

**Minutes of the
Montpelier Section Annual Meeting
April 10, 2015**

The Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club held its 60th annual meeting on April 10, 2015, at Christ Church in Montpelier.

After a social hour and potluck dinner, the president, Reidun Nuquist, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm (with 57 members attending). Reidun Nuquist welcomed those who were attending their first annual meeting of the GMC Montpelier Section. Greetings were expressed by the president of the GMC Jean Haigh, executive director Mike DeBonis, and director of trail programs Dave Hardy.

Old Business

1. The 2014 annual meeting minutes were approved as presented.
2. President's report: Reidun Nuquist summarized events during the year and looked to the coming year. She praised officers and thanked trip leaders. We will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Montpelier section at Montpelier's Independence Day celebration on July 3rd. On a Saturday in September we will have a table at the farmers' market.
3. Treasurer's report and proposed budget for FY 2016: Ken Hertz presented the 2015 expenses and income and presented the budget for 2016. He explained that we have a policy of keeping a certain reserve in our bank accounts and an informal policy of sending any excess money to the main club. Right now we have something over \$2,000 in the bank that we can send to the GMC. We can send an immediate \$2,000 donation, and the executive committee can vote to send an additional \$2,000 at our December meeting if we have the funds. Priscilla Page moved that we earmark the first \$2,000 to help pay for the Winooski River Bridge; the second \$2,000 would not be earmarked. The motion was passed. There was a motion to approve the proposed budget. The budget was passed.
4. Trails and Shelters report: Dave Hardy briefly outlined the trail projects for next year.
5. Membership Coordinator's report: Christie Carter reported that membership is stable with about 375 memberships and about 571 voting members.
6. Vice President's report and annual rewards: Kathy Gohl mentioned that she was about to put together the summer schedule and requested outing ideas. There have been about 10 more trips this year than last, mostly because Trekkers outings are now considered section events. She described some of the more interesting trips of the year. The most popular trip of the year was led by YAC leader Mike Wetherell with 21 little people and parents. Among the adult hikers, Ken Hertz's trip up Spruce Peak was the most popular with 14 people. Andrew and Reidun Nuquist led the most trips with 20. Mary Garcia, the most active participant, went on 11 trips and led 10. Kathy thanked trail workers from last fall: Steve Bailey, John Buddington, Michael Chernick, Geordie Hall, Ken Hertz, Morgan

Irons, George Longenecker, Robert Lorenz, Steve Lightholder, Andrew Nuquist, Reidun Nuquist, Eric Seidel, Alan Paschell, and Pat Travers.

New Business

1. Nominating Committee report: Reidun noted there is no candidate for the Trails and Shelters Coordinator, because Fred Jordan has resigned. She asked for a nomination from the floor for the position. Manny Garcia presented the nominating committee's report consisting of the following slate of officers:

Reidun Nuquist (President), Kathy Gohl (Vice President), Kenneth Hertz (Treasurer), Steve Lightholder (Secretary), Christie Carter (Membership Coordinator), Michael Wetherell (Director), and Eric Seidel (Alternate Director). Steve Bailey was nominated from the floor for the Trails and Shelters Coordinator position. The slate of officers were voted in (including Steve Bailey).

2. Other New Business. Ken Hertz asked members to think about receiving the LT News electronically. Upcoming activities were mentioned, including Phyllis Rubenstein's plan to lead Long Trail end-to-end hikes in several different sections.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christie Carter, Acting Secretary