



# VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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Sept. 24, 1998  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with 5 attending:

Dave Wright	Carol MacInnes	Dave Coleman
Jeff Hennick	Roberta Lockwood	

#### Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

#### Treasurer's Report:

As of 8-31-98:	Checking account	\$ 194.74
	Savings account	4,906.18
	Total	5,103.92

#### Membership:

Welcome to our newest members: Claire Noonan and Carol Zimmerman. Renewals for the month totaled 16, with one contribution for \$100 and another for \$250.

Total current memberships is 131 households.

#### Publicity:

Dave submitted a press release to the newspapers for our Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> hike at Camp Cutler.

#### Historian:

Articles were submitted on our last hike at Bare Hill, a potential trail around Irondequoit Bay, a bike trail and boardwalk on the northwest end of Irondequoit Bay (Sea Breeze), a trail in Henrietta on the old Lehigh Valley Railroad bed connecting the Lehigh in Rush to the section in Brighton recently developed. Also, articles on the trail connecting the Erie Canal path with Brighton Town Park and the proposed redevelopment of Sea Breeze.

#### Education:

John Francis has gone back to work and has asked Dave W. to find a new Education Chairman. If anyone would like to coordinate this effort or if you know of someone who would be a good candidate, please let Dave know.

#### Newsletter:

The Fall '98 issue was sent to all members and public relations.



The next issue will be Dec.1. Please submit articles to Dave by Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Information from the internet is acceptable.

### **Trailmaster's Report:**

Carol talked to Bridget Grant on Brace Road regarding the signing of the revocable permit. They are pro-trails, but wanted to read it over before signing. They are concerned about bikers riding on their front lawn to gain access to the trail. **We need to reinstall a NO WHEELED VEICHLES sign on this section of trail.** Then Carol will follow-up with them.

The Explorer Post from Bloomfield called Dave W. looking for a community service project. Larry and Dave felt that the Auburn Trail from Break Of Day Road to East Victor Road should be rerouted to avoid the steep embankments. Dave and Chauncy will blaze the trail on 9-25-98 for the scouts to clear on 9-27-98.

Carol gave Dave a tax map showing the property on Break Of Day Road owned by Dr. Cerelli so we can create a trail access to the Auburn. This will also be blazed on 9-25-98.

### **Trail Boss' Report:**

Both Jeff Hennick and Dave Coleman reported that they had hiked several of our trails after the Labor Day storm. Several sections of the Auburn and Seneca have large trees down, blocking our trails. Both Jeff and Dave have cut what they could to make the trails passable, but additional chainsaw work is needed. We have scheduled Sat. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> for a complete trail system inspection to determine what needs to be done over the winter. We need trail signs from the trolley bed (between Rt. 251 and Rawson Rd.) to the old house in the swamp. The Ambush section of the Seneca Trail needs a sign at the north end. We need trail signs from Route 251 to the Ambush section.

### **Last Hike:**

At least 47 people attended our evening hike up historic Bare Hill in Middlesex. At approximately 9 PM, Peter Jemison started the bonfire that signaled the cottage residents around Canandaigua Lake to light their flares, creating the "Ring of Fire." The view was spectacular. Everyone enjoyed learning the Seneca dances. Many people commented that it was their first time at this activity and that we should do it again next year.

Dave Coleman, Larry Fisher, Rich and Sue Freeman, Jeff Hennick, Jerry Soltas and Dave Wright had a super weekend of hiking in the Adirondacks. They hiked a loop from Marcy Dam, (where most of them camped Friday night through Sunday morning) through Avalanche Pass along Avalanche Lake and Lake Colden, up the south side of Algonquin Peak, down past Wright Peak and Whale's Tail Peak and back to Marcy Dam, a total of about eleven miles. Although the weather has been better in past years, all agreed it was a great weekend of hiking and fellowship. They are already thinking about which peaks to hike next year. If you enjoy challenging hikes, join the fun next fall for another high adventure.

