

**Minutes of the
Montpelier Section Annual Meeting
April 9, 2016**

The Montpelier Section of the Green Mountain Club held its 61st annual meeting on April 9, 2016 at Christ Church in Montpelier.

Following a social time and potluck dinner, Section President Reidun Nuquist called the meeting to order at 7 pm in traditional fashion by banging a wooden spoon on the old coffee pot. Reidun welcomed all, especially several new members.

Reidun recognized special guest John Page, GMC President and Montpelier Section member. John said the “Main Club” is in good shape. Future goals include: improving main club – section relations, dealing with newly acquired cabins at Bolton Valley and in the Northeast Kingdom, and seeking private funds for trail work on private lands.

Other main club personnel present were Steve Klein, Treasurer, and Jenny Montagne, Membership Coordinator.

Old Business

1. The minutes of the 2015 annual meeting were approved.
2. Reidun, in her president’s report, highlighted events of the past year, including two evening membership meetings. At the first, Doris Washburn received an award for decades of service from Mike DeBonis, GMC Executive Director and George Longenecker presented a slide show. The second featured a members’ slide show organized by Mike Wetherell. Reidun also noted that the section walked in Montpelier’s July 3 parade and that Trail Talk is now available on line.
3. Treasurer Ken Hertz presented his report which indicates that the section is doing well financially. The report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Ann Burcroff and a second by Nancy Jordan.

4. Trails and Shelters Coordinator Steve Bailey reviewed the past year's work hikes and highlighted the help of several area college students. Steve said an adopter is need for Bamforth Ridge Shelter and it would be great to have a section member do take on that job.
5. Membership Coordinator Christie Carter's report indicated the section has 373 memberships with a total of 561 voting members.
6. Vice-President Kathy Gohl praised the willingness of section members to lead hikes. Out-of-the-ordinary trips included Manny Garcia's history walks, Ken Hertz' guided walks, Phyllis Rubenstein's backpacking trips and the Nuquists' biking and midsummer outings. Most popular outings were led by George Longenecker and Cynthia Martin (wildflower hike), Mary Garcia and Mary Smith (Adamant hike), Ken Hertz (Little River hike), Phyllis Rubenstein (Scrag Mountain hike). The Nuquists led the most outings, 16. Linda Trono was the most active participant, at 13 outings. A special mention was made of Margaret England, a new member who attended 6 outings. Kathy presented each of these folks with a bandana as a prize

New Business

1. Priscilla Page, for the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of officers: President, Steve Bailey; Vice President, Sharon Plumb; Membership Coordinator, Christie Carter; Treasurer, Morgan Irons; Secretary, Steve Lightholder; Trails and Shelters Coordinator, Andrew Nuquist; GMC Alternate Director, Eric Seidel. All were elected by acclamation.

2. George Longenecker noted that the privately-owned land at the approach to the Middlesex Trail on Hunger Mountain is now for sale. The Trust for Public Lands is involved.

On a motion by Andrew Nuquist and a second by Fred Jordan, the meeting was adjourned.

Following adjournment Steve and Heather Bailey presented a program of stunning slides of their hikes in the North Cascades.

Respectfully,
Steve Lightholder, Secretary