



VICTOR HIKING TRAILS, INC.

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

**Nov. 18, 1999
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. with six members attending:

Dave Wright	Chauncy Young	Carol MacInnes
Larry Fisher	Dave Coleman	Roberta Lockwood

Last Month's Minutes:

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Oct:	CD	\$2000.00
	Checking account	431.79
	Savings account	<u>2469.35</u>
	Total	\$4901.14

Membership:

There are 5 new household memberships: Kim Geary, Debbie Russell, Nancy Savoy, Kathy Doser, and Doreen Miller. There was one renewal. This brings the total to 132 households.

Scout Report:

John McVay called Dave W. to report that he had presented his project to his scoutmaster and has approval to proceed.

Publicity:

Dave W. sent 8 faxes to the local papers regarding our Dec. 11 hike on the Canadice Lake Trail. He also updated the phone information line. He also sent information to Ron Sears to put on our web page.

Historian:

Articles were submitted on the following: Several notices regarding the Nov 13th hike at Mendon Ponds Park. One article on where and how to hike during hunting season. Dave C. had an article on the new Wesley Hill Preserve on Honeoye Lake near to Harriet Hollister Spencer Memorial Park.

Education:

No report.

Newsletter:

The winter issue of the VHT Pathfinder will be mailed 12-1-99. Anyone with information to be included, please phone Dave Wright as soon as possible. Three of our recent new members were a result of the town newsletter. We also sold two history books as a result of the coupons in the town newsletter.

Trailmaster:

Carol attended a Nordic Ski Club meeting where Fran Gotcsik (Executive Director of Friends of the Genesee Greenway, Inc.) gave a talk, mentioning that RG&E donated some community service to the Greenway because they violated some DEC laws. Could RG&E do the same on the Auburn, where they have clearcut so much land. **Larry to contact Debbie Wegman to see if possible.**

Dave W. mentioned that he talked to Francis Rose (Ida Rose's son) who owns the property on Valentown Rd. adjacent to the Victor Historical Society about having permission to hike where the Society, Rose, Kesel and Roach properties meet. Francis was favorable to the suggestion. **Carol still needs to** hike the trail with Dave Schaffer (Crescent Trails) and talk to the Kesel owners with Douglas Fisher.

Carol will check with the town to see where the proposed trail on Gillis Rd. that will enter "100 Acres Woods" will start.

Trail Boss:

Dave W. worked at the MaryFrances Bluebird Haven on the trail through the wooded sections. The section through the pines next to the pond is cleared. There is one section along the eastern boundary that needs to be cleared and then all of the trail can be blazed. A 4X4 post and yellow sign is needed at the entrance. **We agreed to meet** there Sunday 11-21-99 at 9 a.m. We will finish this fall in time for the Freeman's book update.

Great Brook Bridge- Larry, Chauncy, Dave W. and Carol finished filling the wire baskets with stone from Great Brook. Larry asked **if anyone is available on Friday, Nov. 26**, to come over to his house at 9 a.m. to help build the bridge in his garage. It will then be transported over to the brook and assembled in place. Chauncy mentioned that he has some 6x6 timbers that we can use for the ends of the bridge to rest on. We will use the 2x12's left over from the cement work done on the stone bridge. We may need to purchase some hardware (bolts, nuts, washers, screws, nails, etc.) and 2x6's for the decking. Larry will get what's needed at Victor Lumber.

Dave W. put up signs alerting hunters that there may be hikers on the trails. They also remind hikers that this is hunting season. The signs are at the road crossings for the Auburn (northwest of Village only) and the Lehigh. When Dave was on the Auburn in Fishers, he met John Mady (a resident on Fowler St., adjacent to the trail) who expressed a concern of hikers walking across his front lawn. When RG&E was installing new poles, they told him they would place a fence along the boundary, but they would still need access in the future. John would like a split rail fence to match the other fence in his yard. He had talked to Debbie Wegman at RG&E, but did not have a date of when the fence would be installed. **Larry will call Debbie** to see if we can get a commitment.

