

Victor Hiking Trails, Inc. Meeting Minutes, July 28, 1994

The meeting came to order at 7:35 PM. Nine people were in attendance.

Correction to last month's minutes:

The DEC representative's name is spelled Doug Borschel.

Treasurers Report:

•Sue Freeman reported that the treasury balance sits at \$1,766. We took in \$600 in donations for the Bridge Hike and paid out expenses of \$25.

Grant Status:

 We received a letter from the DOT acknowledging that our grant application arrived by the deadline, was complete, is eligible, and will be ranked with other applications received.

Misc. Items:

- •Marcia Bryan received a letter from the DOT stating that they reviewed her request & will provide pedestrian indications at the route 96 and route 251 intersection. Details of the final design are yet to be worked out.
- •Maps for Royal View Heights haven't been taken to the county yet per Jane Luce. We can't cut a trail until the maps are officially filed.
- Margaret Nugent is experiencing back problems. We all send best wishes for a speedy recovery.
 Norm Smith asked about the status of tax breaks for elderly land owners. No recent progress has been made. Diane Inch brought up the option of leaving land forever wild to a land trust.

Indian Trail:

•Marcia Bryan visited another land owner on Dryer Rd. who was very enthusiastic about the future trail which will eventually connect the Auburn trail to Ganondagan. The next phase is to scout the best location for the trail.

Hang Around Victor Day:

•Diane Inch is enthusiastically diving into the coordination of our booth at this show. She plans to sell homemade jelly, painted door arches, pies, bird houses, bat houses, decorated brooms, and hiking sticks.

We need your help !!!

-If you're into wood working, make some bird or bat houses (instructions enclosed)

-If you're a baker, bake pies

-If you can follow directions, join us on August 13th at 1:00 PM, at Diane's house. We'll make jelly and do some decorating (no skill required). Bring any pine cones, shells, twigs, branches, acorns, etc. which you can collect. (map enclosed)

Trails:

•Larry Fisher reported that Doug Borschel of DEC said we can build a bridge without a permit as long as it's not through designated wetlands (Auburn trail isn't). We would need a permit if we need construction equipment to cross the stream. Mr. Borschel prefers we send him a final map & bridge drawing.

 Dave Wright commented on the open side rails on the Boughton Park bridge. We need to make the rails close together or put up a wire fence to avoid fall throughs. Higher sides are needed for bike passage. Another option is to put up a sign saying "please walk bikes".

•Jeff Hennick is waiting for receipt of information on other bridges built in Alaska from a friend.

•Sue Freeman turned over to Larry the name & phone number of a scout master looking for conservation work for a group of boy scouts.

•Norm Smith suggested that we buy a used lawn mower. Larry felt we were OK for now. We would however, greatly accept any donated used lawn mowers.

Maintenance schedule (6 PM):

August 4 Phillips Rd. (saws, axe, pry bars, stump removal)

August 11 Rawson Rd. August 18 Route 251

Tax Exempt Application:

•We have official federal tax exempt status - all donations are tax deductable!

VHT BridgeWalk:

SAVE THE DATE September 17 will be our VHT BridgeWalk.

Dave Wright and his assistants have been busy distributing brochures and collecting donations.

Thanks donors: Oderkirk's Shop

Wade's Market (logo will be on T shirt)

McGahn's Pub

Black Diamond Hotel

Canandaigua National Bank (logo will be on T shirt)

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Other businesses have offered food & drinks.

We critiqued draft posters made by Dave.
We discussed the design on the T Shirt, prices, and vendors.

Dave is pursuing Nalge for water bottle donations.

Sue Freeman reported the registrant packages are ready. We have 5 registrants to date.

Marcia Bryan had an article published in the Cresent Trails newsletter.

•We need people to work on the committees - many different jobs are available. Please call the committee chairperson to volunteer your time & energy.

Publicity ... call Dave Wright 924-3709

Registration call Rich or Sue Freeman 924-4149

Logistics call Larry Fisher 924-5803

•Sue Freeman provided articles which will appear in the August Victor Newsletter. They mainly focus on out BridgeWalk.

 August 13th at 9:00 AM, Norm Smith will lead a mystery hike. Meet at the Victor Town Hall parking lot.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Our next meeting is Thursday, August 25th at 7:30 PM in the Victor Town Hall. Hope to see you there.