

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
Regular Monthly Meeting
Victor Town Hall
September 27, 2001

Called to order at 7:30 PM

Attendees: Dave Wright, David Coleman, Jeff Hennick, Chauncy Young, Carol MacInnes, Roberta Lockwood, Linda Mattice, Olga Torres, Douglas Fisher

Last Month's Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

C.D. \$	2,563.30
Checking	425.19
Savings	3322.16
Cash	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$6311.12

Membership: This past month there were 13 renewals and 13 new memberships. Five were a result of the Genesee Valley Hiking Club hike/dinner, six as a result of the Town Newsletter and one as a result of Hang Around Victor Day. A warm welcome to Sue Reh, Joyce Dobeck, Teresa Stewart, Frank Marticelli, Adriana Nowacki, Susan G. Smith, and Mary J. Hart, all from Victor. Also, Kari Poysa of Farmington, Olga Torres of Rochester, Al Fredrick and Nancy Norman Brown of Penfield and Linda Mattice of LeRoy. Current Membership is 151.

Publicity: Dave W. submitted faxes to the local newspapers regarding our Oct. 6 hike. He also updated the phone message.

Historian: Dave W. had an article promoting our Oct. hike. Carol M. submitted an article on Monroe Co. making \$2 M available for open space, Dave C. had an article from the Genesee about our chance meeting with the women hikers from ADK of Rochester on the top of NoonMark last May.

Education: Ruth Nellis has been informally canvassing people regarding tree labels.

VHT Newsletter: The Fall issue was mailed Sept. 1. The next issue will be mailed Dec. 1. Deadline for articles will be our Nov. 15 meeting. We will need to publish our planned monthly hikes for 2002 and the election results of new officers for 2002. Other ideas are: Adopt A Trail by Harry Lloyd, upcoming events in Dec., Jan., Feb., and Mar., new trails and parks, Eagle projects with photos, Adirondack trip with photos.

Victor Town Newsletter: Will be mailed to residents on Nov. 1.

Trailmaster: Carol met with the Archibalds (bought Parameter's land between Dryer Rd. and School St.) and gave them another copy of the revocable permit to sign. She will

try to contact Lori Allen (on Fishers Rd. across from Royal View) again for access to Powder Mills Park.

Trail Boss: Trail Maintenance for the season is complete. Thank you to all who helped. If anyone sees some work that needs to be done, please call Larry at 924-5803. We are planning to build a footbridge over White Brook in Monkey Run this fall.

Last Hike: Eleven members of the Genesee Valley Hiking Club and four members of VHT trekked from Ganondagan to Fishers Firehouse 2 on High Street on the morning of Sunday Aug. 26. Several other members, around noon, hiked from the firehouse to the top of Interchange Heights and back. Everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner, followed by videos of GVHC members on local monthly hikes in the late thirties. A special certificate was presented to Sheldon Fisher in recognition of his early work for GVHC and the community.

TEA-21 Grant: The rough draft and budget were submitted to NYSDOT for review and comments. Final application, with letters of support, is due Nov. 1.

Resolution: *VHT fully supports the TEA-21 Grant submitted by the Town of Victor for the acquisition and improvement of the Auburn Trail. Approved unanimously.*

On motion by Dave Wright, seconded by Jeff Hennick, Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. fully supports the application for a TEA-21 grant by the Town of Victor for the acquisition of the Auburn railbed presently owned by RG&E and the improvements to the trail bed including, but not limited to the repair or replacement of the stone bridge over Irondequoit Creek in Fishers, the decking of the Lehigh Trestle over the Auburn Trail and the establishing of the Trolley Trail connecting the Village of Victor with town parks.

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. will contribute a minimum of \$3000.00, collected from past fundraisers, for the repair or replacement of the stone bridge.

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc., with a household membership of over 150, will also provide manual labor for the trail improvements.

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. currently maintains the Auburn and Lehigh Trails and will continue to do so until the Town of Victor Parks and Recreation Dept. agrees to take over that responsibility or until January 1, 2005, whichever comes first.

Genesee Region Trail Coalition: Meets once a month at Perinton CC; third Thursday; 3 PM. Gathering contacts for all trail groups in the 10-county region, as well as outdoors and health related organizations. Main focus will be for large fund-raisers for trails and to share knowledge and marketing of the trail system.

Victor Round Table: Chauncy is our representative at these sessions. Meets first Friday of month at 8 AM at Town Hall.

