review the situation and make recommendations when we have the new bridge site inspected.
- Marcia had an inquiry about the use of horses on the Auburn trail. It is expressly prohibited in the license we have from RG&E, but is not stated on our signs. We may need to add signs or revise the existing ones.
- There's a large Jack In The Pulpit in the middle of a trail at Monkey Run. Watch carefully and go around if you are mowing or walking.
- Larry Fisher reported that he & the eagle scout walked the area that will be developed into a trail from the Auburn trail to Fishers Park. The scout will write a proposal for presentation to the boy scout council. Carol MacInnes needs to help the scout get approval from TCG (the landowner).
- Dave Wright spoke to Jack Bauer - he agreed to remove an old vehicle and refrigerator from the Auburn trail area if the recycling center will take them.

TrailMaster Report:

- Carol MacInnes reported that a group from VHT met with Paul Hyland & Bill Mueller and walked the historic ambush area. They also scouted across the road. We now need to decide where to put the trail & draw a map before asking that the revokable permits be signed. They found about a mile more of potential trail area between route 251 & the village.

History:

- Norm Smith reported that he will have slides of past events to show at our next meeting.
- The Sheldon Fisher talk/walk was taped & photographed. We can use it for future presentations and in future newsletters.

VHT BridgeWalk:

- **SAVE THE DATE September 17 will be our VHT BridgeWalk.**
- Chauncy Young gained permission to use both ending points for the hike.
- Dave Wright, Larry Fisher, and Chauncy met on May 12th to revise the brochure. We discussed a few more minor changes. As usual, Dave did a superb job designing the brochure.
- We need people to work on the committees - many different jobs are available. Please call the committee chairperson to volunteer your time & energy.
 - Publicity ... call Dave Wright 924-3709
 - Registration call Rich or Sue Freeman 924-4149
 - Logistics call Larry Fisher 924-5803

- Chauncy found brochure holders for \$1 each. Instead we agreed to save cereal boxes & create our own holders. Chauncy will provide a template.
- Dave Wright wrote a letter to potential sponsors to solicit donations. We reviewed the letter & made minor modifications.

Newsletter:

- We discussed the philosophy of why we want to go to a newsletter vs the present meeting minute format - to help educate the community.
- A challenge will be to schedule hikes far enough in advance
- Chauncy Young suggested the possibility of using a full page in the quarterly Victor Newsletter to keep costs down & get wider circulation. Sue Freeman will pursue this idea.
- Please watch for or write articles of interest. If anyone wishes to contribute articles please contact Sue or Rich at 924-4149 or mail them to 7745 Peepers Hollow, Victor, N.Y. 14564.

Saturday Hike:

- June 11th** at 9:00 AM, Marcia Bryan will lead a 2 hour mystery hike with a short rest stop. We'll pass by tributaries, woodlands, scenic views, wildflowers, meadows, and historic sites. Wear long pants and join us for a fun outing. Meet at the parking lot behind the white Presbyterian church in Victor for car pooling.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Our next meeting is Thursday, June 23th at 7:30 PM in the Victor Town Hall. Hope to see you there ... don't forget there'll be a slide show!

Sue Freeman



Secretary