



Victor Hiking Trails, Inc.

Meeting Minutes, January 26, 1995

The meeting came to order at 7:33 PM. Ten people were in attendance:

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| -Ward Anderson | -Larry Fisher |
| -Rich Freeman | -Sue Freeman |
| -Allen Johnson | -Carol MacInnes |
| -Margaret Nugent | -Norm Smith |
| -David Wright | -Chauncy Young |

Last month's minutes:

- The minutes were approved as written.

Finance:

- Rich Freeman reported that the treasury balance sits at \$5,067.
- Ward Anderson and Allen Johnson audited our books after the meeting.
- We have to submit a 1040 form to the IRS by May 15. Chauncy has the form & will give it to Rich.
- Dave Wright asked each VHT chairperson to bring a budget of expected expenses to the February meeting.

Membership:

- Margaret Nugent reported we have 51 paid members.
- Rich Freeman presented a pie chart (see attachment) showing the town residency of our members.

Trails:

- Carol MacInnes has had no luck contacting Mr. Wilmott of Cobblestone Creek. Dave Wright volunteered to try his luck. Carol reviewed with us the trail which had been proposed through Cobblestone Creek.
- Ward Anderson mentioned a new development going in near the School Barns. Dave volunteered to call Jane Luce (Director of Development) to get the latest information on green space for this development.
- Larry Fisher got permission from Debby Wegman of RG&E to put up signs along the Auburn Trail.
- Dave Wright has scheduled a meeting with John Turner (property owner) to discuss the Trolley Loop Trail.
- The Route 96 Corridor Comprehensive Plan and Design Guidelines developed by the Victor Growth Management committee contains a section on trails. Dave turned it over to Larry Fisher for review.
- Ken Wilson received a letter from Ontario Pathways asking if Victor wants to buy the portion of the rail property they had purchased from Penn Central. They bought the full parcel and can now sell off the pieces for less than it would have cost Victor to buy the parcel originally. Since Victor had already agreed to buy the parcel at the original higher price. We're hopeful they'll take Ontario pathways up on their offer.
- Macedon Trails has an "adopt a trail" program in place. Dave Wright has asked for their document to see if we might want to start a similar program.

History:

- Norm Smith is doing some research into the old house along our "soon to be built" Indian Trail.

ISTEA Grant:

- Larry Fisher talked to Jim Smith of H & A Environmental Consultants. He will help us find someone who is knowledgeable in federal reimbursement requirements for ISTEA Grants.
- Jane Luce also gave us a list of leads for engineers and consultants the town has used in the past.
- Larry Fisher wrote a very nice letter to RG&E explaining our latest plans to rebuild rather than replace the Irondequoit Creek bridge and again asked for their assistance.
- The town board signed a resolution saying the town recognizes VHT and we can commence with the grant. They have required that we get separate insurance, although the town will pay the insurance premiums. Once these are finalized, Ken Wilson can sign all the recent revokable permits. All bills for the repair of our bridge will go to the town. The town will pay the bills and will get reimbursement from the grant when the project is completed. Due to requirements of the grant, it may be 9 months before we can start work on the bridge.
- There was a letter from the DOT asking that Victor, Farmington, and VHT merge the three projects into one. Our project is a bridge, Victor's includes sidewalks and signs, and Farmington's is for trail repair. It's unlikely that we can merge the projects since Ontario County won't sponsor all 3 of us and neither municipality wants to act as overall sponsor.

Indian Trail:

- Ruth Nellis is still trying to get in contact with Peter Jemison for his opinion on a good name for the Indian Trail.
- Per Larry Fisher, we can begin clearing more of the Indian Trail. Eagle Scout Rob Sherwood has recommended other scouts who may be willing to help us clear more trail.
- Norm Smith asked about the fact that the Mueller land is now for sale and may jeopardize our future use of the land. We discussed the situation and decided that all we can do is wait and approach the new land owner with a revokable permit when the time comes.

Maps:

- Dave Wright asked for any revisions to the proposed trail map and trail plan.
- Dave will try to make another copy of our large proposed trail map to assist the Planning Board.

Newsletter:

- Sue Freeman reported that the next town newsletter will have an article about the new beaver dam along the Auburn Trail. She asked the trail sign committee to be sure and put up a new sign at the intersection of Phillips Rd. so people can find the trail after reading the newsletter.
- Dave Wright volunteered to write an article for the next newsletter.

Trail Sign Committee:

- Rich Freeman showed a sample of our new signs. We bought 100 aluminum signs for \$149.
- Scouts have made about 20 white painted plywood squares to use as backs for the signs.

Misc.

- Dave Wright shared the recent article from the Canandaigua Messenger about Marcia Bryan. See the copy attached. Dave also read a thank-you note from Marcia.
- Dave Wright and Rich Freeman are now both on the Victor Growth Management committee. Larry Fisher was asked to join the Conservation Board but isn't sure if he'll accept.

Promotional Merchandise:

- The group agreed that we want to print our logo on promotional merchandise and offer it for sale at various events.
- Sue Freeman will schedule a meeting of the promotional merchandise committee. Rich Freeman, Allen Johnson, Larry Fisher, and Chauncy Young volunteered to be on the committee.

Brochure:

- Margaret Nugent did some research on the options and costs for a more professional brochure. Glossy, colorful brochures could cost \$1,200 per 5,000 - more than we're willing to spend.
- Dave Wright found a desk top publisher who will work for \$10 per hour.
- Carol MacInnes knows of a graphic artist we may be able to use.
- Rich Freeman has access to color copying equipment.
- Margaret will pursue some of these lower cost alternatives.

Annual Board of Directors Meeting:

- The annual meeting of officers was held on January 19th. We discussed goals for 1995. See the attached summary.

BridgeWalk Planning Meeting:

- A Bridge Walk planning meeting was held January 19th. Chauncy Young will again chair the fund raiser.
- This year we'll add a "Sponsors & Teams" committee. We need a chairperson for this committee and for the Publicity committee. If interested in chairing or participating on a committee please call Chauncy Young at 924-9405.
- See the responsibility chart attached for more information.

National Trails Day:

- June 3 is National Trails Day. Rich Freeman will call Crescent Trails to see what they may be doing.

Saturday Hike:

- Carol MacInnes will lead our next hike on Saturday February 11. Meet at 9:30AM behind the YES store at Eastview Mall. We will X-country ski, if there's snow or hike if it's snowless. We'll hike either east or west off Turkhill Rd. depending on the weather.

SPECIAL EVENT:

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 25th at 7:30 PM in the Victor Town Hall. Please join us, we'll show **two videos**. A 45 minute video of the **history of the trolley which ran from Rochester to Canandaigua**. The other is a 15 minute video from **Rails to Trails, Inc.**

Sue Freeman



Secretary