

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

**December 1, 2009**

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John Buddington called the executive committee to order at 7:07 p. m. at the home of Ken Hertz.

Officers present: John Buddington (chair), Steve Lightholder (Treasurer), Thomas Weiss (Secretary/LTN Reporter), Ken Hertz (Trails & Shelter Coordinator), Kevin Ryan (Publicity Co-ordinator), Nancy Jordan (Trail Talk Editor), Dave Blumenthal (Webmaster), and Cynthia Martin (GMC Director)

Officers absent: Charlene Bohl (Vice President), Fred Jordan (Membership Coordinator), and Priscilla Daggett (GMC Alternate Director)

Section members present: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Minutes of the September 8, 2009. Nancy Jordan moved and Steve Lightholder seconded to accept the minutes of September 8, 2009 as written and submitted earlier by e-mail. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

2. Current status report: John Buddington

a. John passed on Charlene Bohl's report that planning for outings for the upcoming quarter is going along well.

b. John has tried contacting new members by telephone. The personal contact had been suggested at the previous meeting of the executive committee and John chose to use the telephone instead of a letter. John reported that he reached only one new member; he got answering machines or no answer at the others. David reported on his GMC phonathon experience that talking to people is a big benefit and he commended John for making the calls.

3. Officers' reports and other reports, as requested

a. Membership: Nancy Jordan distributed the 11/17/9. Membership has gone up a bit.

b. Treasurer's report: Steve Lightholder passed out the quarterly treasurer's report and for 2011. He pointed out that we either over-budget or under-promote training because we rarely spend what we budget each year.

c. Trails & Shelters: Ken reported that the section had performed both fall maintenance hikes. There was also a puncheon work party on Sterling Mountain on 9/12/9. He sent a report on the maintenance activities for the next issue of Trail Talk.

d. Trail Talk Editor. Nancy Jordan asked about the amount of personal information to be included in the officers' listing in Trail Talk. She suggested removing the street address. The executive committee was divided on that question. It was decided that individual officers can co-ordinate with Nancy about deleting personal information.

e. Long Trail Reporter. Thomas Weiss had missed the September deadline for submitting section news

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for The Long Trail News. John had relayed to Thomas in the interim a request for an article with a deadline at the end of December.

f. GMC Snowshoe Festival. There was no information to report on this.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Website events policy. Ken Hertz noted that events at a member's home are listed only in Trail Talk; they are not listed in media or on the internet, except for meetings of the executive committee and planning meetings. Ken would like all activities at homes to be listed on the internet somehow and also to put Trail Talk onto the internet. Nancy noted that she culls out events at homes and sends them neither to Ken (internet) or Kevin (publicity) if the host has requested that the information not be disseminated beyond Trail Talk. Dave agreed to revise the online trip planning form to include check-boxes for whether the host wishes information sent to the various options. One of the options on the form will be something like "See Trail Talk" for details"; this will give a leader the option to have the listing on line without the home address or time there. The choice of the leader will govern what publicity there will be.

2. Events calendar. John Buddington on a possible on-line events calendar as a tool for planning. Calendar pages will be on-line with blocks to fill in to show what events are scheduled as they are scheduled. Trip planning would then be on a first-come, first-served basis. There could be an authorization list so that only authorized people could make entries to the list.

3. Nominating committee. It is time to appoint a nominating committee of three members. Ken looked on the internet for who had been on the committee recently. Some of the suggestions made by executive committee members were: Robert Lorentz, Brian Aust, Andrew Nuquist, Reidun Nuquist, Ken Hertz, Christie Carter, and Mary Garcia. The committee voiced a preference for three and gave the president authority to appoint a nominating committee.

4. Taylor series: Carl Demrow, January 22, 2010. The grange has been reserved for this lecture on his hike on the John Muir trail in the Sierra Nevada. Posters should be placed no more than two weeks before the lecture; Dave has the poster designed. We should place publicity in the local monthly and weekly newspapers, too. Members should bring cake or cookies for sale. Beverages will be coffee and cider. Thomas will open the grange hall at 6 p. m. The person co-ordinating with Carl needs to ensure an intermission to enhance sales of refreshments. His honorarium will be \$100. The committee organizing the lecture are Ken, Kevin, and Charlene with assistance from Dave.

5. Annual Meeting. The section's annual meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 9 at the Wood At Gallery in Montpelier. Suggestions for speakers included the Nuquists (with one of their trips); Kay Gibson (Macedonia); Roger Hill (weather); Sally Sairs (a trip); history of Irish Hill; Worcester Trail in the Middlesex Town Forest; Cross-Vermont bicycle trail; loon program; and peregrine falcons. The executive committee's first choice was the Cross-Vermont bicycle trail.

6. Independence Day Parade. Reidun suggested that the section walk in Montpelier's parade on July 3rd in honor of the GMC's 100th anniversary. The executive committee agreed to do that. John will invite Reidun to organize the section's participation.

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7. GMC Bicentennial. The Montpelier Section's piece of the centennial end-to-end will be Smugglers' Notch to Route 15.

8. New GMC map. Dave reported that there will be a new GMC map of trails on Camel's Hump and the Monroe skyline coming out in the spring.

Schedule for subsequent meetings:

Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p. m. possible at Thomas Weiss' home. (NOTE: This meeting was subsequently scheduled for March 10 at Thomas Weiss' home.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p. m.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Weiss, Secretary  
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