

**Minutes of the
Montpelier Section Annual Meeting
April 5, 2014**

The Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club held its annual meeting on Saturday April 7, 2014, at Christ Church in Montpelier. After a social hour and potluck dinner, the president, Reidun Nuquist, clanged the meeting to order at 7:02 pm using the ceremonial coffee pot.

Old Business

1. Welcome: Reidun Nuquist welcomed 36 members, 2 visitors, and GMC staff members Dave Hardy and Joe Sikowitz to the 59th Annual Meeting of the Montpelier Section.
2. Approval of minutes of April 12, 2013, annual meeting: Hearing no objection, Reidun Nuquist declared the minutes of last year's meeting approved as written.
3. President's report: Reidun Nuquist summarized events during the year and thanked the section's officers. She appealed to younger members to participate in trail maintenance.
4. Treasurer's report and proposed budget for FY 2015: Ken Hertz presented the 2014 expenses and income and presented the budget for 2015. He explained the section's policy on annual donations to GMC, which would lead to a \$3,000 donation for 2015.
Peter Downey moved that the GMC donation be earmarked for the Winooski River Bridge. Thomas Weiss seconded.

Dave Hardy said that, although the bridge is currently the GMC's highest priority, more exigent needs, such as stoves for Bolton Lodge, might appear later in the year. Upon inquiry, Ken said he anticipated making the actual expenditure in early 2015.

Reidun called for a voice vote, which was not definitive, then a show of hands. The motion was defeated 11–11.

Thomas Weiss, acting on Reidun's suggestion, moved that the donation be restricted to field programs. Judy Murray seconded. This motion carried by a voice vote with no objections.

Thomas Weiss moved that the budget presented by Ken be accepted. Doris Washburn seconded. This motion carried by a voice vote with no objections. (The budget anticipated \$4,310 in income, \$2,700 in operating expenses, and \$3,000 GMC donation.)

5. Membership Coordinator's report: Ken Hertz summarized the membership numbers. There were no questions.

6. Vice President's report and awards: Kathy Gohl summarized outing activities. The best-attended events were led by Mike Wetherell (32 people), Andrew Nuquist (17), and George Longenecker and Cynthia Martin (14). The most active leaders were Mary Garcia, Reidun Nuquist, Ken Hertz, and Mike Chernick. The most active participants were Anne Miller (10 events), Mary Smith (8), and Ann Burcroff (7). The best outing report was submitted by John Buddington. The leaders of the most interesting or novel events were Phyllis Rubenstein and Steve Lightholder.

New Business

1. GMC Director of Trail Programs: Dave Hardy summarized plans for the coming field season. Work on the Winooski Bridge will resume in May and is expected to be finished by October. The Long Trail relocation from Barnes Camp, across Notch Brook, meeting the Elephants Head Trail

has been flagged. The 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act will be marked September 28 at Breadloaf.

2. Nominating Committee: George Longenecker, speaking for Mary Garcia and Priscilla Page, nominated for President Reidun Nuquist, for Vice President Kathy Gohl, for Membership Coordinator Christie Carter, for Treasurer Ken Hertz, for Secretary/LTN Reporter Mari Zagarins, and for Trails and Shelters Coordinator Fred Jordan. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

George Longenecker moved that the proposed slate be elected for 2015. Doris Washburn seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote with no objections.

3. Other new business, announcements

a. Thomas Weiss solicited support for rerouting the Long Trail between Bamforth Ridge Shelter and the former Honey Hollow trailhead. The GMC has flagged a relocation below Duxbury Window toward Honey Hollow trailhead. Both routes avoid a 1.25 mile road walk.

b. Reidun thanked the organizers of the meeting: Kathy Gohl, Ken Hertz, Andrew Nuquist, and Priscilla Page.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Cathy Frank of the Burlington Section presented "Circumnavigating Lake Champlain: Paddling around Our Sixth Largest Lake" with her slides. She had available copies of Cathy Frank and Margaret Holden's "A Kayaker's Guide to Lake Champlain: Exploring the New York, Vermont, and Quebec Shores," published by Black Dome Press.

Respectfully submitted,
John Buddington, Acting Secretary