

**Green Mountain Club - Burlington Section**  
**Minutes from the Annual Meeting, February 8, 2014**  
Faith United Methodist Church, South Burlington, VT

**The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm**

- Ted Albers introduced Jean Haigh, GMC President and she spoke to us for a few minutes about some main club updates. They are looking for a new Executive Director and hope to have someone onboard by April or May 2014.
- The Winooski Bridge Towers should be up end of February. Jean is leaving some pictures which include Burlington section members. They include Ted doing trail work on Stimson and Linda Evans working on trails. Pam Gillis, John Page and Sally Rice are in pictures as well. There is a bridge design and relocation of trail map picture.
- Ted introduced Maisie Howard as the acting Executive Director. She gave us some additional main club updates. Fundraising has been going well. Online donations are up.
- The Winooski Bridge project is complex and the budget continues to grow. They hope to have the Winooski Bridge project completed in September or October of this year.
- GMC testified at Statehouse for final land acquisitions in Bolton, which was supported by the town.
- GMC Business membership has been in existence for 3 or 4 years as a way to bolster business involvement in the GMC. The GMC includes such members on Facebook and on the GMC website. A flyer is available with benefits listed for Business Memberships. Joe Sikowitz at the main club is in charge of the program.

**Business:**

- The membership approved minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 9, 2013 as submitted by Mary Keenan, Secretary, without discussion.
- Joel Tilley gave the treasurer's report. We spent more money than took in last year due to donations the Burlington Section made for the Winooski Bridge project and the Bolton roof and wood stoves. The Holmes fund contribution will be given to the Main Club to support an archival project. Also, long time member Peter Allen left a bequest to the Burlington Section and main club.
- Membership approved the proposed 2014 budget as proposed by Treasurer Joel Tilley without discussion.

**Committee Reports**

- Director - Ted acknowledged first time members coming to the Burlington Section Annual Meeting. There is a new GMC Winter Hiking Guide and Mt Mansfield trails has a new map. Membership is above 10,000 members and 102 business members. Killington Mountain Meadows is hosting this year's annual meeting. It will be the second weekend in June. Tony Deigh donated 115 acres of land in the Bolton area including a section with the Long Trail on it. The club's renewable energy initiative is a success. They received a \$5000 check from Green Mountain Power for surplus power.

- Membership - Dot Myers – The Burlington Section has 768 memberships which when including family memberships with multiple members, totals 1092 members.
- Outings - Paul Houchens. We are using Doodle for trip leader sign up. Paul thanked Kelley Christie for doing a great job as she steps down from Outings to concentrate on the newly launched Young Adventurer's Club know as YAC. Rick Manning is taking over from Kelley. The Burlington Section offered a variety of outings including hikes, snowshoe, paddles, and bike rides. 14 people led 4 or more outings. Dave Hathaway had the most with 18 trips. Ted presented gifts to leaders who led 4 or more trips. Kelley has launched a successful Young Adventurers Club. YAC had 4 outing so far with a 5th outing tomorrow. YAC is partnering with the Winooski Park District once per quarter. They have done leaf collecting at Mt Philo, snowshoeing and are inspiring youngsters to enjoy nature.
- Ridgelines - Maeve looking for members to send in snippets of hikes or place that seem magical. Discussion of sending Ridgelines in PDF format electronically instead of paper.
- Trails - Pam Gillis. We averaged around 15 volunteers per outing. This amounted to 380 hours of work. Bolton area trees down. A new section of trail to maintain in 2015 for Winooski Bridge project will head up towards Stimson. John Sharp has been co chair for 20 years. Ted presented John with a toy saw, then a new Stihl saw.
- Website – Ted The website is getting more traffic. He thanked many people for sending in trip reports and pictures.
- Motion to accept slate of candidates for 2014 was made and approved. The slate of candidates is:

President - Ted Albers

Vice President - Kelley Christie

Secretary - Mary Keenan

Treasurer - Joel Tilley

Membership - Dot Myer

Ridge Lines - Maeve Kim

Shelters - Linda Evans

Annual Meeting - vacant

Marketing & Comm. - vacant

Education - Taylor Christie

Special Programs & Taylor Series - vacant

Section Historian - Dot Myer

Outings - Paul Houchens

Outings - Rick Manning

Outings – (Young Adventurer's Club)

Kelley Christie

Trails - Pam Gillis

Trails - John Sharp

Web Site - Ted Albers

Director - Ted Albers

**Other Business and Announcements:**

- The Taylor Series on March 21 will be a presentation by Shane O' Donnell: "Embrace the Brutality: From the Long Trail to the Triple Crown."
- Sue Morse of Keeping Track is leading an all day field workshop for the Burlington Section on animal tracking on March 15.
- The Business meeting adjourned at 7:50pm. It was followed with an entertaining presentation by Paul Houchens on his trip to Baffin Island entitled Auyittuq – The Land That Never Melts.