

**Green Mountain Club
Montpelier Section Annual Meeting
April 13, 2007**

The Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club held its annual meeting April 13, 2007 at Christ Church in Montpelier. Thirty-six members were present. After a social hour and potluck dinner, President Deb Kirchwey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

A. Old Business

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2006 annual meeting. MOTION: Accept the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

B. New Business

1. Doris Washburn read a tribute to long time GMC member **David Otis** who died February 18, 2007. This tribute will be re-printed in Trail Talk.
2. Approval of the **Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget**. Outgoing treasurer Ken Hertz spoke in favor of the treasurer's report and the proposed budget. The proposed budget includes a \$1000 gift earmarked for the Second Century Capital Campaign. MOTION: Accept the treasurer's report and proposed budget. MOTION CARRIED.
3. The members then considered the **Section Reports** included in the annual meeting packet. 398 volunteer hours were contributed by section members. Membership of the section is holding steady, with 4 less members than last year.
4. **Second Century Capital Campaign Update**. Priscilla Page, co-chair of the Montpelier Section efforts for the Second Century Capital Campaign, and Shawn Keeley, development officer for the Main Club in Waterbury, reminded us of the Green Mountain Club's goals to raise at least \$5 million in order to:
 1. Protect the Long Trail,
 2. Maintain the Long Trail,
 3. Improve headquarters, including rebuilding the barn or a similar structure.

Ann Burcroff, also co-chair of the Montpelier Section's efforts, spoke more specifically about what the Section had accomplished. She and other members of the committee have raised pledges from 53 members of the Montpelier Section for a total of \$113,600. There are still 330 members of the section which have not yet been solicited yet, but will be contacted in the future.

Andrew Nuquist, co-chair of the Second Century Capital Campaign, then spoke. The model developed by the Montpelier Section is in the process of being utilized by the Burlington, Outaquechee and Killington Sections. So far, all combined efforts have raised pledges of \$3, 929,787, which includes matching grants.

There will be a public announcement of the campaign at main club's annual

meeting in June, followed by a mailing to all club members.

5. Duncan Wilkie updated the members on new **Side to Side Patch**. The Long Trail has 186 miles of side trails. Three badges have been awarded.
6. Members then recognized the **outgoing officers**. Duncan Wilkie has been the chair of the Trails and Shelters Committee for three years, during the time the Section constructed the shelters on Sterling Pond and Bamforth Ridge. Ken Hertz has served as treasurer for the past three years and Deb Kirchwey has been the president for the past year.
7. **Elections**. The nominating Committee, composed of Jill Aspinall, Reidun Nuquist and Duncan Wilkie, proposed the following slate of officers:

President:	Paul DeLuca
Vice-President:	no nomination
Secretary:	Charlene Bohl
Treasurer:	Steve Lightholder
Membership Coordinator	Mary Garcia
Trails & Shelters Coordinator	Ken Hertz
Director	Ann Burcroff
Alternate Director	Priscilla Daggett

MOTION: Nominate the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee. MOTION CARRIED.

8. **Awards for Outings and Trail Work**. Andrew Nuquist, Reidun Nuquist and Ken Hertz tied for leading the most outings. The most popular outing was a Young Adventurers trip in North Branch Park led by Dave Blumenthal and Lexi Shear. George Longenecker and Cynthia Martin were most active in trail work. All received a prize.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Bohl, Secretary