

The executive committee was called to order at 7:10 pm at Ken Hertz'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: Paul DeLuca (Publicity Co-ordinator) and Priscilla Daggett (GMC Board of Directors).

Section members: Reidun Nuquist and Andrew Nuquist (co-chairs of the 2009 GMC annual meeting ad hoc committee).

## OLD BUSINESS

1. The reading of the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting was waived. One clarification was made under Old Business, current status reports regarding the snowshoe festival. The minutes were amended to reflect that the festival had been suggested for a date in February. In the interim following the September 9 meeting, the snowshoe festival was dropped for 2009 due to the effort needed to complete the new building. Several typographical errors were corrected as well as the number of sections being corrected. The executive committee accepted the minutes as amended on a motion by Ken and Ann.

### 2. Current status reports

a. John passed around a copy of "Long Trail, Keepers of the Trail", a new promotional brochure.

b. Ken reported on the planning for the section's Taylor series lecture. The planning committee had hired the speaker (Deborah Lewis of Bredeson Outdoor Adventures on the Tour Around Mont Blanc) and the location (Capital City Grange). The winter issue of "Trail Talk" has an announcement of the lecture. John will introduce the lecture. Ken will get the audio-visual equipment. Dave will set up. Charlene will organize tickets and refreshments. The speaker will stay at Ann's house following the lecture. David handed out posters that he had made.

c. Andrew and Reidun, co-chairs of the GMC annual meeting (May 29 - 31, 2009 at GMC headquarters) reported on their progress. The New England Culinary Institute has been engaged to provide the Saturday evening dinner. The caterer for breakfast and lunch is still to be determined. Lee Allen (spelling?), from North Carolina, will speak Friday night on his two End-to-End hikes 36 years apart. Dot Helling will be the after-dinner speaker and will

talk about her participation in the Blue Planet Run. The fourth plaque acknowledging donors to the Long Trail Protection Fund will be dedicated during the meeting. All sorts of outings are being planned: canoe, hikes, bicycles. There are 22 volunteers working on the meeting and more will be needed. Volunteers have been assigned for key positions. The planning committee is scheduled to meet twice more before the event. Nancy is working on the article for "The Long Trail News". Ann and Priscilla P. are arranging lodging: campgrounds, hotels, and private homes. Registration will be \$36 in advance and \$39 at the door. Registrants will get continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Registration for dinner only will be \$23. If the headquarters staff receive free dinners the meeting will result in a loss, otherwise the meeting will break even. Andrew and Reidun asked the section to donate \$300 to cover 12 complimentary dinners and another \$300 to subsidize other expenses? The executive committee agreed by consensus to include those amounts in the budget to be presented at the section's annual meeting.

### 3. Officers' reports

a. Treasurer Steve Lightholder provided a Treasurer's report. For the first nine months we had income of \$2,757.39 and expenses of \$2,083.09 for a net increase of our accounts over those nine months of \$674.30. The executive committee accepted the treasurer's report as presented. Steve also presented a proposed budget for the section's fiscal year 2010 with income equaling expenses at \$3700. The executive committee agreed by consensus to add \$100 to the proposed budget under the line item for Tools to be used for promotional refreshments for visitors to Smugglers Notch on the day of the May work outing there. The report did not reflect any plans for the section's cash balance as the executive committee had failed to reach an agreement on this at the September 9 meeting.

b. Other reports as requested.

→→→ 1. Membership co-ordinator's report. Fred had sent the report around by e-mail.→  
The total number of members was 329, a net increase of 3 since the last quarter.

→→→ 2. Trails and Shelters report. Ken had submitted that report previously by e-mail.

4. Trip Leader's Handbook. The executive committee had authorized purchase of 25 copies of the new 2nd edition on June 10, 2008. Because of the limited printing, we obtained only 5 or 6 copies. Charlene has them. Reidun suggested that Charlene provide a copy to new trip leaders and Charlene agreed.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Charlene is organizing the section's annual meeting. She suggested it be held Friday,

April 3, 2009, and that the after-dinner speaker be Lexi Shear on her new book, "The Natural History of the Long Trail". The executive committee agreed to the speaker and date by consensus. Charlene still needs to find a location. She also suggested putting together a slide show on a computer during the social hour.

2. The committee discussed how to solicit leaders for spring events. A number of suggestions were made. Review Jill Aspinall's notes from several years ago (when she was vice-president and responsible for the planning meetings). Adopters can be encouraged to lead an outing to show off their work. When we hear a friend talking about a hiking spot, encourage them to lead an outing there. Ask Burr Morse to lead an outing at his place (sugarbush and ski trails). Continue the planning meetings.

3. The executive committee approved by a voice vote that the president should appoint Ann Burcroff, Jill Aspinall, and Christie Carter to the committee to nominate officers for the next year..

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the executive meeting will be March 10, Tuesday, at Ann Burcroff's.

The next planning meeting will be March 18, Wednesday at Paul DeLuca's.

**ADJOURNMENT.** A motion was made to adjourn and was approved by the executive committee. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Weiss, secretary

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