



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

85 East Main Street * Victor * New York * 14564-1397

Jan. 25, 1996
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with eight members in attendance:

Dave Wright	Lee Dey	Larry Fisher
John Francis	Norman Smith	Ron Sears
Amy Robinson	Chauncy Young	

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance is \$6,224.44.

Membership Report:

- Welcome to our newest members: Dan and RoseMary Graham, Brian Pazaras, Barb Kozel, Brad MacMonagle, Bruce and Cynthia Mellen and John E. Kosko.
- Our total membership is 110.
- Dave is maintaining the data base and will mail out reminders for renewals. He will also mail out new member packets and membership cards.
- It was suggested that if a member joins at the \$20.00 level or a present member renews at \$20.00 or higher, they may submit the name and address of a friend or neighbor and we will send them a free, one-year subscription to the VHT Newsletter along with a set of our latest trail maps. This can be a means of increasing our membership and introducing new people to our trails. This was voted on and approved.

Historian's Report :

Dave presented articles on snow shoeing, the public's right to use navigable creeks, horse-drawn sleigh rides, flooding in Naples and a picture of using a rock-filled wire cage to prevent erosion at the edge of a creek - just what we need for the Irondequoit Creek in Fishers by the stone bridge.

Education Report:

- John Francis, the new chairperson, will begin investigating new ideas. He is interested in the biological aspects. With assistance, he could set up trail markings to note various plants for use by the elementary grades and biology classes. This may be best developed along the Monkey Run Trail. This trail has been adopted by the Victor Garden Club. Dave suggested developing a slide and/or video show to promote conservation in Victor.

Newsletter:

Amy hopes to have the newsletter ready by the end of January and will be mailed to all members. Extra copies will be placed in the Town Hall.

ISTEA Grants:

- Lehigh application: submitted 1/15/96. Dave has a copy. We do not expect an answer before April. The steering committee will meet 2/3/96. The Lehigh Trail runs 17 miles to the Genesee River. Our share is 1.8 miles at a cost of \$80,000 (total for the 17 miles is \$880,000, much of which is for bridges). The trail is to be HCP accessible, graded and leveled and includes some bridges. It will be an adventurous undertaking but well worth the effort and cost.
- Auburn Trail: The next step is to submit drawings of our plan to repair the bridge to the DOT. Dave took photos of the bridge this month when the creek was high and to see how much the bridge has deteriorated in the last two years. Larry Fisher will follow through to see what help RG&E may be willing to give.

Adopt-a-Trail:

- Sidney Carpenter (Lifetime Stainless Steel) asked to be relieved of trail responsibilities for the Auburn from Fisher's Firehouse #1 to Phillips Rd. There was little response from employees. Harry will call him.
- Harry is looking for new sponsors.
- In March, Harry will send a note of appreciation to current sponsors and a new list of trail needs.

Last Month's Hike:

Six members enjoyed the perfect temperature and trails while cross country skiing at Rattlesnake Hill.

Trailboss' Report:

- The bridge along the Seneca Trail between rte.251 and Rawson Rd. is nearly completed by the Eagle Scout.
- A motion was made and passed to purchase diamond-shaped red, white, and blue metal signs for the trails, 500 each at the cost of approximately \$670. If requested by the land owner, signs will not be nailed into trees.
- Possibly in mid-April, there will be a trail sweep to determine trail areas for up-grading.

