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## MINUTES of the 38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION of the GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

November 11, 2016 Damon Hall, Hartland VT

Social hour and pot luck dinner were shared again with Hartland Winter Trails, before both groups started their separate official meetings.

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

O-Section President *Dick Andrews* welcomed about 30 members, (representing not even one tenth of our membership). No staff members from GMC headquarters were able to attend.

### 2. Approval of 2015 Minutes

The minutes were approved with two minor changes.

### 3. Committee Reports

#### Outings: *Kathy Astrauckas* :

The O-Section's schedules listed 188 events since the end of October 2015, most of them outdoor activities like skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, paddling or biking, others more socially oriented, like trail magic for thru-hikers and a Mud Season Social slide show. Among the outings in connection with other like-minded organizations, we led 8 hikes for the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park "Boots to Boats" program to celebrate the National Parks 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The O-Section is the third largest of the fourteen GMC sections. But with less than 9% of the number of GMC section members, we account for about 30% of the club's outings.

#### Treasury and Membership: *Patty Spencer* –

read by *Marcia Dunning*

Key figures for the fiscal year 2016: Income \$ 2,496; Expenses \$ 3,009; Opening Balance 3,526; Closing Balance \$ 3,013. The most recent count of voting members was 323, slightly higher than the year before.

#### Publicity: *Inge Trebitz*:

The "FOOTNOTES", the O-Section newsletter, is presently sent out by email to 39 of our members; all others receive it in printed form. Both versions should arrive at about the same date. The advantage of email is in saving postage and also preparation time for mailing; also, photographs are in color in the electronic copy. However, email addresses get changed more often than postal ones and are harder to keep track of.

Besides the newsletter, publicity includes the event listings in the Valley News, sent in by *Inge Brown*, the occasional O-Section email messages, written by *Heinz Trebitz*, and the O-Section website, kept up by *Peter Hope*.

**Section Director:** *Peter Hope* gave a report from the GMC Board:

This year's review of the Club governance has led to cutting the number of committees from 18 to 12, which are focused on significant active Club programs. GMC's financial health is good – no long term debt. Both the Club's and the Winooski Bridge loans were paid in full, thanks to significant bequests.

The Trail Management Policy is being updated.

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## Annual Meeting Minutes (contd. from Page -1-)

GMC has an active Camps Committee, developing policies and practices for this newly significant area of Club operations. Wheeler Pond Beaver Dam Camp has been condemned. It will in time be repaired or replaced. The Wheeler Pond Hansel-Mares Camp is open and available for rental. Headwaters Camp is not open now. Bolton Lodge and Bryant Camp are currently being rehabilitated.

**Trails and Shelters:** *Heinz Trebitz – Bob Hagen – Nick Krembs:*

Dividing the AT trail maintenance from Norwich to Killington among three people, each one responsible for about 15 miles, has been very successful. Communication between adopters, maintainers and the trail crew at GMC has worked much better than before. The three workdays, one for each 15 mile stretch, were well planned and supported by a good number of volunteers from the O-Section. Total participation numbers:

34 volunteers; hours of trail work: 125;

hours commuting to trail heads: 46

**4. Election of Officers:** *Heinz Trebitz*, Nominating Committee (of one):

The proposed slate of officers was unchanged from last year and accepted unanimously:

President	<i>Dick Andrews</i>
Secretary	<i>Heinz Trebitz</i>
Treasurer/Membership	<i>Patty Spencer</i>
Trails and Shelters	<i>Heinz Trebitz (Chair)</i>
Coordinators	<i>Bob Hagen</i> <i>Nick Krembs</i>
Outings	<i>Kathy Astrauckas</i>
GMC Section Director	<i>Peter Hope</i>
Newsletter	<i>Inge Trebitz</i>
Nominating Committee	<i>Heinz Trebitz</i>

### 5. Recognitions

*Bob Hagen* recognized *Larry Litten* for his untiring work as maintainer and supporter of the AT in the Norwich area for many years.

