



## Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

### Meeting Minutes, September 22, 1994

The meeting came to order at 7:18 PM. Nine people were in attendance.

#### Board Meeting:

•We began this month's meeting with a submeeting of board members. Ward Anderson, Dennis Inch, and Lenore Dey agreed to be our nominating committee. They are charged with bringing a slate of officers to the next meeting.

#### Correction to last month's minutes:

- The tax base map Marcia Bryan procured was of the Great Brook area.
- The arial pictures were on loan, not given to VHT.

#### Treasurer's Report:

•Rich Freeman reported that the treasury balance sits at \$2,637. See sections on Hang Around Victor Days & BridgeWalk for the finances of each.

#### Membership:

•Margaret Nugent reported we now have 52 members. Twelve new members as a result of the BridgeWalk! Welcome new members:

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| -Jackie Morris   | -Richard & Elizabeth Geno |
| -Joe May         | -William Garlock          |
| -Susan Brannen   | -Betsey Russell           |
| -John Wade       | -John Oderkirk            |
| -Clem McGahn     | -Ted & Candy O'Bourn      |
| -Wil Selbrede    | -Stephen Martin           |
| -William Garlock |                           |

#### Hang Around Victor Day:

- A hearty THANKS to Diane & Dennis Inch for coordinating this event for us. It was our best year yet! The idea to diversify really paid off!
- We made \$286 by selling pies, birdhouses, bathhouses, jams, etc.
- Thanks to everyone who made items & manned the booth.
- We have a white, flowered enamel metal tray and a wicker plate left over from Hang Around Victor Days. If either belong to you, please call Sue Freeman at 924-4149.

#### Trails:

- Larry Fisher reported that the Auburn Trail was in good shape for the BridgeWalk. Thanks to all who worked on maintenance parties and who ventured out independently.
- Carol MacInness & an Eagle scout visited TCG (Rochester Block) and got the name of the person in Canada to contact concerning use of their land. The trail from the Auburn Trail into Fisher's Park has been scoped out. It will require a small bridge to be built.
- Larry Fisher recommends that we have a knowledgeable person evaluate the Irondequoit Creek bridge area before we build our bridge to see how stable the area is and what we might do to control erosion.
- Maintenance schedule (6 PM):
  - September 29 Monkey Run (Victor Egypt Rd.)
  - October 6 Probst Rd.

- Also, join a work party at 9 AM October 1st at the Irondequoit Creek crossing of the Auburn Trail to work clearing rocks from the water. Wear booties &/or wet suit bottoms.
- Chauncy Young approached Jack Bauer about the possibility of having the town remove the ballast stone from our trails. Jack agreed it was a possibility and thought he might be able to find a future use for the stone.

#### Tax Exempt Filings:

- Ward Anderson reported that he's still working on the state tax exemption filing. He needed some additional paperwork which we provided to him.
- Remember, we are federally tax exempt today so tell all donors and sponsors that their contributions are tax exempt.

#### VHT BridgeWalk:

- The Victor Hiking Trails BridgeWalk was a huge success despite a persistent drizzle. On Saturday, September 17th, more than 60 hikers traversed twelve kilometers on the Auburn Trail to raise money for a bridge and trail improvements. They walked from the Victor town barns on Rawson Rd to the bridge site and back. The bridge site is northeast of Fisher's Rd. where the Auburn Trail crosses Irondequoit Creek.
- The organizers of the hike wish to thank the Town of Victor, Fisher's Fire District, Victor Farmington Ambulance, Ontario County Sheriff's Department, and Mark Stevens, Inc. for the use of facilities and logistical support. They also want to thank the Apple Farm, Black Diamond Hotel, Burger King, Canandaigua National Bank, Designs of Hue, Dick's Clothing & Sporting Goods, Nalge, Rund's & Welch's Whistlestop Restaurant, and Wade's Shure Fine Food Mart for their financial and product donations.
- Most of all, thanks to the hikers, those who sent in donations, and those who sponsored hikers. We truly appreciated your support of our efforts to preserve a wonderful trail for future generations to enjoy.
- If pledges are all collected, we have the potential of making over \$4,000!
- As of today we've taken in \$305 in donations, \$50 by selling birdhouses, \$582 from paid pledges, and \$500 from sponsors. Expenses to date are \$243.
- If you hiked, please remember to collect your pledges. They're due by October 21. Also, remember to thank your sponsors.
- As people turn in pledges, we'll award the waterbottles, T Shirts, and embroidered jackets.
- Chauncy Young shared the press release & letter he is sending to his sponsors.
- BridgeWalk T-Shirts are available for sale.** If you'd like one please mail a \$10 check to VHT, 7745 Peepers Hollow, Victor, NY 14564. Be sure to state your size, name, and address. The T-Shirts are kelly green with the BridgeWalk logo on the front.
- The BridgeWalk organizing committee met after the normal meeting to talk about suggested improvements for next year's hike. Yes, we will have additional bridges to fund!

#### Indian Trails:

- Ruth Nellis noted that she & Marcia Bryan asked Peter Jemison to help think of a better name for our future trails.
- Ruth & Marcia scouted north of Dryer and marked the possible trail route. They need to meet with the landowners for final approval.
- They have asked Martin Dodge from FLCC to advise them on bridge design over Great Brook. It's an area that floods widely in the spring and one bank is four feet higher than the other.

#### Newsletter:

- Norm Smith wrote a wonderful article on the history of Monkey Run.
- Sue Freeman edited an article on What To Take Hiking & a thank-you article on the BridgeWalk.
- Rich Freeman revised a map of Monkey Run Trails.
- Watch for them in the November Victor town newsletter.

Ontario Pathways:

- They are having a trail openhouse on October 9th. See brochure attached.
- November 12th they are holding a Sale For Nature Lovers from 9 AM till 5 PM at 42 Howell St., Canandaigua.

Saturday Hike:

- Don't miss the next hike. Save October 8th on your calendar. We'll meet at 8:30 AM at Lolis Restaurant, have breakfast, then car pool to Chimney Bluffs (park behind the town hall). If you skip breakfast, meet us behind the town hall at 9:15. Chimney Bluffs is over toward Oswego along Lake Ontario. It's a wonder of nature where wind & water have sculptured the sand cliffs along the shoreline. Norm Smith will lead us on this adventure.
- The next hike will be Nov. 12th, location TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 27th at 7:30 PM in the Victor Town Hall. Hope to see you there.

Sue Freeman

*Sue Freeman*  
Secretary