



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

August 26, 1999 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM with 7 attending:

Dave Wright	Chauncy Young	Roberta Lockwood	Carol MacInnes
Jeff Hennick	Ruth Nellis	Dave Coleman	John McVay(guest)
Barry McVay(guest)			

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as corrected: Dave Coleman suggested that under Trail Boss, the reference to the "first bridge" be changed to "stone bridge over Irondequoit Creek closest to Fisher Rd."

Treasurer's Report:

July:	CD	2000.00
	Checking account	80.83
	Savings account	3508.52
	Total	5589.35

Membership:

John and Janet Kucaba, residents of Geneseo, sent a note stating they would not be able to participate in our program any longer. They enjoyed the past outings and send good wishes.

Welcome to our newest member, Janice Clements.

Total households is 128, but many are scheduled to be dropped with our next newsletter mailing. Dave received inquiries from several people about joining; maps and applications were sent.

Scout Report:

John McVay, a scout with Troup 60 and Venture Crew 215, and his father, Barry, attended. John would like to implement an Eagle Scout project by improving a VHT trail. It was suggested that he work along the Seneca Trail in the wetland area where currently a corduroy walk exists and upgrade it to a boardwalk. John may also want to consider a small bridge or two along the Seneca Trail. John will get back to us after presenting his proposal to his scout master.

Publicity:

Dave W. faxed the newspapers information on the Sept. 4 hike. He also sent an e-mail to Linda Burnett, a feature writer at the Messenger, suggesting a story on hiking trails in the area.

Historian:

Roberta has been saving information on park projects. Submitted was an article from the D&C on hiking the Tongue Mountain Range (which we did in May), and pictures from the Tongue Mountain hike and the Dish Mill Creek hike in July.

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

Dave W. passed around a rough draft of the fall issue to be mailed on or before Sept. 1. The next issue will be Dec. 1 with a deadline of Nov. 20.

Dave W. will submit an article to Alice Hunt for the Town Newsletter. The deadline is Sept. 24.

Trailmaster:

Carol and Ruth called on the Rehs' home. Their house and property on the corner of Dryer and Rte. 444 is up for sale. David Reh verbally gave us permission to have a trail on their property

on Dryer adjacent to RG&E. A revocable permit was left with him but has not yet been received.

Trail Boss:

Larry Fisher was necessarily absent, but left a report. The Bluebird Sanctuary perimeter trail has been mowed and marked with 2X2 posts with our blue paint on top. Bob Butler, care taker, would like to have our trail go through the wooded areas. We will need to clear and mark the trail in the late fall.

The billy goat (brush hog) had one skid replaced but the other one needs to be replaced also.

A 4X4 post with our big yellow sign was place on Willowbrook by the Thruway where we enter Tambe's.

Signs need to be replaced on Phillips for the Auburn on the east side and on the Auburn at the Farmington line, as well as the locations noted in last month's minutes.

Last Hike:

7 hikers followed the east side of the lower Genesee River from Seneca Park Zoo to the Stutson St. Bridge. After a short lunch and pleasant conversation with a police officer, they returned to their cars at the zoo. The entire hike took about 3 ½ hours, not including drive time.

Old Business:

The TEA-21 grant, which had been submitted by Jane Luce to the NYS DOT, evidently did not make it past the first hurdle. We will need to approach RG&E again to ask them to donate the land to the Town.

All went well along the Seneca Trail at Ganondagan while the Elders had their meetings.

Ganondagan doesn't have their new maps yet, but they are due shortly. They are making copies of the old maps in the meantime.

If interested in the Adirondack weekend, Sept. 24 -26, call Dave W..

Hang Around Victor Day is Sat., Sept. 11. People are still needed to help set up, tear down and staff the booth. Call Dave W. to sign up for a spot.

New Business:

Dr. Cerilli sold his property (140 acres) on Break of Day Rd. between Brace Rd. and East Victor Rd. to Jack Dianetti (Victor Hills Golf). The property is being bulldozed to layout 18 holes of golf. Where they go through woods, they will start with 30' wide swaths and then determine how much wider they need to be. One of the holes will be near our Auburn Trail. The Conservation Board strongly urged that the trail be preserved. The Planning Board knows that the trail is important. Mr. Dianetti told Dave W. that we should be able to work something out.

