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Subject: Minutes of June 10 meeting

Green Mountain Club, Montpelier Section
Minutes of the Executive Committee
June 10, 2008

The executive committee met at 7:00 pm at Ann Burcroff's home.

Officers attending: John Buddington (president), Charlene Bohl (vice president), Steve Lightholder (treasurer), Thomas Weiss (secretary/LTN Reporter), Ken Hertz (trails & shelters coordinator), Fred Jordan (membership coordinator), Nancy Jordan (Trail Talk editor), Dave Blumenthal (webmaster), Ann Burcroff (GMC director).

Officers absent: Priscilla Daggett (alternate GMC director).

Officers not yet appointed: publicity co-ordinator

Section members: Reidun Nuquist, Andrew Nuquist, and Michael Chernick.

1. The secretary read the minutes of the March 26 meeting. One correction was noted: The date of the Green Mountain Club's annual meeting should have been May 31, 2008. The executive committee approved the minutes as amended.

2. Current status reports

a. John Buddington showed us the publicity poster for the Young Adventurers' Club had been printed. Dave Blumenthal had designed the poster. Dave reported that he had displayed it at the Club's annual meeting. The poster generated interest there and held up well in the soggy weather. Dave has been asked to present a workshop on organizing and running Young Adventurers' Clubs for the Appalachian Mountain Club's next meeting, which will be in Castleton, Vermont next year. The executive committee discussed possible locations to use the poster for outreach but came up with no specific plan. The farmers' market and Onion River Sports' annual Green Mountain Club day were suggested as possibilities.

b. Steve Lightholder passed around three thank you letters. Walter Pomroy, treasurer of the Second Century Campaign thanked us for our section donation of \$500 to the campaign. Dave Hardy, director of field programs, thanked us for our section donation of \$500 to help with trail work expense. He plans to apply it to the deconstruction of Watson Camp at Sterling Pond this fall. Ben Rose thanked the section for both donations and added "The Montpelier Section never ceases to amaze me!"

c. John Buddington noted that executive meeting agendas will be posted at <http://gmcmontpelier.org/executive/index.htm>

d. John Buddington noted that he had appointed Paul DeLuca as publicity coordinator, Nancy Jordan as newsletter editor, and Dave Blumenthal as webmaster. The executive committee took no objections to this action and thus appointed those three officers by consensus. (Note from the secretary: The bylaws require the executive committee to appoint these officers. However, this was the first meeting of the executive committee following the section's annual meeting on April 11 and it was necessary to have those officers functioning before the executive committee could meet to make the appointments.)

3. Officers' reports

a. Membership co-ordinator's report. Fred Jordan summarized the membership report, which he had earlier distributed to the officers by e-mail. We have 313 memberships. That is four new memberships and 100% renewal by those whose membership came due during the reporting period.

b. Director's report. Ann Burcroff provided a director's report on the Club's annual meeting on May 31. The Second Century Capital Campaign is a success. The endowment is being used for maintenance. The new building at the Waterbury Center headquarters is under construction. Completion of the building is scheduled for six months from now. Andrew Nuquist received a President's award for his work as co-chair of the Second Century Campaign. The Appalachian Mountain Club's 100th anniversary meeting will be July 17 - 24, 2009 at Castleton, Vermont. Lots of volunteers will be needed and it is hoped that members of the Montpelier section will be among the volunteers. Volunteers are also needed on various phases of the new building in Waterbury Center, call headquarters for information. The next meeting of the Green Mountain Club's board of directors will be on September 22 in Londonderry.

c. Treasurer's report. Steve Lightholder presented the treasurer's report. For the quarter we had income of \$1,398.75 and expenses of \$1,411.40 for a net decrease in our accounts of \$12.65. Dave Blumenthal moved to approve the secretary's report as presented. The executive committee approved the report as presented.

4. Appointment of Trails and Shelter Committee. The executive committee discussed the makeup and appointment of the trails and shelter committee. Ken reported that we can have as many members on the committee as we want and that they are appointed by the president. Suggestions were John Buddington,(ex-officio), Duncan Wilkie, Eric Seidel, Matt Krebs, and Paul DeLuca. The question was raised as to why no women were in the list? Following further discussion, Cynthia Martin and Dara van Laanen were added to the list of potential members. Ken will talk with the prospective members to find out who is willing to serve on the trails and shelters committee and John Buddington will make appointments. (Secretary's note after reviewing the bylaws when preparing these minutes. The bylaws read "The Executive Committee shall appoint a Trails and Shelters Committee of at least three members ...")

