



Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, December 22, 1994

*Larry - note
hike is Jan 14
not Jan 7.*

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

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| -Marcia Bryan | -Larry Fisher |
| -Rich Freeman | -Sue Freeman |
| -Carol MacInnes | -David Wright |

Last month's minutes:

•Two misspellings were in last month's meeting minutes. The correct spellings are Irondequoit and slope. Otherwise the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

- Rich Freeman reported that the treasury balance sits at \$5,805.
- We have many waterbottles and 2 T-Shirts left over from the BridgeWalk. Anyone interested in buying the T-Shirts (1 XL and 1 XXL) for \$10 each, please call Sue or Rich at 924-4149.
- Ward Anderson and Allan Johnson will audit our books after January's meeting.

Membership:

- Dave Wright will make up new membership cards for 1995.
- Dave recommended that we put the membership expiration date on our mailing labels.

Trails:

- The fire department signed our revokable permits allowing hikers to use the firehall land and parking lot.
- We're waiting for a stack of revokable permits to be signed by Ken Wilson. He's waiting for the town board and the town attorney to approve them.
- VHT has to sign a contractual agreement with the town in order to be covered by the town's blanket liability insurance. It's being typed and mailed to us.
- Dave Wright reported that we're trying to get a revokable permit signed by the Turner's for use of the Trolley Loop around the beaver dam, near Iron City.
- Carol MacInnes reported that Marjorie Dunne (as a resident of Cobblestone) volunteered to write to Mr. Wilmott to encourage him allowing a trail through the Cobblestone area. Thanks Marjorie.
- Dave Wright reduced the trail map which Marcia Bryan reviewed at the last meeting. He made copies for each of us and listed data of our finished, in-process, and future-wish trails.

Irondequoit Creek Bridge:

- Larry Fisher reviewed our Irondequoit Creek bridge area & plans with Jerry Collier who did the concrete work on the Fishers Park bridge. He liked our repair plans and suggested that we do lintels where you build a form from rebars and pour cement into the stones on the upstream face. He also recommended that we use butyl rubber sheets, glued together as the over bridge vapor barrier. The rubber would then be covered by dirt. Another suggestion was to repair the tunnel interior. He said we'd have to acid wash the underside before spraying with cement. We'd probably have problems getting DEC approval for an acid wash.
- Larry noted that we need to cut trees around the bridge area. The roots are adding to the destruction of the bridge.
- Larry will write a proposal for the bridge repair process to the RG&E engineers.

ISTEA Grant:

- WE GOT IT !!!!! Our project was selected from over 100 eligible applications received by the DOT. Together, VHT, the Village of Victor, and the Town of Farmington will be granted \$17,660 to convert the old Auburn Railroad bed into a hiking & biking trail. Our thanks to Marcia Bryan and Carol MacInnes for all the work they did in pulling our application together. Thanks also to the workers and hikers from the BridgeWalk. The DOT people were here the day of our fundraiser and saw first hand the community support behind our trail. We had to raise 20% of the funds needed in order to qualify for the grant.
- On January 4th Dave Wright will meet with others involved in the ISTEA grant to find out what happens next. We think we go ahead & build/repair the bridge using a short term loan and then get reimbursed from the state.

Indian Trail:

- Larry Fisher reported that Rob Sherwood, the Eagle Scout from Troup 251, completed coordinating 75 manhours of clearing along the Indian Trail.
- Other scouts want to continue assisting us with development of the trail. But first, we need to better define the trail route. Beaver have moved into the area so we may need to remap some of the route.

Newsletter:

- Alice Hunt was delighted to receive the first "letter to the editor" from Victor Parmenter. He was giving more details on the railroad relics commented on by Bill Matthews during our BridgeWalk. Watch the next issue of the Victor Newsletter to read the details.
- Sue Freeman is working on articles for the next Victor newsletter.

Trail Sign Committee:

- Rich Freeman reported that he's been working with Voss Signs on a final sign design. They redid the logo typeset to make it smoother.
- The group voted on use of upper case letters in our logo.
- Dave Wright requested the "Inc." be added to the logo.
- Now that we have a final design, Rich will order 100 signs on yellow aluminum with forest green print.

Misc.

- Dave Wright reported that we received the State Sales Tax Exemption and can now buy tools & material without paying sales tax. A copy of the certificate is now on file at Victor Coal & Lumber, Color tex, and Voss Signs. If you need to purchase goods for VHT, please see Sue Freeman for a copy of the certificate.
- There are 2 openings on the Victor Conservation Board. Anyone interested in applying should write to Ken Wilson.

Our Condolences:

- Our thoughts, prayers, and sincere sympathies to VHT member Marjorie Dunne in the loss of her husband Matt. Please continue to join us for Saturday hikes, Marjorie.

Saturday Hike:

- A small group enjoyed the hike at Sandy Bottom Park this month. It has over a mile of wooden walkways and bridges. Larry Fisher has the plans and itemized costs for construction. Each 9 ft. section of walk way cost \$80 for materials. Larry passed pictures around for everyone to enjoy.
- January 14th at 9:30 AM Larry Fisher will lead us on a scouting hike to scout the new Indian Trail. Wear waterproof boots! Meet at the Auburn Trail on route 251 near Cork Rd.

Annual Board of Directors Meeting & BridgeWalk Planning Meeting:

- January 19th, 7:30 PM at Dave Wright's house (1350 New Seabury Lane).

Be It Resolved:

•Dave Wright read Resolution #1 (see attachment) to commemorate the contribution of Marcia Bryan and make her a lifetime member of VHT. He even brought a fully decorated cake for us all to share. Farewell Marcia, we will miss you!

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 26th at 7:30 PM in the Victor Town Hall. Hope to see you there.

Sue Freeman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Freeman". The signature is written in black ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Secretary