



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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**December 18, 1997
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with 6 attending:

Dave Wright Ruth Nellis John Francis Chauncy Young Larry Fisher
Roberta Lockwood

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking account	\$857.77	Expenses	Postage	\$32.00
Savings account	\$5076.16		Trail imprv.	\$1026.59
Total assets	\$5933.93			

Membership

We have 132 members. Welcome to our newest member, Judy Cross. We dropped 6 members and had 2 renewals.

Publicity:

Dave has not yet submitted notice for our next hike to local papers. He needs input on which section of the Greenway we will take on January 10, where to meet on the west side and how long of a hike. See **Next Hike**.

Historian:

Roberta has clippings on books on hikes in different parts of the country. Please keep in mind VHT receives issues of Nature Conservancy.

Education:

Copies of the "Monkey Run Trail Guide" are printed and were sent with the winter newsletter.

John Francis will send copies of the "Monkey Run Trail Guide" to local schools and will inquire at schools as to what they are interested in.

Newsletter:

The winter edition was mailed Dec. 16 to all members as well as to anyone who had asked for information within the last year. It will also be sent to members who have dropped out within the last year, to inform them of our activities and ask them to rejoin.

The next deadline will be March 1, 1998; call Dave with suggested ideas, such as books for sale, cross-country skiing, winter birding. Other information will include plans for National Trails Day, an update on the Lehigh (Mendon to Rush) and reporting unauthorized motorized vehicles to the Sheriff.

Trailmaster's Report:

No report.

Trail Boss' Report:

Nine gates have been installed on the Auburn and Lehigh. The use of a powered post hole digger was donated by Saxby Implements. Dave sent them a thank you letter. Reflective tape was nicely (and anonymously) put on some of the gates. Dave has tape for the remaining gates and will install when the temperature is above 50 degrees. Two of our standard yellow signs will be put up on the west end of the Monkey Run Trails to discourage bikes and motorbikes.

The Town has widened and smoothed the Lehigh. They have topped some sections with sand and stone and will complete the rest when weather permits. We need to establish a trail from the Lehigh to the Auburn at the trestle.

Last Hike:

13 people hiked Birdsong, Swamp and Quaker Pond Trails in Mendon Ponds. The chickadees were hungry and friendly. Birds sighted include downy woodpecker, tufted titmouse, cardinals and nuthatches.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A letter was received from the Rich and Sue Freeman. They have sold their house in Fishers and are writing two new books; Take Your Bike! Family Rides in the Rochester Area and a book about their journey on the Bruce Trail in Canada. They also assumed the role of publisher for a book titled Alter - A Simple Path to Emotional Wellness. They will be giving their slide show of their Appalachian Trail experience at the Victor Library at 7PM on Feb. 5, 1998.

A member called to report motor bikes on the Auburn near School St. All members are encouraged to make such reports to the Ontario County Sheriff.

Dick Deim of the Mendon Foundation called to say that Monroe County will be using the Parks Dept. dump trucks to haul ash from Kodak for spreading on the Lehigh in Mendon and Rush. The County will also be buying metal signs for the Lehigh. Dave informed Dick that there are junk cars on the Mendon side of the town line.

Dave sold another 3 Hike books. Approximately 50 have been sold.

Dave gave Larry plans for bridges, steps, benches, decks and planters for ideas to be included in our design guidelines.

Eastview Commons property has been rezoned for multi-use. This allows the RAM asphalt plant and new Eastview stores to co-exist. They will begin moving dirt so the new asphalt plant will be ready by April 1, 1998.

There are plans for a new Business Park on Philips Rd. next to the Auburn and Lehigh (Gordy Phillips' property). It will straddle the old Trolley line. We will ask for a trail easement along the property line, to connect the Lehigh with REDCOM.

Please let Dave know what ideas you have on the March 14 hike to Letchworth.

Our Web page needs to be updated. Ideas included: add maps, hike schedules, books for sale, Monkey Run Nature Guide, applications and how to get additional information.

Review of Goals for 1997 and setting goals for 1998:

Trail Acquisitions:

Bentley Woods Nature Conservancy – delay until '99

Interchange Heights - '98

Tambe HVAC on Willowbrook Rd. - '98

Ganondagan to Boughton Park – delay until '99

MaryFrances Bluebird Sanctuary – a pleasant surprise, was donated in '97

Trail Maintenance:

Auburn Trail - Bridge repair - ISTE Grant - '98

- Build bridge over creek at Break of Day Rd. - '98

- Trail to by-pass Victor Insulator – delay until '99

Seneca Trail - bridge over Great Brook at Dryer Rd.- '98

- Boardwalk through wetlands- partially done in '97, complete '98

Monkey Run - made nature identification signs and guide- completed in '97

Royal View Heights - clear and mark trail - cleared once, keep clear in '98

Pipers - signs needed at road, mark trail - '98

Willow Brook Estates - mark trail - '98

Lehigh- Town widened and graded. We installed gates in '97

Signs - at road crossings for traffic - one approved and installed on rte 251 in '97

Equipment - purchase "brush hog" - completed '97

Adopt-A-Trail

Auburn from Brace Rd. to East Victor Rd. - '98

E. Victor Rd. to Farmington Town Line - possibly for a scout troop - '98

Seneca Trail from golf range to Auburn Trail - possibly for a scout troop - '98

Membership

Increase by 30% in '97- achieved 8% in '97; goal of 20% for '98

Fund Raisers

History Book Sale - '97, continue in '98

Hang Around Victor Day - '97, continue in '98

Bridgewalk '97 canceled

Hike book sale - '97, continue in '98

Possibilities for '98 include: short historical walk in the Village; ask local companies to donate materials for a bridge and mount a plaque with their name on the bridge.

Education

National Trails Day - June 7, '97; June 6, '98. Goal is public awareness.

Nature guide for Monkey Run - completed '97 available from Dave, at Village and Town Halls, Welcome Wagon, Library and Chamber of Commerce.

Town and VHT Newsletters - continue '98

Guided hikes - continue '98
History Trail Guide- '98
Slide show - '98
Video show - '98

History

Scrapbook - '98

Publicity

Continue for '98:
Local newspapers
New membership brochure
Victor Town Newsletter
VHT Newsletter
Other hiking associations
Other outdoor clubs

Next Hike:

Jan. 10 - meet at Town Hall at 9AM or the Park and Ride on Route 251 at Interstate 390 in Rush at 9:45AM. We will hike the Genesee Greenway near Scottsville and Avon.

Organizational meeting preceding hike at Dede's Restaurant at 7:30AM. All officers and committee members are invited and encouraged to attend- call Dave for reservation.

Next Meeting:

January 22, 7:30PM, Town Hall

Meeting schedule for the remainder of the year is:

Feb. 26	Mar. 26	Apr. 23	May 28	June 25	July 23
Aug. 27	Sep. 24	Oct. 22	Nov. 19	Dec. 17	

Adjournment: 9:20PM

Thanks to Dorothy Wright for delicious holiday cookies and refreshments!

Ruth E. Nellis, Secretary.

VHT CALENDAR

December 25 - Merry Christmas

January 10 - Organizational meeting at 7:30AM

- Hike the Greenway

Feb. 5 - Freeman's' slide show on the Appalachian Trail, 7PM at the Victor Library

Yankee weather proverb: If there's no snow before January, there will be all the more snow in March and April.