

**Green Mountain Club, Montpelier Section
Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee**

March 10, 2009

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The executive committee was called to order at 7:08 pm at Ann Burcroff's home.

Officers attending: John Buddington (chair), Charlene Bohl (Vice President), Steve Lightholder (Treasurer), Thomas Weiss (Secretary/LTN Reporter), Ken Hertz (Trails & Shelter Coordinator), Fred Jordan (Membership Coordinator), Nancy Jordan (Trail Talk Editor), Ann Burcroff and Priscilla Daggett (GMC Board of Directors).

Officers absent: Paul DeLuca (Publicity Co-ordinator) and Dave Blumenthal (Webmaster)

Section members: None present.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The reading of the minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting was waived. The draft minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting were read and approved on February 2, 2009. One correction was made regarding the distinction between membership and members. A family membership can have two members, so the number of members is larger than the membership. The executive committee accepted the minutes on a motion by Ken and Fred.

2. Draft minutes of the 2008 annual meeting are available at http://gmcmontpelier.org/executive/2008/20080410_Minutes_AnnualMeeting_2008_Draft.pdf

2. Current status reports

a. Appalachian Trail Conference's Appalachian Trail Festival will be July 17 - 24, 2009 at Castleton State College. There will be a silent auction at the festival. The organizers would like contributions from the section: services or new items. The executive committee took no action on this request. Ann reported that the planners are still looking for volunteers to help run the event. Ken said he will be leading some of the easier hikes.

3. Officers' reports

a. Ken : Promotional table at the Smugglers Notch work hike, 23 May. Ken provided us with additional information on his proposal that had been approved at the previous meeting (December 2, 2008). The purpose of the promotional table is to let people know that the maintenance is being done by the Green Mountain Club and to provide information on the existence of the Green Mountain Club and its role in trail maintenance. He proposes to provide cider, doughnuts, and literature. We are not allowed to solicit and no money can change hands: no sales, no donations. The money will come from the trails and shelters budget. (NOTE: The executive committee had agreed at its December 2 meeting to include \$100 in the proposed budget for the coming year for this.) The executive committee agreed by consensus to these additional details.

b. Ken noted the other two upcoming work hikes: May 16 on the Long Trail at Bamforth Ridge and May 31's work outing in conjunction with the Green Mountain Club's annual meeting.

c. John announced that Dave had renewed our domain name (gmcmontpelier.org) and had quadrupled the amount of space available.

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d. Ann reported that she had been at the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board day at the legislature. The money that the legislature provides for Long Trail protection goes through that board.

e. Membership report. Fred had sent that by e-mail.. A number of us could not read it because it is in the new .docx format.

4. Section annual meeting.

Charlene has reserved the Wood Art Gallery at a cost of \$150 (a reduced rate). Officers need to be there by 5 p. m. (NOTE: a later e-mail from Charlene indicated that the gallery closes at 4 and we can start set-up at 4 and that we will be setting up, not the gallery staff.) The executive committee reviewed the proposed agenda and suggested adding a thank you to retiring members of the executive committee and to talk about outings.

The gallery staff will set up the room for us. We think tables and seats for 50 will suffice using round tables that seat 8 each. The gallery will provide a projector screen, podium, microphone, and trash cans. The kitchen is upstairs. In addition we shall have a registration table (name tags, markers) and display tables (Montpelier Section's history and a new book, both by Reidun Nuquist; Appalachian Trail Conference meeting, GMC annual meeting,).

Charlene will provide paper plates for those who don't bring their own dishes. She will contact Duncan about tableclothes. She will get the coffee maker and prizes / awards from headquarters and pick up cider from the mill. Charlene will also prepare a meeting packet including reports of each officer. Officers are to send their reports to Charlene by March 24 as .txt files.

Lexi Shear will speak on her new book, "Nature Guide to the Long Trail". Copies of the book will be for sale. Shawn Keeley will provide the computer and projector from headquarters. The executive committee authorized by consensus an honorarium of \$100 for Lexi.

The executive committee chose not to have flowers.

Ben Rose, executive director, plans to attend. Dave Hardy, director of field programs has been invited. John will invite Mari Zagarins, membeship & volunteer coordinator.

5. Planning for the Green Mountain Club's annual meeting continues. The next meeting of that planning committee will be Wednesday, April 29 3 - 5 p. m. at headquarters. There was no action for the executive committee to take.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Steve presented a proposed budget for 2009-2010 to be voted at the annual meeting on April 3rd. The budget is based on income of \$3900 and expenses of \$3900. The executive committee agreed by consensus to remove a line item under expenses for "President-Approved Items" set at \$0.00. In addition the proposed budget includes a \$1500 donation to the main club to be used for trails and shelters. A motion by Fred and Thomas to reduce that amount to \$1,000 failed on a show of hands 2 - 6. Thomas and

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Ann moved to remove the restriction on the donation and to approve the budget, which passed on a voice vote. The executive committee had been charged at the last annual meeting with figuring how much money to keep in reserve. The executive committee had tried to do this at its meeting of September and failed to reach consensus on any plan and the motion that had been made failed on a tie vote. The executive committee will report this failure to reach agreement at the annual meeting.

7. Discussion of successes, disappointments, problems, failures during 2008. Successes included the Young Adventurers' Club; trails and shelters work; average participation per outing is going up; the fly-in of materials to Montclair Glen; outings draw participants from outside the section. Needs include developing new leaders for outings; developing ideas; and developing new leaders for the executive committee.

8. Procedure for (re)appointment of non-elected officers. This came up because Paul requested that the executive committee appoint someone else to his position as publicity co-ordinator.

The by-laws require the executive committee to appoint a publicity co-ordinator, a newsletter editor, and a webmaster to serve one year. The by-laws require the executive committee to appoint and on the period of the appointment.

is "period" the right word here? Is there something more suggestive of date?

The by-laws require the executive committee to appoint at least three members to a trails and shelters committee chaired by the elected trails and shelters co-ordinator. The by-laws give no additional guidance, not even the term.

The executive committee agreed by consensus to John asking the nominating committee to reconvene to find a candidate for publicity co-ordinator. Suggestions for publicity co-ordinator were Mary Garcia and Bob Lorentz. Appointment will be done by consensus by e-mail.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the executive meeting will be Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p. m. at the Jordans'.

ADJOURNMENT. Fred and Nancy moved to adjourn and was approved by the executive committee. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Weiss, secretary
March 29, 2009