



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

Minutes of meeting held on Nov. 20th, 1997 at Victor Town Hall:

Meeting was called to order at 7:36PM by Chairman Dave Wright.

Those present were:

Dave Coleman	Jeff Hennick	Norm Smith
Larry Fisher	Chauncy Young	Dave Wright

Minutes of Oct. 23, 1997 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking-	\$1252.93
Savings-	5042.89

Total-	\$6295.82
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5 books were sold as a result of our order blank in the Town newsletter.

Membership:

We received two new memberships this month. Welcome to George and Stacy Braddon and Judy Sether. Two members renewed this month. Total paid and honorary household memberships is 137. This is up 10 from this time last year. 57% live in Victor. The next largest areas are Fishers, Farmington and Pittsford. 29 are at the Basic level, 51 at the Supporting level, 28 at the Contributing level, 3 at the Trail Blazer level and 1 at the Trail Builder level. Of the 137, 25 are non-paying. 15 are trail grantors, 8 are trail sponsors, 1 is a charter member and 1 is our legal council.

Publicity:

Dave faxed info regarding our Dec. hike to the local papers.

Dave sent a thank you letter to Jack Bauer, Victor Highway Superintendent, with a copy to Jack Richter and Jane Luce, for the work that was done on leveling and widening the Auburn and Lehigh Trails. This makes these multi-use trails safer and much easier to navigate on foot as well as by bicycle. They will be great for cross country skiing this year.

Dave sent a "pat on the back" note to the D&C, thanking the Town of Victor for their support on the trails.

Carol MacInnes' letter regarding the Nature Conservancy and Bentley Woods will appear in the next issue of our newsletter, The Pathfinder.

A copy of Carol's letter was sent to Jack Jones at the D&C. He wrote a small article that appeared in the D&C on 11-1-97. As a result, we received one phone call

asking what is the status of this trail.

Historian- No report

Education-

The Monkey Run nature guide is complete and was sent to the printer. 1000 copies were ordered. Some will be placed in the map box at Monkey Run. Some will be sent to local schools so they can plan field trips. All members will be mailed one. Extras will be placed at the Town and Village Halls and the Victor Free Library.

Newsletter-

The deadline to submit articles to Amy is Dec. 1. Dave submitted an "end of the year" report and the calendar of hikes for 1998.

Trailmaster-

Carol received a call from Marie Heerkens that the Auburn Trail in her backyard (she lives on Main Street Fishers) has been ruined. The bulldozer removed many wildflowers. Carol assured her that the wildflowers will return in the spring. Because this is a multi-use trail, the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy recommends a 10 foot wide trail for hikers and bikers. It makes it safer for all who use the trail. It will also help that most of the large ballast stone has been pushed to the side, creating a smooth and level treadway. Chauncy also talked to Marie and invited her to help us in the future to point out rare vegetation when trail work of this magnitude is contemplated. We will send her a copy of our next newsletter and invite her to join our group.

Dave received a call from a lady whose husband was jogging on the Auburn near Route 251 on 11-17-97, opening day of deer hunting. He heard shots near the trail and wanted to know who to call to report the incident. They were told that RG&E owns the property and the local sheriff should be notified.

Carol received a call from Mrs. Ryon concerning a motorized vehicle on Monkey Run Trails. She would like us to place one of our 4x4 posts and our standard sign on the trail near the pond to discourage people from entering at that end on motorized vehicles. Larry will do so in the near future.

Trail Boss-

Devon Branca called Larry regarding an Eagle project. He would like to build a boardwalk through the wetland on the Seneca Trail. Larry approved the request. We will pay for the materials, unless Devon wants to conduct a fund raiser to help pay for the materials. The project should include a detailed plan and an estimate of the cost of materials.

Paul Van Scott talked to Phil Clark about giving us a quote for the repair of the stone bridge for our grant. We still need this third quote.

