VICTOR HIKING TRAILS Regular Monthly Meeting Victor Town Hall August 22, 2002

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM

Attendees:

Dave Wright, David Coleman, Larry Fisher, Roberta Lockwood, Norm Smith, Carol MacInnes, Ruth Nellis, Chauncy Young, Marge Elder

Last Month's Minutes;

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

C.D.	\$3,000.00
Old Checking	1,367.51
CNB Checking	2,582.00
Energized checking	0.00
Savings	0.00
Cash	0.00
Total	\$6,949.51

Membership:

Welcome to Randy Shea of Victor. Two renewals were received this month. Seven were dropped due to lack of dues. 21 are past due. 22 will be due in Sept. Current membership is at 153 households.

Publicity:

Dave Wright updated the voice mail line and sent faxes to the local newspapers regarding our Sept. 14th hike.

Historian:

Submitted articles on our guided hikes, stones rededication, Ring of Fire and feature on J. Sheldon Fisher. These will be mailed to Glen McHargue for adding to our history books.

Education:

Ruth Nellis returned from her trip to Wyoming with pictures of footbridges made by splitting a log in half lengthwise. She submitted an article for our newsletter on biking. She will continue to research Braille signs for a nature trail in Fishers Park.

Newsletter:

The next issue rough draft is done and will be mailed by August 30, 2002. Marge Elder requested that we print a four-page insert in the newsletter. It will be done. The next issue will be mailed on or before Dec. 1. Please submit articles or ideas by Nov. 21. We will print Sheldon's talk for those who were not able to attend on Aug. 11. The town newsletter will be mailed in Sept.

Trail Master:

Carol MacInnes introduced Marge Elder, Victor Conservation Board Chair. Marge talked about the work they are doing regarding environmental protection overlays (stream corridors, wetlands, steep slopes, woodlands) and how we can help in the education of the residents. She would like the town to partner with Victor Central Schools, Finger Lakes Community College and Victor Hiking Trails. We all agreed that environmental education is one of our mission goals and we would help in whatever way possible. Ideas included field trips on our trails, water purity studies, the food chain (insects, amphibians, birds, mammals, etc.). 1

Trail Boss:

Larry purchased a new Billy Goat brush hog mower. The old Sears mower is no longer functional. It will be removed from our inventory. Chauncy offered to donate his trailer so we can haul both Billy Goat mowers, the gas-powered hedge trimmers and hand tools for maintenance. It will need some work (sand blast, paint, wiring, plywood deck, different sides) and registration by VHT.

On motion by Roberta and seconded by Ruth, all agreed to fix trailer and register for a cost not to exceed \$1000.00.

Last Hike: 7 hikers decided to go to Grimes Glen and Tannery Creek instead of Eggleston Falls and Great Gully Falls. This proved to be a good decision. Lots of cool water in both creeks and wonderful falls. It was suggested we try these creeks in June when the water is really flowing.

Old Business:

Chris Sonnefeld from Troop 50, Farmington, is still working with the DEC. We received the check for \$500.00 for materials from Kodak.

Jason Mellen, a Scout with Troup 86, finished his bridge in Monkey Run over White Brook. Thanks to Jason and Troop 86 we have another substantial footbridge in Victor.

Golf shirts: These are available to all members. Call Chauncy at 924-9405 if you want to order. The shirts cost \$31 plus \$5 if you want your name embroidered on the front.

Genesee Region Trails Coalition: Brochures for the Autumn Hike & Bike on Oct 6, 2002 are available. Call Dave Wright at 924-3709 if you want to participate or donate. You can also visit the new website at <u>www.grtcinc.org</u> or the new phone line at 585-234-8439. Let Dave know if you have any questions or comments.

Brace Road Park: The trail from East Street is in good shape. Check it out.

VHT Brochures: Amy is done. They will go to the printer on 8/26/02. On a motion by Chauncy, seconded by Roberta, all agreed to order 3000 copies at \$220.00 (same as last time). (Printing was done on 8/28/02. Dave delivered some to Town Hall and gave some to Parks and Rec.)

RG&E Auburn Trail: STILL waiting to hear from RG&E. Jack Richter has tried to connect with Debbie Wegman several times.

EZ-UP tents: Dave W. checked on a banner. CopyMax doesn't have a vinyl standard size that will fit our tent, but they can laminate a paper sign for about \$30.00. **Motion by Larry and seconded by Carol, all agreed to get a temporary laminated sign for \$30.00 and look for another supplier of vinyl signs for the future.**

Adirondack weekend with Marcia: We will be going on Friday, Sept. 27 and returning on Sunday, Sept. 36. Call Dave Wright if you want to go.

New Business:

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Venture Crew 215- Bruce Mellen has the camping equipment (stoves, backpacks, tents, etc.) and would like to dispose of it before he moves at the end of August.

Motion by Roberta and seconded by Chauncy, all agreed that one or all of the four troops in Victor-Farmington-Fishers area should get the equipment in return for all of the work they have done on the trails. Dave W. will relay the information to Bruce when he sees him on 8/23/02.

New web site-<u>www.victorfarmington.com</u> is available for news in Victor. We can submit news articles and calendar events. They already have a link to VHT.

Grants-

Victor Village applied for a grant to upgrade the old firehouse on Main St. Dave W. sent a letter of support from VHT to Mayor Tom Walker.

Penfield Trails Committee is trying to acquire some land near Irondequoit Bay and Ellison Park from a private company. Dave sent a letter of support on behalf of VHT.

Hang Around Victor Day- Saturday, Sept. 7th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Schedule:

Setup

8:00 a.m.- Larry and Dave W.

Booth:

9 to 11 a.m.- Carol and Norm 11 to 1 p.m.- Roberta and Ruth 1 to 3 p.m.- Dave C. 3 to 5 p.m.- Dave W. Teardown

5:00 p.m.- Larry and Dave W.

If anyone can help in the afternoon, please call Dave W. at 924-3709.

Next Hike:

Saturday, Sept. 14, FLT in Naples. Meet at Victor Town Hall rear parking lot at 9 a.m.

Next Meeting: Sept. 26

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Wright

NOTE: If you received this via U.S. mail and would like to receive it via e-mail, send a message to <u>dwright@VictorHikingTrails.org</u>.

<u>REVISED</u> Trail Maintenance 2002

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For the weeks of our monthly meeting we will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. otherwise we meet on Thursdays. Saturdays we meet at 8 a.m. Sometimes we cancel due to rain and then shift the schedule. Please call 924-5803 if you are unsure where we will be meeting.

Date	Trail	Start Location	Destination
9/5 Th	Seneca	Dryer and Maple (RG&E)	To School St
9/7 Sa	Fundraiser	Hang Around Victor Day	
9/12 Th	Monkey Run	Victor Egypt Road	All
9/14 Sa	Hike	Mystery Hike	
9/19 Th	Makeup	Call 924-5803 for location	
9/21 Sa	Blue Bird	Victor Egypt Road	Prune, Mow all
9/25 We	Seneca	Route 96 at Route 251	Prune, Mow to Willow Brook
9/26 Th	Meeting		
9/27-9/29	Hike	Adirondacks	Hike with Marcia
10/6 Sun	Canal & River	Genesee Valley Park	Loop trail fund raiser

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