New Business:

- 14 members attended the annual transition/kick-off breakfast meeting on Jan. 13, at DeDe's. 1996 goals were presented.
- The Town Newsletter will be mailed 2/9/96.
- The Town Board is proceeding with the agreement to accept Bob Butler's property as a blue bird sanctuary. We will have a trail around the perimeter.
- The Route 96/251 Overlay District was approved by the Town Board.
- Dave has a copy of the recodification of all Town Laws.
- Dave made a presentation to the Planning, Conservation and Town Boards regarding the status of the trail

- system and future plans. It was well received by all boards and support for our efforts was extended.
- On March 14, 1996 at 7PM, Ontario Pathways will sponsor "Rails to Trails" - a video to be presented at the Wood Library in Canandaigua.
 - Maps of cross country ski trails in Monroe County are available. See Dave Wright.
 - A motion was approved to add \$100 and \$250 levels for sponsors who would like to foster trail growth.
 - Our brochures for membership will have a section in which the person joining can indicate where the brochure was found.
 - It was approved to have the annual audit next month.
 - June 1 is National Trail Day. Suggestions are needed. Several ideas offered included: join Ontario Pathways on their fund raiser hike; hike the Lehigh, with Mendon or Rush; join with Mendon Trails and/or Crescent Trails
 - Carol MacInnes has a brochure for the DEC regarding their tree and shrub sale. It was discussed whether we want to purchase any for planting or fund raising. It was decided that we will be very busy this spring and will not sell the trees.
 - Fall Fund Raiser: ideas are needed. Doug Fisher is the chairperson.
 - Town of Victor's Growth Management Committee's 1996 assignment is to complete an inventory of Victor's recreational facilities and recommendations for the future.
 - Ron Sears will put our home page on the Rochester Freenet - part of the Genesee Gateway. Ron's e-mail address is SEARS@SJF.EDU Ron's home phone number is 742-1542.

Next Hike: Hike/ski at Hollister Spencer Park, Springwater. Meet at Town Hall at 9AM. Ideas for future hikes are needed and may be submitted to a board member.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, Feb. 22, 1996 at the Town Hall at 7:30.

Adjournment: 9:10PM

From notes taken by Norm Smith

Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

Feb. 10	VHT hike/ski at Hollister Spencer Park, Springwater, NY. Meet at Town Hall at 9AM.
Feb. 22	Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
March 9	VHT hike on the Macedon Trail. Meet at Town Hall at 9AM.
March 14	Video "Rails to Trails" 7PM at the Wood Library in Canandaigua sponsored by Ontario Pathways.
March 28	Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
April 13	VHT hike on the new Crescent Trail from Old Foley Rd. to Casa Larga.

April 25 Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
May 11 VHT annual spring flower hike at Monkey Run
Trails at 9AM.
May 23 Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
June 1 National Trails Day
June 8 VHT hike the Lehigh Trail. Meet at Fire Hall,
Main St. Fishers at 9 AM.
June 27 Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.
July 13 VHT hike on the Hi Tor trail in Naples. Meet
at the Town Hall at 9AM.
July 25 Monthly meeting. Town Hall at 7:30PM.



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GOALS FOR 1996

TRAIL ACQUISITIONS

Auburn from East Victor Rd. to Farmington town line
Ganondagan to Boughton Park
Interchange Heights
Tambe HVAC on Willowbrook Rd

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Auburn Trail- Bridge repair
Build bridge over creek at Break of Day Rd.
Seneca Trail- Build boardwalk through wetlands
Trail on Ganondagan property
Re-blaze trail, metal logo signs
Signs at cross roads and at Y's and T's
Monkey Run- Re-blaze trees, metal logo signs
Make nature identification signs
Royal View Heights- Blaze trail
Willow Brook Estates- Mark trail

ADOPT A TRAIL

Auburn from Brace Rd. to East Victor Rd.
East Victor Road to Farmington town line
Seneca trail from golf range to Auburn Trail

MEMBERSHIP

Increase by fifty (50) percent

FUND RAISERS

Hang Around Victor Day- Sept. 14
Bridgewalk '96

EDUCATION

National Trails Day- June 1
Nature trail at Monkey Run
Town and VHT Newsletters
Guided Hikes
Slide Show
Video Show

HISTORY

Scrap book

PUBLICITY

Local Newspapers
New Membership Brochure
Victor Town Newsletter
Our Newsletter
Other Hiking Associations
Other Outdoor Clubs