

**Green Mountain Club
Montpelier Section Annual Meeting
April 11, 2008**

The Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club held its annual meeting April 11, 2008 at Christ Church in Montpelier. Thirty-five adults and two children were present. After a social hour and potluck dinner, President Paul DeLuca called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

A. Old Business

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2007 annual meeting. MOTION: Accept the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

B. New Business

1. Dave Hardy from Main Club discussed **Upcoming Trail Work Projects**. The primary project will be the renovation of Montclair Glen Lodge. Material will be transported from the Huntington Rec Field to Montclair Glen Lodge by helicopter on Friday June 6, 2008, with most of the work being done in September. Watson Camp will come down; it will not be opened for the 2008 hiking season. Work will be also be done at the following sites: Bamforth Ridge Shelter (construction of sleeping platforms and puncheon repair), Theron Dean Shelter, Jay Camp and the Old Job Shelter.

At headquarters, the trailer will be removed next week as the first step in construction of the new Visitor Center.

2. Approval of the **Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget**. After much discussion whether the Section had too much of a "surplus" and, if so, what purposes should it be used for, MOTION: Accept the treasurer's report and proposed budget, and to direct the Executive Committee to attempt to determine a policy of how much reserve the Section should maintain. MOTION CARRIED.
3. The members then considered the **Section Reports** included in the annual meeting packet. All reports were accepted.
4. **Second Century Capital Campaign Update and Sections Directors Report**. Ann Burcroff, Section Director, and Shawn Keeley, Development Director for the Main Club in Waterbury, reminded us of the Green Mountain Club's goals to raise at least \$5.25 million. The Montpelier Section has raised \$200,000 and set the standard for fund-raising for other sections.

The Club now has a draft Long Range Plan, developed by Michael Chernick and the Long Range Planning Committee.

The Second Edition of the Trip Leader's Handbook is now available. Sections members Reidun Nuquist and Nancy Jordan were instrumental in its publication.

It is hoped that the Vermont Legislature will appropriate \$250,000 for trail acquisition this year.

Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain will be held at headquarters in Waterbury Center on May 31. The will be a work project involving construction of the new Visitor Center.

The logo for the Green Mountain Club has been redesigned.

5. Shawn Keeley reported that **The Young Adventurers Club (YAC)** is attracting new families with young children to the Green Mountain Club.
6. Members then recognized the **Outgoing Officers**. Fred Jordan has done an able job as Vice-President and Mary Garcia will be missed as Membership Coordinator.
7. **Elections**. The nominating Committee, composed of Michael Chernick, Reidun Nuquist and Priscilla, proposed the following slate of officers:

President:	John Buddington
Vice-President:	Charlene Bohl
Secretary:	Thomas Weiss
Treasurer:	Steve Lightholder
Membership Coordinator	Fred Jordan
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**. Fred Jordan, outgoing vice president, drew the group's attention to several significant outing innovations. Nancy Schulz and Ann Ferguson co-led a Boomer Bike and Street Walker Series that introduced many persons to the Montpelier Section. Dave Blumentahl and the Young Adventurers Club is attracting younger families to the Green Mopuntain Club. Together, these efforts accounted for 41.9% of attendance on section events.

Paul DeLuca led hikes on all 48 of the Four Thousand Footers in New Hampshire. While these hikes did not attract high numbers of individuals, they added a new dimension to section outings.

After recognizing Ann, Nancy, Dave and Paul, Fred presented the following

awards:

Most Popular Outings: Mike Weatherell for YAC climb of Bald Hill with 32 attendees and Ann Ferguson and Nancy Schulz of a Montpelier Streetwalkers event with 21 attendees.

Most Active Trip Leaders: Paul DeLuca with 15 trips and Ken Hertz with 13 trips.

Most Active Trip Participants: Ken Hertz attended 21 trips and Andrew Nuquist attended 18 trips.

Most Active Trail Worker: John Buddington.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm and was followed by a photography presentation by Ed Loewenten of this vast photography portfolio including the higher summits of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Bohl, Secretary