October 13 is the Family Fall Festival; VHT will have a table; Family hike/bike; rodeo biking/safety biking planned for the day. Chauncy will lead hikes from Ganondagan to Village at 11 am and 1 PM. Douglas Fisher will lead historical walks in the Village, starting at Mead Park, times to be determined. Look for signs in Mead Park.

Old Business:

Parks Master Plan is progressing. There will be a presentation to the town and village boards soon. Please attend the public input workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 PM at the Victor Education Center (old Jr. High) to voice your needs.

Dryer Road Park- bids will be let this fall for lacrosse field work to start next spring.

Hang Around Victor Day- We passed out lots of maps and brochures. Great weather, but attendance seemed lighter than last year. \$57.00 income from sales.

Eagle projects- Russ Brindle will not be building an observation tower at MaryFrances Bluebird Haven. He is considering a footbridge over White Brook in Monkey Run or boardwalk in the wetlands.

Zack Rheume is moving forward with his self-guided nature trail in Monkey Run. He may be ready for installation in Oct. His troop is considering camping there one night. Both Charlene and Peter Fabbio have given verbal permission.

New Business:

Victor Community (Town, Village, LDC) is working to develop a website. Hope to be online by Nov. 1. Dave W. sent them a paragraph describing VHT and asking for a link to VHT.

Victor Parks and Recreation has a new brochure for Fishers Park.

Footprint Press is offering a 40% discount on their book Bruce Trail: An Adventure Along the Niagara Escarpment. Call 421-9383 to order for the holidays.

EMS is having their 20% off Club Sale on Oct. 27. If you are a member of ADK, EMS will give you 10% off every day.

Adirondack Fall Adventure is Oct. 12 – 14. Signed up so far are Dave Wright, Larry Fisher, Jeff Hennick, Dave Coleman, Kathy Manners and Len Fela. If you are interested, call Dave Wright at 924-3709.

Fall Hikes in Letchworth State Park (call Linda Mattice 716-768-4999 for details)

Sunday 10/28/01 Remember to set your clocks back!! Letchworth Park loop hike. About 9 miles. See beautiful vistas, visit all three falls. Meet 10 AM Parade Grounds parking lot.

Sunday 11/4/01 West side of Letchworth Park. 12 miles. Meet at 9:30 AM in Dam area parking lot. This is first parking lot beyond Mt. Morris toll booth.

2002 Skiing on the Green Way (call Linda Mattice 716-768-4999 for details)

Sunday 1/6/02 Ballentyne Road to Canawaugus Park, 6.0 miles one way, 12 miles round trip. Meet 9 AM for breakfast at Pando Restaurant 2771 Scottsville Rd., or 10:15 AM Canawaugus Park, Scottsville.

Sunday 1/20/02 Route 20 to Route 63, 8.5 miles one way, 17 miles round trip. Meet 10 AM for Sunday buffet at The Yard of Ale, 3226 Genesee St. (Rt. 63) Piffard or 10:45 AM in The Yard of Ale parking lot.

Sunday 2/3/02 Canawaugus Park to Route 20, 8.0 miles on way, 16 miles round trip. Meet 9 AM for breakfast buffet at Avon Inn, 55 E. Main, Avon or at 10:15 AM at the trailhead on Rt. 20.

Sunday 2/17/02 Pentagass Road to Upper Falls (Letchworth) then back to Parade Grounds entrance, about 9 miles. Meet 9 AM in Nunda for pancake breakfast sponsored by VFW, or 10:15 AM at Parade Ground entrance.

Sunday 3/3/02 Piffard to Mt. Morris, 8.5 miles one way, 17 miles round trip. Meet 10 AM Greenway Motel parking lot, 6459 Sonyea Rd (Rt. 36), Mt. Morris.

Sunday 3/24/02 Pancake Hike. Starts at Whiskey Bridge, Portageville. Call Larry Newman 716-385-2207 for details.

Next Hike: October 6th: Wesley Hill Nature Preserve. Meet at Victor Town Hall parking lot at 9 AM.

Next Meeting: Oct. 25 at 7:30 PM at Victor Town Hall.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Dave Wright
Substitute scribe and typist.

Calendar

- Oct. 6 Hike Wesley Hill Nature Preserve
- Oct. 12-14 Adirondack Fall Weekend
- Oct. 13 Victor Family Fall Festival Hike and Bike event
- Oct. 25 monthly meeting- 2002 hike schedule planning
- Nov. 10 Hike Fishers Park and new park land trails
- Nov. 15 monthly meeting- Elect new officers for 2002
- Dec. 8 Northampton, ski or hike
- Dec. 20 monthly meeting and party
- Jan. 12 First hike/ski of 2002 and Kick-off Breakfast for new and old officers