### **Old Business:**

- The voice mail box is working great. The number is 234-8226. Please listen to it and make suggestions for additional information.
- Hang Around Victor Day was a success. We signed up two new members and passed out a lot of maps. Even sold a few items.

### **New Business:**

- Dave W. submitted an article to the town clerk for the town newsletter, due out just before elections.
- Dave W. gave a presentation to Trail Works Inc., a group of people trying to inventory existing trails in Wayne County. They will then develop a master plan to promote all types of trails, including hiking, biking, equestrian and snowmobiles. They plan on applying for grants to fund the development of the trails. Their main objective is an east-west trail, parallel to Rt. 104, connecting Monroe and Cayuga Counties. They had a lot of good questions. Dave will mail them a packet, including our maps, revocable permit contract, Adopt A Trail program, the NYS Obligations Law, etc.
- The NYS Canal Conference will be held in Little Falls on Oct. 23-25.
- The Penfield Linear Park 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party was a success. Approximately 100 people attended. Dave Shaffer said that the towns of Perinton and Penfield are working to connect trails. Assemblymen Koon and Alesi support trail linkages and say "the money will be there."
- A new kayak/canoe shop is offering interpretive tours of Irondequoit Bay and Creek.
- Ontario Pathways built some benches and put up signs along a new section of trail in Phelps. Shortly later, vandals destroyed the signs and heaved the benches down a 15 foot berm. Please report any misuse of the trails to Larry or Dave.
- Ontario Pathways will sponsor the Great Pumpkin Walk on Sat. Oct. 3 from 7 to 10 PM at the Ontario County Fairgrounds. A small fee will be charged.
- Valentown Museum will be the location for 3 evenings of Amazing Stories and Ghostly Tales. They will be held on:
  - Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Local Lore
  - Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Native American Tales
  - Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Mysteries of the RailsAll begin at 7 PM and cost \$5.00. There will be refreshments and door prizes.  
Call 325-7710 to reserve your seat.
- GTC-BPAC has distributed 10,000 bike maps that it had printed.
- At our Nov. meeting we will vote for officers. The slate is due next month.
- Next month we should create our monthly hike schedule for 1999. Some suggestions are:
  - Black Creek Park
  - Canadice Lake Trail
  - Ellison Park
  - Finger Lakes National Forest Trail
  - Genesee Greenway
  - Hansen Nature Center Trails
  - Helmer Nature Center Trails
  - Mendon-Rush Lehigh Trail
  - Middlesex Valley Railroad Trail
  - Northampton Park
  - Oatka Creek
  - Ontario Pathways Trail
  - Seneca Park/Genesee Gorge

- Webster Park

Any other ideas are welcome. Please attend next month's meeting so we can put together another great year of hikes.

**Next Hike:**

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Camp Cutler, located on Gulick Rd. near Naples. Meet at Victor Town Hall, 85 E. Main St. at 9 a.m. to car pool to the trailhead. Or meet at Cutler parking lot at 10 a.m. We will hike some of the more challenging trails. Wear sturdy hiking boots, bring water and a bag lunch. We will return to Victor by 2 p.m. For additional information, call the VHT voice mail box number, 234-8226.

**Next Meeting:** Oct. 22, 7:30PM

**Adjournment:** 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Wright

### VHT CALENDAR

Oct. 3	-Ontario Pathways Great Pumpkin Walk
Oct. 10	- Hike trails at Camp Cutler, Naples
Oct. 10	-Valentown Museum, Local Lore
Oct. 17	- Valentown Museum, Native American Tales
Oct. 22	-Monthly Meeting
Oct. 24	- Valentown Museum, Mysteries of the Rails
Nov. 14	- Hike the Irondequoit Trail, Powder Mills Park
Nov. 19	- Monthly Meeting, elect officers
Dec. 12	- Hike Royal Coach Trail
Dec. 17	- Monthly Meeting, Holiday party
Jan. 9	-Annual Board of Directors Kick-off Breakfast