5. Use of the section's large cash balance. Ken Hertz raised the issue of our large cash balance (now almost \$12,000) and what we should be doing with it. Ken summarized the transition from a section that could not pay its obligation to support headquarters (perhaps five or ten years ago when the Club centralized dues collection procedures) to now when successful fund raising, several life memberships, and a large donation have created a balance of almost \$12,000.

Should we have amounts dedicated for replacing shelters, for the Winooski River bridge, for any other purposes? The Bamforth ridge shelter cost about \$20,000 and the section paid about \$2,000. We did not have a total cost for the Sterling Pond shelter while the section paid about \$3,000 to \$4,000 for it.

Some shelters are now endowed under the Second Century Campaign.

If we decide to set aside amounts for specific purposes, we should show them in the treasurer's report.

Steve Lightholder will get copies of other sections' budgets for a comparison with ours and to see how any of them might handle their cash balances.

The executive committee took no action on this topic at this meeting. We agreed to think about the issue and be prepared to make suggestions and decisions at our September meeting.

6. Authorizing small expenditures. The executive committee discussed whether we should have a policy to allow someone other than the full executive committee to authorize expenditures that are not on the budget approved by the section at its annual meeting and that arise between meetings of the executive committee. Following discussion, Ken Hertz moved that "The Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club establishes a rule by which the president may approve individual expenditures up to \$100. Such expenditures will appear on the treasurer's report at the next annual meeting." The executive committee approved the motion.

7. Hosting the 2009 Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting. The next annual meeting will be May 30, 2009, in Waterbury Center. Part of the purpose to hold it there will be to show off the new building. The club is looking for a section to host the meeting. Ken Hertz moved that "The Montpelier Section is pleased to sponsor the 2009 Green Mountain Club annual meeting at the Waterbury Center headquarters on May 30, 2009. Reidun Nuquist reported that the section had hosted the annual meeting in 1965, 1971 or 1972, 1985, 1993, and 2001. Ann Burcroff would like to organize housing. Fred Jordan and Reidun Nuquist volunteered to work on the planning. The executive committee approved the motion and left it to John Buddington to find and appoint a chair for the committee to organize the annual meeting. It was suggested to offer the Sterling section the opportunity to participate in the organization of the meeting.

8. Section poster offer. Dave Blumenthal offered to produce a section poster analogous to the display poster that he created for the Young Adventurers' Club. The executive committee thought that could be one way to update the section's triptych display. The executive committee took no action on this issue.

9. Trip Leader's Handbook. Reidun Nuquist brought a copy of the club's newly revised, second edition of the Trip Leader's Handbook. The club paid for a limited printing of the handbook and would like to get it out to leaders. Reidun did not know the price and suggested that it would be nominal because the club wants to get it out to trip leaders. Reidun acknowledged the work that Nancy Jordan did in laying out the handbook. The executive committee gave kudos to Nancy Jordan. Thomas Weiss moved that the section obtain 25 copies of the 2nd edition of the Trip Leader's Handbook to give out to all trip leaders. The executive committee approved the motion. The thought is that the vice president could give out a copy to each trip leader with the sign-in sheet / outing report and the extra Trail Talks that each leader gets. Over time, each trip leader would then get a copy of the new book.

10. Executive Committee and Planning meetings: The executive committee agreed to the following schedule for meetings for the rest of the year.

- September 9, Tuesday, executive committee at John Buddington's
- September 17, Wednesday, planning meeting at Michael Chernick's
- December, 2, Tuesday, executive committee at Ken Hertz's
- December 10, Wednesday, planning meeting at Steve Lightholder's
- March 9, Tuesday, executive meeting, location to be determined
- March 17, Wednesday, planning meeting, location to be determined

11. New business

Taylor Series lecture. The executive committee took no action on this and agreed to take this up at the next meeting.

12. Adjournment. A motion was made to adjourn and was approved by the executive committee. The meeting was adjourned about 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Weiss, secretary
June 17, 2008