

Green Mountain Club, Montpelier Section
Approved Minutes of the Executive Committee

September 8, 2009

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John Buddington called the executive committee to order at 7:10 p. m. at the home of John Buddington.

Officers present: 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), Kevin Ryan (Publicity Co-rdinator), and Cynthia Martin (GMC Director)

Officers absent: Dave Blumenthal (Webmaster) and Priscilla Daggett (GMC Alternate Director)

Section members present: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting John Buddington had noted two corrections: In the discussion of the SOLO wilderness first aid class, John Buddington has not taken the class and his name should be removed. John also corrected the internet site for the draft minutes of the annual meeting under item 2 of old business. The correct address is www.gmcmontpelier.org/executive/2009/0403/index.htm Cynthia moved and Nancy seconded to amend with John Buddington's two corrections. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

2. Current status report: John Buddington

a. Skinny Pancake will donate to GMC a proportion of their Tuesday 22 September proceeds at their Burlington and Montpelier locations. Shawn (Club staff) will notify our members by our e-mail list.

b. Matt Larsen inquired if we have a Section News item for the Long Trail News (400 words; due end of September). Fred suggested interviews of long-time members Sally Sairs and Doris Washburn. Another suggestion was a report on the section's research at the Vermont Historical Society in Barre in preparation for the section's 50th anniversary in 2005.

c. Montpelier Independence Day Parade for 2010. It was agreed by consensus to ask the Nuquists to organize this.

d. Ken proposed a slide show at his house to tie into the three themes of the GMC Centennial Photo Contest. The three themes are flora and fauna; the Long Trail system; and Vermont mountains.

e. The GMC snowshoe festival is scheduled for February 6, 2010 at headquarters.

3. Officers' reports and other reports, as requested

a. Membership: Fred Jordan distributed the membership report via email and at the meeting. Fred noted that when he was president, the president sent out welcome letters to new section members. John agreed to resume that practice. It will take co-ordination between Fred and John to make it work.

b. Treasurer's report: Steve Lightholder passed out the 8/31/9 report. The item for donations is money donated in addition to the membership fee at the time of new or renewal memberships.

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c. Trails & Shelters: Ken reported that puncheon work on Sterling Mountain is scheduled for 9/12/9. The two fall work hikes are scheduled for October. There are no major work activities scheduled.

d. Club director: Cynthia Martin reported that there was no board meeting since our last meeting. She has not seen an agenda yet for the next board meeting which is scheduled for later in September. The executive committee asked her to get information on the centennial celebrations.

e. Publicity director: Kevin Ryan reported that he submits outing information to the Middlesex paper, the Bridge, the World, the Times-Argus, and Waterbury's Exit 10. Suggestions were made for him to look into publicity in Waitsfield and the Hardwick Gazette. Kevin had been appointed to succeed Paul DeLuca. Thomas moved and Charlene seconded to ratify the appointment of Kevin to the position of publicity director. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

f. Webmaster: Dave Blumenthal was not present and there was no report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Section decided by consensus to host a Taylor Series event Friday, January 22 in Montpelier. Ken, Charlene, and Kevin agreed to organize the lecture. They will get suggestions from Pete Ketchum on possible speakers. The committee suggested Howard Frank Mosher (author), Roger Hill (meteorologist), and Bob Lincoln (long-time member). (Others reminded us that a few years ago we had one of the St. Johnsbury meteorologists, it was well received, and Roger Hill would be a duplicate.)

2. 2010 Annual Meeting: The executive committee agreed by consensus to hold the section's annual meeting on Friday, April 9, 2010. Charlene, as vice-president, will organize it.

3. Outing schedule. Charlene reported that the schedule for January and February is doing well. We need more events for December. There was no planning meeting this quarter due to unexpected events. Charlene reported that she finds the meetings beneficial and that she plans to keep them. The committee agreed by consensus to allow scheduling of events on a short notice using the section's e-mail list.

4. March 11 2010 is the centennial of GMC's founding. No action was taken to plan for an observance by the section.

5. Schedule for subsequent meetings:

Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p. m. at Ken Hertz',

Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p. m. at a location to be determined later.

Fred moved and Nancy seconded to adjourn. It was approved by a voice vote at 9:12 p. m.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Weiss, Secretary
October 15, 2009