



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

March 27, 1997
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with 8 attending:

Dave Wright	Marcia Bryan	Larry Fisher
Carol MacInnes	Ruth Nellis	Mitchell Nellis
Chauncy Young	Jennifer McKinley	

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

February:	Checking account	2,123.94
	Savings account	4,949.13
	Total	7,073.07

March:	Checking account	2,119.94
	Savings account	4,979.67
	Total	7,099.67

Membership Report:

Welcome to our newest members: Jennifer McKinley and Eric Ruckert, DDS. Membership now totals 137. 18 letters were sent to various clubs and organizations for VHT public relations. Total P.R. mailing is now 36. Post cards will be sent to individuals whose memberships were 6 months overdue.

Publicity Report:

Dave faxed a notice of the April 12th hike to local papers. The hike will be at Durand Eastman Park; car pooling at 9AM from the Town Hall.

Historian's Report :

Town Hall on Sept. 2 and Nov. 18, to hear your opinions on development in Victor.

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Dave submitted articles on various hikes; the proposed Victor Community Center park between the sewage treatment center and Maple Ave.; and a letter sent to Carl Foss of the Mendon Foundation regarding our opposition to allowing snowmobiles on the Lehigh Trail.

Newsletter:

There is a May 1 deadline for articles for the next edition. One of the featured articles will be on bluebirds. There is an April 7 deadline for the Town newsletter; our trail maintenance schedule and up-coming hikes will be submitted.

Victor Community Center:

Ed Ahonen, co-chair of the proposed VCC park, and Mitchell Nellis, also co-chair and student at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, gave an overview of their plans for the park and asked for our participation in establishing a hiking trail. The Village-owned, 9-acre parcel south of Main Street extends from the sewage treatment center on the east to the Malone property on the west. Currently, there is no clear ingress and egress. Great Brook meanders through it. Preliminary plans for the eastern third include low-maintenance recreation such as picnic facilities, small playground and sand volleyball. The western 2/3 would be "natural" with walking trails, an observation deck by the wetlands as well as a boardwalk, tree plantings, nest boxes and efforts to decrease the erosion of Great Brook's banks. It was proposed, seconded and approved to support efforts to establish a trail which would link VHT trails with those within the VCC Park.

Trailmaster Report:

The MUTC map is completed! If you use any of the trails, please make an effort to let local businesses know you are in the area to hike. This could generate support for future trails.

Carol is working on additions to the Auburn Trail in an effort to possibly connect with the Nature Conservancy and Powder Mills Park.

Mountain bikers continue to ask for access to public hiking trails.

Trails Report:

Larry proposed that we purchase a weed and brush mower from Bob James on rte. 332 for about \$1300. It was felt that we should buy locally in the event that repairs may be needed. A motion was made, seconded and approved supporting this purchase.

Maintenance of trails begins Thurs., April 17 at 6 PM. Contact Larry for location.

Old Business:

A pedestrian sign has been installed on the corner of rte.251 and Cork Rd..

Last Hike:

5 people hiked Powder Mill Park around the ski tow and fish hatchery areas.

New Business:

Dave made book plates for the books on display at the Village and Town Halls.

The Town Highway Dept. will be renting a chipper. It will be at the town garage. If you have trees/branches you'd like made into chips, or would like to pick some up, stop by the garage.

National Trails Day in June 7. Monkey Run and the Blue bird Sanctuary will be our featured hikes. The Town now owns the 39 acres donated by Bob Butler for the bird sanctuary. At 11AM on June 7, a formal dedication will be made.

The Freemans' book, Take a Hike, will soon be released! This informative guide for trails in the Rochester area will sell for \$16.95. Copies sold by the VHT will bring \$5 per book to the organization - thank you, Sue and Rich! It was decided that we will start with 100 copies.

Marcia Bryan graciously invited us to hike in her area Sept. 26 - 28. Specific location of hikes will be decided.

The RAM asphalt plant will not be in Fishers; it may be near Eastview Mall.

The Macedon Trails will be hiking Sun., April 13 at 1:30. They will meet at the Main St. fire house and hike to Bentley Woods and possibly to Royal View Heights. Anyone interested is welcomed.

The trail up to Royal View Heights has been cleared by the scouts - thanks again to volunteer help!

The Genesee Country Nature Center is holding a special event on Sun., April 20, 10AM - 4PM. Wildlife

Discovery Day will be celebrated with a large array of wildlife from the Binghamton's Ross Park Zoo and Hawk Creek Wildlife Rehab. Center, guided nature walks and activities for the entire family.

Next Hike: Sat., April 12, 1997.

Meet at the Town Hall, 9AM to car pool to Durand Eastman Park.

Next Meeting: April 24, 1997, 7:30PM at the Town Hall.

Adjournment: 9:07PM

Secretary - Ruth E. Nellis

VHT CALENDAR

April 20 - Wildlife Discovery Day, 10AM - 4PM at Genesee
Country Nature Center

Next meeting: April 24, 7:30PM, Victor Town Hall

Meet at the Town Hall 9 AM, to carpool for the following hikes:

Apr. 12 - Durand Eastman Park

May 10 - Spring Farm, Newark

June 7 - National Trails Day - Monkey Run & Bluebird Sanctuary

July 12 - Onanda Park, west side of Canandaigua Lake

Aug. 9 - Dresden to Penn Yan

Sept. 6 - Irondequoit Bay Park East

Sept. 13 - Hang Around Victor Day

Oct. 11 - Stid Hill, Bristol Hills

Nov. 8 - Pittsford, Old Erie Canal/Auburn RR Loop

Dec. 13 - Birdsong Trail at Mendon Ponds Park

"When you hear the first frogs of spring, you may be sure that the frost is out of the ground." from **Yankee Weather Proverbs.**