President *Dick Andrews* reported that GMC honored several O-Section members as outstanding volunteers:

*Bob Hagen*, *Nick Krembs* and *Heinz Trebitz* for developing and introducing this new model of coordinated trail maintenance; *Peter Hope* for his

work in creating and maintaining the O-Section website, his weekly e-mail announcing O-Section outings and many others, and his leading many hikes, often to novel destinations.

### 6. New Business

#### Financial Contributions from the Section:

*Dave Hardy*, GMC's Director of Trail Programs, had sent a written request to the O-Section for a contribution of \$ 1,000 for work planned or completed on "our" 45 miles of AT. After a discussion of the Treasurer's report it was decided to again give \$ 1,000 to GMC, but to reduce the contributions to Hartland Winter Trails, Rivendell Trails Association, Upper Valley Trails Alliance and Upper Valley Land Trust to \$ 200 each.

#### Possible Changes to Bylaws:

Since these had not been warned in time for the meeting, President *Dick Andrews* could only ask for straw votes instead of binding votes. The suggested changes were:

1. To schedule the annual meeting in October **or** November (instead of just November);
2. To be able to give notice of a meeting also by email, in addition to direct postal mailings.
3. To omit the requirement of a quorum for voting (instead of twenty percent of total voting membership).

All three changes were accepted by straw vote.

#### Possible change of the O-Section name.

In response to suggestions that the name Ottauquechee is not "recognition friendly", as it does not reflect a defined locality for people not familiar with this part of Vermont, this issue had already been discussed in our planning meetings. Since opinions are very strong for or against a change, a motion was proposed and accepted (14 ayes; 4 nays) that "The President of the Ottauquechee Section is requested to appoint a special committee to consider the advisability of a change to the name of the section, taking into account any comments from section members, and to report its findings at the next annual meeting of the section; and, if the committee judges a change might be beneficial, to propose one or more new names at the next annual meeting of the section."

The official meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

*Inge & Heinz Trebitz, 11/14/2016*

## "O" SECTION WINTER ACTIVITIES, DECEMBER 2016- FEBRUARY 2017

**Hunting Season continues in NH until 12/4** (Deer Reg. Firearms); archery till 12/15 **\*\*\* Easy on the knees** **### GMC members only**  
in VT 12/3-11 (Muzzleloader & Archery)

