

VICTOR HIKING TRAILS
Regular Monthly Meeting
Victor Town Hall
February 28, 2002

Called to order at 7:33 PM

Attendees: Dave Wright, Chauncy Young, Larry Fisher, Norm Smith, David Coleman, Ruth Nellis, Larry Fisher, Carol McInnes, Kathy Manners, Roberta Lockwood,

Last Month's Minutes: Approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Chauncy Young gave the Treasurer's report:

C.D. \$	2,634.74
Checking	1,916.83
Savings	3,336.69
Cash	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$7,888.26

Membership: We welcome Pactive Corporation, our first business member (donated a check for \$100), represented by Patticy Buttacio; Gene Bavis, Executive Director of Finger Lakes Trail Conference; Harvey Limbeck of Victor; and Beth Nicholas of Geneva. Two renewals this month. Total current membership now stands at 161.

Publicity: Dave Wright updated the voice mail line and sent faxes to the local newspapers regarding our March 9 hike or ski in Perinton.

Historian: Article on Rich Geno and his dogsledding team practicing on the Auburn Trail and proposed trails in Canandaigua near the ice rink.

Education: Ruth Nellis is working on vision impaired signs for Fisher's Park. Ruth bought a metal tape system that is not working well. She will continue to work with this and figure out how to attach it to the sign and determine what trees will be made sight-impaired functional.

Newsletter: Dave Wright has the Spring Newsletter roughed out, it will be mailed by March 4th. The Town newsletter will be mailed April 26th; deadline is March 4.

Trailmaster: Carol and Ruth will pursue a connecting trail from Ganondagan to Boughton Park.

Trail Boss: Maintenance Schedule for 2002 was discussed.

Individuals will scout the trails assigned and report to Larry F. by April 20. Instead of a Sweep Day; decided to assign people rather than wait for non-volunteers. Trail Maintenance usually starts in May and takes place on Thursday nights and Saturdays.

Last Hike: February 9 – Due to windstorm damage last hike was moved from Genesee County Park to Mendon Ponds Park. Larry and Carol skied. Four people attended the hike – mostly walking.

Old Business: Received letter from Genesee Region Trails Coalition and application. Because we already sent them \$100, Dave W. will send in the application and attend the organizational meeting on March 21.

www.VictorHikingTrails.org should be running very shortly. Ron Sears needs to move everything from the old site to the new. All of the officers will be able to have mailboxes on the site.

Updated Trail Maps: Charlene has signed off on them. Now Rich can finalize and print for distribution.

Library talk is scheduled for Wed. 7 PM, May 22, VHT, Parks and Footprint Press will be featured. Dave Wright has roughed out an outline and will make a Power Point slide show.

Russ Brindle met with Chauncy and Charlene to seek approval of his bridge design. Chauncy submitted copy of a letter acknowledging the request and agreeing on behalf of Victor Hiking Trails, and the Town of Victor, to fund the material cost of the project.

T-shirts: Chauncy is completing the research and getting a logo for the new VHT shirts.

New Business:

There are two housing developments by Monkey Run and Maryfrances Bluebird Haven. Falcon's Nest – located on west side of Victor-Egypt Rd. North of Valentown. 17 lots on 54 acres with 27 acres of conservation easement. Trail easement from Victor-Egypt Road to the gas line ROW.

Hawk haven – On the southwest corner of Valentown Road and Victor-Egypt Rd. south of Falcon's Nest. 13 lots (one existing farmhouse) on 39 acres. 20 acres of conservation easement. Could have a trail, possibly connecting Bluebird Haven and/or Monkey Run.

New York Parks and Conservation Association (NYPCA) has created an on-line guide to trails and greenways in NYS . It can be found at www.nypca.org.

The Auburn trail and the Lehigh Trail are shown on a map. Victor Hiking Trails is listed.

The Messenger/ Post Newspapers will publish its “Summer Guide” May 24. We want to be included, possibly as an event (National Trails Day) or an article about our trails.

The Sierra Club is sponsoring an Environmental Forum on Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Rd. South. We can have a display table if we want . Or send maps and brochures. Cost is \$10.00. At 7:30 PM, Mayor William Johnson, Jr. will speak on “Environmental Justice and the Costs of Suburban Sprawl. At 8:30 PM, we could have a brief statement about our group read to the audience.

The "I Love NY" Biking and Hiking in the Central Destinations of the Finger Lakes Region is being updated. Dave W. submitted information on Fishers and Lehigh Crossing Parks trails as well as a photo of the new trails in Fishers Park.

Goals for 2002 were submitted and reviewed.

Next Hike will be held on March 9. Meet at Town Hall at 9AM. Destination is Perinton Hills, to be led by Peter Whitcomb of Crescent Trails.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be held March 28

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Manners