Larry is planning on installing gates on the Auburn and Lehigh to prevent unauthorized motorized vehicles from using the trails. 9 gates are required, 3 on the Auburn and 6 on the Lehigh. Chauncy already has locks and keys from RG&E. We will get locks from the town so that all emergency vehicles will have access. Tentative work day is Sat. 11-22-97. Chauncy will rent a post hole digger to operate off his tractor. 6x6

posts will be purchased from Victor Coal and Lumber. The gates will be purchased from Central Tractor in Canadaigua. (Note: the posts have been installed. The gates will be installed on Friday 11-28-97. Please call Larry at 924-5803 if you can help.)

Last hike:

We had 13 hikers for a wonderful morning walk on the historic Auburn RR. Starting at Schoen Place in Pittsford, we headed west on the old railbed, passing residential, business and golf courses. At Clover Street, we crossed Monroe Avenue and picked up the trail that follows the old Erie Canal. This led us to one of the original locks, still in fairly good shape. Continuing on, we reached the present Erie Canal and followed it back to Schoen Place. This level, easy walk is about 4 miles.

Old Business-

Marcia Bryan sent us a thank you card and some photos of our fall hike in the Adirondacks. She now has an extra set of car keys that she will keep pinned to her day pack. We hope she doesn't lock it in her car!

New Business-

Election of officers: All of last year's officers agreed to serve another year. There were no other nominations. Larry Fisher asked that the secretary cast one vote for the entire slate. Motion was seconded by Jeff Hennick. Vote was unanimous. Officers for 1998 will be:

Chairman-	Dave Wright
Vice Chairman-	Norm Smith
Secretary-	Ruth Nellis
Treasurer-	Chauncy Young

The following people are asked to serve for another year:

Trail Master-	Carol MacInnes
Trail Boss-	Larry Fisher
Historian-	Roberta Lockwood
Education-	John Francis
Newsletter-	Amy Amish
Publicity-	Jeff Hennick

If anyone would like to help out with membership, the job is still available.

The annual officers and committee chair breakfast meeting will be held on Sat. Jan. 10, 1998 at 7:30AM at DeDe's Restaurant. Following the breakfast, we will meet at the Town Hall to car pool to the Genesee Greenway for our monthly hike.

Candlelight Creek Subdivision on Cline Road would like to build 18 homes on 30+ acres. The planning board has asked for a 40' wide conservation area around the perimeter with a 10' wide trail easement. This is similar to what we have at the MaryFrances Bluebird Sanctuary, which is close by. The trail could be for the general public or it could be limited to the residents. The outcome would determine who maintains the trail.

Boughton Park has power to their two parking lots. A boardwalk was installed

around the east pond, eliminating a walk around the mud.

Next Hike-

Sat. 12-13-97 at Mendon Ponds. Meet at Town Hall at 9AM. Bring sunflower seeds for the chickadees. Bring your binoculars and camera. Children welcome.

Next Meeting-

Thursday, 12-18-97 at 7:30PM at Victor Town Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27PM

Typed from notes taken by Dave Wright and Norm Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Wright

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Upcoming Events

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| Dec. 13 | Hike at Mendon Ponds |
| Dec. 18 | Monthly meeting |
| Jan. 10 | Hike the Genesee Greenway |
| Feb. 14 | Hike Cobbs Hill |
| Mar. 14 | Hike Letchworth |
| Apr. 11 | Hike Bergen Swamp |
| May 9 | Hike Chimney Bluffs |
| Jun. 6 | National Trails Day, Hike Corbett's Glen |
| Jul. 11 | Hike Conklin's Gully |
| Aug. 8 | Hike Turning Point Park and Lower Genesee River |
| Sep. 5 | Evening Hike to the top of Bare Mountain |
| Sep. 12 | Hang Around Victor |
| Oct. 10 | Hike Camp Cutler |
| Nov. 14 | Hike Irondequoit Creek Trail |
| Dec. 12 | Hike Royal Coach |