BACK-COUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY

Dec 3 Sat	Hike	Walk woods loops of the Sports Trails of the Ascutney Basin. Approx 4-5 miles. A few hundred feet of elevation gain. Moderate. <a href="mailto:ajaneway@gmail.com">ajaneway@gmail.com</a>	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Dec 4 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	Norwich, VT User Made Trails in A.T. Corridor. No more than 5 mi, mostly easy grades, some off-trail likely. Microspikes or snowshoes, based on conditions. Moderate. <a href="mailto:dhardy@greenmountainclub.org">dhardy@greenmountainclub.org</a>	Dave Hardy 802-343-9017
Dec 6 Tue	Snowshoe or Hike	Mayor-Niles Forest, Etna, NH. Hike to viewpoints on conserved land. 2 – 3 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy / Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Dec 10 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	Mt. Tom, Woodstock, VT. 3 – 4 mile loop, starting from Prosper Road. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Dec 11 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	Bald Top (1776'), Fairlee, VT. Cross-Rivendell Tr fr Blood Brk Rd to Lake Morey boat launch. 5.2 mi, ~ 1000' elev. gain. Views (to Franconia Ridge, if clear). Car spot. Mod.	Kathy Astraukas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Dec 13 Tue	Dirt Road Walk ***	Grafton Turnpike, starting at Dartmouth Skiway, 4 miles round trip. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 17 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	Hazen Trail, Wilder, VT. Lovely & local. About 2 hours. Some views of the Connecticut River & Ledyard Bridge. Easy to Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Dec 18 Sun	Ski/Snow- shoe/Hike	Podunk Pond Wildlife Management Area of South Strafford, VT. Back-country ski (6 mi), snowshoe or hike (4 mi), depending on conditions. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Dec 20 Tue	Snowshoe or Hike ***	Pine Woods Loop on Hanover, NH golf course. 1.5 hours, Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 25 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	Christmas on private trails fr leader's home, Cavendish, VT. Great views of Okemo, more if clear. 2 – 3 mi, ~400' elev. gain, Pot-luck cocktail social after. If no snow, hike Paradise Park, Windsor, VT. ~2 mi, easy; toast to holiday at American Legion after. <a href="mailto:duncanlove4024@yahoo.com">duncanlove4024@yahoo.com</a>	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
Dec 27 Tue	X-C Ski, Snowshoe or Walk ***	Northern Rail Trail, Lebanon, NH. Easy, flat. 2 hours. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 31 Sat	Party	New Year's Eve Party. Pot Luck Dinner at 7 p.m., outdoor activity (bring headlamp), return for dessert & to see the New Year in. Bonfire. RSVP.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jan 1 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	A.T. loop with Cossingham Road, Norwich, VT. To Happy Hill Shelter. Lovely woods, lots of short ups and downs. About. 4 mi., 500' elevation gain. Moderate.	Kathy Astraukas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Jan 3 Tue	Snowshoe or Hike ***	Loop on Quinn Trail / Mink Brook Trail, Hanover, NH. 2 hours. Easy, flat. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 7 Sat	Snowshoe	Bridal Veil Falls, Franconia, NH. Coppermine Trail, Coppermine Shelter. Gorgeous ice formations on falls. 5 mi, 1200' elevation gain. Moderate.	Kathy Astraukas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Jan 8 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	Boston Lot, Lebanon, NH. Lovely and local. 2 – 3 hours. Pond, view at top. Moderate (some easy; a couple of steep sections).	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Jan 8 Sun	Moonlight Outing	Mt. Tom, Woodstock, VT. Ski, snowshoe or hike depending on conditions. Bring snack to share, beverage, and candles for the cabin. Moderate.	Juergen Ewert 802-457-4345
Jan 10 Tue	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	Planning Meeting for Spring (Mar. - May) outings at 7:00 p.m. at Inge Brown's home. Call Kathy Astraukas ahead with ideas if you can't join us (802-785-4311).	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 12 Thurs	X-C Ski or Snowshoe	Goodfellow Trails, Hanover, NH. 2 – 3 hours. Moderate.	Cathy Redpath 802-649-3862
Jan 14 Sat	Snowshoe	Mt. Cardigan (3121'). Unplowed road to parking lot, West Ridge Trail to summit. 360° views. May return on South Ridge Trail. 5.5 - 6 mi, 1,400' elev gain. Moderate.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Jan 15 Sun	Snowshoe or microspikes	Somewhere on A.T. between Pomfret, VT & Hanover, NH. No more than 5 mi, moderate terrain (typical rocks/ roots/ hills). <a href="mailto:dhardy@greenmountainclub.org">dhardy@greenmountainclub.org</a>	Dave Hardy 802-343-9017

