Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Club, Montpelier Section

Date: April 7, 1972
Location: East Montpelier Brick Church
Present: about 40 members. Charles Bristow chaired the meeting for Sally Sairs who could not be present.

New Officers: The following new officers were elected for 1972/73: President - Sally Sairs (re-elected); Treasurer - David Hine (re-elected); Secretary - Reidun Nuquist; Member of the Board of Trustees of the GMC - Doris Washburn (re-elected).

Treasurer's Report: David Hine who was not present, was quoted as saying that the Section has between $200-250 in the treasury.

Secretary's Report: Charlotte Langer read her Annual Report which was unanimously approved.

General Business

Dues:
Doris Washburn told members that the main club would raise its dues next year which meant that the Montpelier Section will have to do likewise or lose some of its revenue. She also suggested that money would be needed for the upkeep of Sterling Pond Lodge after recurring vandalism. A discussion followed as to what the dues should be for next year. Dennis Ellingson moved that membership dues for Adult Members be raised to $3.00 and for Junior Members to $1.00, effective as of January 1, 1973. Doris seconded,

and the decision was unanimously passed.

Sterling Pond Lodge:
An exchange then followed as to the future of Sterling Pond Lodge which has been plagued by vandals. Should the Section ask the main club for a caretaker, have the Lodge moved to a more favorable location further away from the ski lift, or should it be replaced by a shelter? Andrew Nuquisted suggested that a committee be formed to study the alternatives. Charles Bristow was named chairman of the committee.

Membership:
The question was raised as to how the Section could enlist more members. David Morse suggested the formation of a committee which would work on increasing the membership while Charlie thought all section members were continually trying to enlist new people. David Otis also thought that a Membership Committee ought to be formed and that membership cards might be a good idea. This was generally accepted, and Dave Otis was made chairman of the committee.

Anne Otis wondered if the Section would be interested in paying $20.00 for group membership of the Vermont Natural Resources Council, but no action was taken on this.

The business meeting was then adjourned, and the floor was given over to Dr. Hubert Vogelmann of the Biology Department of the University of Vermont who presented a slide-lecture on the alpine-subarctic vegetation on higher elevations in Vermont.

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Club Activities during the past year:
We had 39 scheduled activities over the past year, as compared to 37 for 1971/72. The unscheduled hikes were discontinued due to poor or no turn-out.
Of these 39 outings 13 were regular hikes, 10 snowshoe and/or cross-country ski trips, 9 canoe (or canoe-camping) trips, 2 bicycle trips, 2 work sessions, and 1 orienteering meet and instruction session; 2 outings were cancelled. the average turn-out was 8 people per hike. (This is lower than the average of 11 for last year, but can perhaps partly be explained by the fact that we had fewer cook-outs which are always the most popular events on the calendar.) We also held 3 planning meetings and 2 slide-shows.

23 to Oyster Stew Cook-out

End-to-End'ers:
Three members joined the exclusive End-to-End club during the past year: Fred Osborne, Charles Bristow, and Allan Bristow. Allan was the youngest hiker to achieve this honor in 1972.

Present membership:
The current membership of the Montpelier Section is as follows: 66 adults and 12 junior members. (The membership list has been transferred to index cards to make it easier to keep up-to-date.)