The Town Board passed version "C" of the Interim Density Law (50% green space after 6/1/99).

Residents of Lower Fishers Rd. asked that the Town not pave their road and were told by the Town that the road is not scheduled to be paved.

The Hamptons development on Gillis Rd. across from Cobblestone will have a hiking trail easement into "100 Acre Woods."

The Village on the Park development on Victor-Egypt Rd. opposite Aldridge Rd. will have a 30A play field and a trail network.

Candlelight Creek development has a historic house on its land that may be moved if the Victor Historical Society can locate a suitable location for it.

BJ's will have a gas station in their parking lot, near the Lower Fishers old road.

Crescent Trails annual "winery" hike will be on Sunday, Oct. 10, starting at 1:30 PM at the Foley Rd. parking lot and ending at Casa Larga.

The NYS Canal Conference for 1999 will be held in Oswego on Oct. 22, 23. Bernadette Castro, NYS Parks & Recreation Commissioner will be the guest speaker at the Saturday luncheon. Robert Radell of the Village of Fairport represents our area.

Sept. 10-15, 2000, will be the World Canal Conference, to be held in Rochester, NY.

The Genesee Transportation Council is hosting 3 public workshops to collect input for the Greater Rochester Long Range Transportation Plan. One workshop near us will be on Aug. 31, 7- 9PM at the Perinton Community Center, room 212, 1350 Turk Hill Rd..

Dave W. received a call from B.J.'s Club, They would like to help on our monthly trail hikes. Dave asked them for a case of bottled water and trail mix snacks. Carol suggested we ask them for similar assistance for Hang Around Victor Day.

Jeff Shipley of the Ontario County Tourism Bureau called Dave W. to ask for trails to include in their 2000 guidebook. They will show the Auburn, Lehigh, Seneca and Monkey Run.

The town and Village is having a new map printed. VHT will have a small square stating our mission and vision.

Dave W. received a call from Sally Bottorf, a Victor resident and member of the Lake End Rovers, a hiking and biking group. She got lost on the Ganondagan trail and ended up in the backyard of a School St. resident. Dave placed another sign indicating how to get back to the trail head at a tee and put some logs across the private trail.

Dave W. received a call from Janet Albright who wanted to take her 90-year-old mother to see some bluebirds. She was given instruction to the Mary Frances Bluebird Sanctuary and it was recommended that she call Ken Waters.

Steve Arrowsmith, whose father, Daniel, lives in Hickory, NC, called Dave W.. Daniel is interested in the Kodak fly ash being used on the Lehigh Trail. Dave gave him Dick Dehm's name and phone number for additional information.

Next Hike:

Sat., Sept. 4, 7:30PM; car pool from the Town Hall to Bare Hill and hike to the top. There will be a bonfire and Seneca social dances at 9PM. Bring a blanket to sit on, a drink and snacks.

Next Meeting: 7:30PM, Thurs., Sept. 23, 1999.

Adjournment: 9:17PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Nellis
Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

Sep. 4 7:30 PM Hike the Ring of Fire, Bare Hill

Sep. 11 9 AM – 5 PM Hang Around Victor Day

Sep. 23 7:30 PM Monthly meeting

Sep. 24-26 Hike the Adirondacks with Marcia

Oct. 9 9 AM Hike from Ontario Co. Park to Camp Cutler

Oct. 10 1:30 PM Crescent Trails “Winery” hike from Foley Rd. to Casa Larga

Oct. 28 7:30 PM Monthly meeting

Nov. 13 9 AM Hike Mendon Ponds Park

Nov. 18 7:30 PM Monthly meeting, elections

Dec. 11 9 AM Hike Canadice Trail

Dec. 16 7:30 PM Monthly meeting and Holiday Party

Dec. 31 Ring in the New Year 2000, the beginning of the end of the millennium.

“Large numbers of birds roosting on a wire indicate rain.” From Yankee Weather Proverbs