

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

**March 10, 2010**

John Buddington called the executive committee to order at 7:10 pm at the home of Thomas Weiss

Officers present: John Buddington (chair), Charlene Bohl (Vice President), Steve Lightholder (Treasurer), Thomas Weiss (Secretary/LTN Reporter), Ken Hertz (Trails & Shelter Coordinator), Kevin Ryan (Publicity Coordinator), Fred Jordan (Membership Coordinator), Nancy Jordan (Trail Talk Editor), Cynthia Martin (GMC Board of Directors).

Officers absent: Dave Blumenthal (Webmaster) and Priscilla Daggett (alternate to Board of Directors).

Section members: Eric Seidel, Robert Lorenz, Reidun Nuquist, Andrew Nuquist, and Lexi Shear.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Minutes of meeting of December 1, 2009. Ken Hertz moved and Nancy Jordan seconded that the minutes be approved as drafted without alteration. The motion was approved by consensus.

2. Current status report: John Buddington

a. Montpelier Section as a quasi-autonomous part of GMC for finances. John reported that the current GMC treasurer pointed out that section budgets are part of the GMC budget and that section assets are assets of the GMC. Ken reported that he is working with someone named Heinz (who is Heinz, what is his position?) on the section leaders' handbook. The GMC will request that treasurer's reports go to the GMC. There is a potential problem because of mismatched fiscal years, some sections might need to make adjustments. The executive committee took no action on this.

b. Calendar users: extension of the website policies. Events for the outing schedule may now be entered directly by a trip leader on an internet site. Details of this process are still being worked out. Internet entry is being tried because of a lack of attendance by trip leaders at the planning meetings. The section's planning meeting was the week before, even though it had not been announced in "Trail Talk". Charlene reported that we have a good summer schedule of outings. The on-line system is intended to work as follows. Anyone in the whole world can propose an outing on the site and it is listed for all to see as a potential outing. The vice president than will review each proposed outing and decide whether to convert it into an accepted outing. It was not discussed what happens if the vice president chooses not to accept it: does the vice president delete it or does it remain forever as a proposed outing? The proposed leader can select various filters for publicity and whether or not to index by the various search engines on the internet. Nancy reported that the format is not standard and that makes a lot of work for her in converting the internet information into the format needed for "Trail Talk" and other publicity outlets.

3. Report of the Nominating Committee. The nominating committee has announced its candidates for the election to be held at the Section's annual meeting on Friday, April 9, 2010. The candidates are:

President:	John Buddington
Vice President:	Charlene Bohl
Treasurer:	Robert Lorenz
Secretary:	Kathy Gohl
Trails & Shelters Co-ordinator:	Eric Seidel
Membership Co-ordinator:	Lexi Shear

4. Review of Carl Demrow and Taylor Series: John Buddington thanked Charlene Bohl and Steve Lightholder for organizing a successful Taylor Series lecture at the Capital City Grange. This is the

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second year that the lecture has been held at the grange hall. We moved to the grange hall because of the lower rental rate (\$100), which offsets lower income from refreshments because refreshments must be sold downstairs and may not be brought into the lecture space. Charlene reported that there was a continuous line for refreshments at intermission however. We sold two gallons of cider and made too little coffee this year.

5. Annual meeting

a. Steve Lightholder handed out the treasurer's report with a proposed budget for the next year (2010 - 2011) Steve pointed out that the budget this year (2009 - 2010) has a large surplus, mostly due to not spending the training budget. We budgeted \$800 and spent only \$90. The executive committee discussed possible ways to more effectively market to members that we can subsidize relevant training and took no action on marketing. The executive committee agreed by tacit consent to let the proposed budget be the one presented by the treasurer to the section for approval at the annual meeting.

b. Charlene Bohl reported on the preparations for the annual meeting. The meeting is to be held at the Wood Art Gallery in Montpelier on April 9, 2010 beginning at 5:30 p. m. Details are in the Spring issue of "Trail Talk". The supplies (tablecloths, napkins, tableware) are scattered among several officers who were reminded to bring them. Charlene plans to buy cider and some items for the various awards. It was suggested that there be some special observance at the annual meeting of the GMC's centennial. Charlene asked the executive committee to show up early to help set up.

6. Independence Day Parade in Montpelier: ad hoc committee Reidun Nuquist and Thomas Weiss are organizing the Montpelier Section's participation in Montpelier's Independence Day parade to be held on Saturday, July 3. This year the section will be celebrating the GMC's centennial. The plan is to reprise what the section did in 2005 for the section's 50th anniversary and update it for the centennial: bring the Long Trail and the woods to the parade and have section members do what they do on outings. We'll have banners and be hiking and maintaining the trail and watching birds and identifying flowers and whatever else members can think up. Lexi said that she would try to organize a children's contingent from the Young Adventurer's Club with a banner made by the children. Reidun has invited GMC officers and staff to participate as well and has gotten some acceptances.

7. Fred Jordan presented the membership co-ordinator's report. The number of membership decreased to 326 (from 340). The number of voting members increased to 480 (from 492). These increases are for the latest 3-month period. The current numbers are essentially the same as they were six months ago.

NEW BUSINESS

1. John Buddington asked current officers to review their job descriptions and propose revisions to them. The section's by-laws require that the duties of the officers be those agreed upon by the Executive Committee of the Section.

2. Signup to staff our table at Montpelier Farmers Market April 3 Lexi Shear reported that she had arranged for the Montpelier Section to have a table at the Montpelier Farmers' Market on April 3, 2010. The market is open 10 - 2. Lexi would like four people at the table each hour. Many present at the executive committee meeting volunteered to help. The table will provide copies of "Trail Talk", outing schedules, the Montpelier Section's informational triptych, and GMC guides.

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3. Reappointment of unelected officers until June meeting (pro forma). The secretary reviewed previous minutes and noted that the executive committee had decided in June 2009 to appoint the unelected members of the executive committee to terms expiring at the first executive committee meeting following the section's annual meeting. So no action was necessary at this meeting.

4. Trail Work by students at Montpelier High School. Lexi Shear reported that she has been working with a teacher at Montpelier High School to schedule a work outing on the Long Trail. This year will be a test with about 15 juniors doing the work. The outing will likely be on a Wednesday toward the end of April. This will require co-ordination with the Trails and Shelters Committee. The executive committee gave tacit approval to this work outing.

5. Ridgeline Society. Andrew Nuquist asked whether the section can be a charter member of the Ridgeline Society. The society has been created by the GMC. To become a member, one has to donate \$1,000 in a year to the GMC to support club operations. Andrew's question is can a section be a charter member and whether the section would like to become a charter member. The executive committee took no action on this issue.

Schedule for subsequent meetings.

- a. The next planning meeting will be June 2, 2010 at Charlene Bohl's house.
- b. The next meeting of the executive committee will be June 8, 2010 at John Buddington and Kathryn Gohl's house

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p. m.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Weiss, Secretary  
March 21, 2010