

**Green Mountain Club
Montpelier Section
Minutes of the Executive Committee
Tuesday October 9, 2007**

The Executive Committee met at Ann Burcroff's home, 19 Phillips Road, Montpelier on Tuesday October 9, 2007. Present were Executive Committee members Paul DeLuca, Ken Hertz, George Plumb, Steve Lightholder, Mary Garcia, Ann Burcroff and Charlene Bohl. Dave Blumenthal was available by telephone. Absent were Fred Jordan, Nancy Jordan, and Priscilla Daggett. There was no written agenda.

A. Old Business

1. The minutes of the July 11, 2007 Executive Committee were accepted.
2. The treasurer's report was accepted. The \$1000 gift to the Second Century Capital Campaign has been. Sales of the section history, Reidun Nuquists' A Capital Section, the History of the Green Mountain Club's Montpelier Section, 1955 -2005, have gone well. We have received \$402.50 on an initial expense of \$500. Steve will check whether there needs to be a second printing so that copies will be available for the section annual meeting, the Taylor Series or the Appalachian Trail Conference in 2009.
3. The membership coordinator's report was accepted. Mary Garcia reported that the main club contacts "drop-outs." One reminder is sent just before the membership expires; another is sent four weeks later, and another personalized letter is sent four weeks after that. Members are dropped from Long Trail News if their dues are behind for three months, but they will later be sent a copy of Long Trail News with a letter.
4. The Publicity Coordinator reported that things have been going well. Our events are now published in the Tines-Argus. George has re-formatted the events to indicate that they leave from Montpelier, which makes them "local" and includable in the newspaper.
5. The report of the Trails and Shelters Coordinator was accepted. Construction he Bamforth Ridge sleeping platforms will be in the spring after the materials are airlifted. Puncheon is also needed for the section of trail above Bamforth Ridge. Two fall work hikes have been scheduled

B. New Business

1. Paul reported that Willem Lange will be the speaker at the Taylor Series Lecture, which will be held January 25, 2007 at Chapel Hall, Vermont College.
2. The Annual Meeting will be held Friday April 11, 2008 at Christ Church. Paul will make the calls to firm up the arrangements. The guest speaker will be Ed Loewenten, who will give a slide show of pictures taken at various events.
3. Ann Burcroff reported on the latest board meeting.
 - A. Things are difficult financially. The club is running a deficit of about \$10,000 for the third year. Operations are frugal and they have had to eliminate some staffing. There is a committee on long term planning chaired by Michael Chernick.
 - B. Rebecca Washburn, Stewardship Chairman, reported to the board that over 1000 trees had been taken down on Big Jay to create a 2000 ft back country trail down the mountain. (The cutting was done on state land with an easement by the GMC.)
 - C. Tom Slayton is editing a coffee table book for the anniversary of the GMC. It is hoped that this will bring in revenue.
 - D. Headquarters is going ahead with the replacement of the South Barn. 65,000 board feet of eastern hemlock from Vermont Family Forests has been delivered to the site. Volunteers are preparing for the post and beam construction. All permits are in place.
4. Paul DeLuca brought up the matter of the section website. Paul is concerned that pictures of events are being eliminated. Ken reported that no pictures have been eliminated. The website policy is that all pictures must be 2 inches; larger picture are not supported. The concern is that more and larger pictures will bog down users with dial-up connections. The section has purchased 100 megabytes of space for \$100 per year and now has 20 megabytes of free space. Purchasing additional space is something that may be discussed.
5. Reminder of upcoming meetings and events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/11/07,	7 pm	Planning Meeting	Paul DeLuca's
01/09/2008,	7 pm	Executive Committee	Ken Hertz's
6. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bohl, Secretary

Attachments: Treasurer's Report dated 27-Sep-07
Membership Coordinator's Report as of September 30, 2007
Trails and Shelters report dated October 6, 2007