Last Hike:

Eleven people and one dog spent 2 ½ hours hiking about 4 miles at Mendon Ponds Park. A pleasant morning hike was ruined when we returned to the parking lot to find two of our cars had been broken into. One lady had her purse stolen. No other valuables were taken. A park employee said that this happened last year. A neighbor of Dave W. had her car broken into at Ellison Park

last year and a friend of Dave W. had the same thing happen at Boughton Park. **Never leave any cash in your car** when hiking.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Jackie Morris will be leading a **holiday hike on Thanksgiving morning**. Meet at her house, 1324 New Seabury Lane, at 8 a.m. for a 1 ½ hour hike close by.

The Victor Community millennium committee is looking at how to celebrate 2000. So far their ideas are: fireworks display, celebration at Ganondagan, a special church service, a dance with a band or DJ, a parade, a lacrosse exhibition game, a history walk and a football game. Everything is planned for the second weekend in September. The town has budgeted \$10,000 for the celebration. They have been meeting on the first Friday of the month from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Victor Town Hall. **Next meeting is Dec. 3, 1999.**

Dave W. attended the Village Trustees meeting on 11-15-99 to thank them for having the pedestrian crosswalk painted and signs added where the Auburn Trail crosses School St. Also for putting in a bike lane and the painted icon depicting it to be a bike lane. Unfortunately, they do not plan to extend it all the way to the trolley trail that runs between School St. and Maple Ave. They expect people to use the sidewalk. Also, they do not plan to blacktop the shoulder on the west side of School St. They did confirm that they are working with Jim Andrus (Mickey Finn's Restaurant) to remove the weeds and have blacktop put down in the area by the restaurant for the trail.

Election of Officers- The nominating committee presented the slate of Officers for 2000.

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

There were no other nominations. The slate of officers was approved unanimously. Dave Wright appointed Carol MacInnes Trail Master, Larry Fisher Trailboss, Dave Coleman Assistant Trailboss and Roberta Lockwood Historian. We need an Education Chairman, a Newsletter Editor, a Membership Chairman and a Publicity Chairman. If anyone can help out for an hour or two a month, please call Dave Wright. **Dave will contact** Harry Lloyd to see if he will continue as Adopt A Trail Chairman.

Next Hike:

Sat., Dec. 11. Hike Canadice Lake Trail. This will be a 4 to 8 mile hike, depending on the wishes of the group. Pack a lunch and a drink. **Dave C. will be the leader.** Call 234-8226 for additional information. Meet at the Town Hall at 9 a.m.

Next Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 16, 1999. Meet in the Main Room if no one else is using it. Discuss meeting dates and goals for 2000.

Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.

Dave Wright for
Ruth E. Nellis
Secretary

VHT CALENDAR

- Nov. 25, 8 a.m. Holiday hike with Jackie Morris. Meet at 1324 New Seabury Lane.
Nov. 26, 9 a.m. Meet at Larry Fisher's to build bridge for Great Brook
Dec. 3, 8 a.m. Millennium Committee meeting at Victor Town Hall
Dec. 11, 9 a.m. Hike Canadice Trail
Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. Monthly meeting and Holiday Party. **NOTE DATE!**
Dec. 31 Ring in the New Year 2000, the beginning of the end of the millennium.

- Jan. 8, 2000 Hike or cross country ski Genesee County Park
Feb. 12 Hike or cross country ski Webster Park
Mar. 11 Hike or cross country ski Oatka Park
Apr. 8 Hike Powder Mills Park to the Daffodil field in Pittsford
May 13 Hike Spring Farm in Newark
Jun. 3 National Trails Day. Hike Seneca Trail
Jun. 10 Hike Urbana State Forest
Jul. 8 Gully hike Tanner and Grimes Glens in Naples
Aug. 12 Hike Howland Island (Montezuma Refuge)
Sep. 2 Canandaigua Lake "Ring Of Fire" celebration
Sep. 9 Booth at Hang Around Victor. History walk.
Oct. 14 Hike at Taughanock Falls State Park (Ithaca)
Nov. 11 Hike at Greece Canal Park
Dec. 9 Hike Durand Eastman Park