Jan 16 Mon	Snowshoe	MLK Day, N. Gratham, NH. Old Croydon Tpk, Chase Pond, Little Mt. Washington (views!), Leavitt Pond, Old NH-10. 5 – 6 mi, few 100 ft elev gain. Moderate. Car spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jan 17 Tues	X-C Ski or Snowshoe	Millstone Nordic Center, E. Barre, VT. Abandoned marble quarries, lovely hardwood forests, views. Moderate. <a href="http://www.millstonehill.com/touring/">http://www.millstonehill.com/touring/</a>	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jan 17 Tues	X-C Ski & Swim ***	X-C ski & swim at Woodstock Touring Center. All levels & all distances, from easy to challenging. (Inge does flat & easy.) Fee, with possibility for swimming at ½ price. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 21 Sat	Snowshoe	New trails in Norwich, VT. Loop connecting Parcel 5 and Brookmeade Conservation Area to Gile Mountain & Ballard Trail. 5 mi, 400-500' elevation gain. Moderate.	<a href="mailto:nick.krembs@gmail.com">nick.krembs@gmail.com</a> 802-649-1048
Jan 22 Sun	Snowshoe	Section 5, Quechee, VT. Lovely & local. 2 – 3 hours. Beaver Ponds. Moderate (some hills).	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Jan 24 Tues	Snowshoe ***	Greensboro Ridge loop, Hanover, NH. Pleasant woods, attractive rock formations. About. 2 miles, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jan 26 Thurs	Snowshoe	Black Mtn (2830'), East Haverhill, NH. Chippewa Tr. Steep, w/ many incredible views, especially summit view toward Moosilauke. 3.6 mi, 1550' elevation. gain. Mod-Stren.	Cathy Redpath 802-649-3862
Jan 28 Sat	Ski or Snowshoe	Wooded trails on a beautiful conserved property in Sharon near Downer State Forest. About 4 miles. Moderate. <a href="mailto:ajaneway@gmail.com">ajaneway@gmail.com</a>	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Jan 29 Sun	X-C Ski	Union Village Dam loop, Thetford, VT. Backcountry ski partly on snowmobile trails. About 6 miles. Moderate to difficult (steep) in parts, with long easier sections, too.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jan 31 Tues	X-C Ski	Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, VT. Groomed trails, lovely ski touring center. All levels; Dick will do Intermediate. Fee charged; possibly discount for Catamount Trail Assn.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Jan 31 Tues	X-C Ski	Quechee VT golf course. Route depends on interest of participants, mostly easy.	Juergen Ewert 802-457-4345
Feb 4 Sat	<b>X-C Ski or snowshoe</b>	<b>5-8 pm. Tiki Torch Trek</b> on 3 km of lighted Hartland Winter Trails. Food provided by volunteers & local restaurants. Bonfire, music. Adm. fee; free shuttle from pkg. area.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Feb 5 Sun	Snowshoe & Campfire	Amity Pond Natural Area, Pomfret, VT. Fields, woods, town roads. Hot lunch by leader at shelter. Bring bowl / cup / utensils. 3 mi, moderate, with a steady climb	Debbie Marcus 802-457-9047 978-578-4198 cell
Feb 7 Tues	X-C Ski	Lovely backcountry skiing in Moose Mountain area, Etna, NH. Out-and-back on Harris Trail at base of mountain. About 3 hours. Moderate.	Kathy Astruckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Feb 7 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Marshland Farms, Quechee, VT. Groomed X-C trails. Trail fee. All levels, all distances; Inge does flat & Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Feb 11 Sat	X-C Ski	Strafford Nordic Center, VT. Open fields and some woods with elevation, hillside vistas. All levels of difficulty. Trail fee. <a href="mailto:ajaneway@gmail.com">ajaneway@gmail.com</a>	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Feb 12 Sun	X-C Ski	Morse Farm, East Montpelier, VT. Groomed trails, lovely ski touring center. All levels; Dick will do Intermediate. Fee charged; discount for Catamount Trail Assn. & seniors.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Feb 14 Tues	X-C Ski	Valentine's Day back-country skiing in Quinttown, NH area. Moderate.	Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340
Feb 18 Sat	Snowshoe	VerShare Snowshoe-a-thon community fundraiser. (\$15 - \$20 suggested donation). Through woods & fields from Vershire Ctr, VT. Great food stop on way up to free lunch at The Mountain School. Great fun! 2 mi. uphill, go at your own pace. Moderate.	Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340
Feb 19 Sun	X-C Ski	Moody Hill. 7-mile back-country ski in Vershire / South Strafford area. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Feb 20 Mon	Snowshoe or Ski	Presidents' Day on Mimi's Trail, Thetford, VT. Designed by Thetford's John Morton, former Olympic biathlete. Summit views. ~ 5 mi. Moderate. <a href="mailto:ajaneway@gmail.com">ajaneway@gmail.com</a>	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Feb 21 Tues	Snowshoe ***	Moose Mtn Lodge loop, Etna, NH. Mill Pond, up to ledges with good views, return via open, conserved Dana Pastures. 2 – 3 mi, a few 100 ft elevation gain. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456

“O” Section 2016/2017 Winter Outings - (contd. from Page - 4 -)

Feb 25 Sat	Snowshoe	Loop to South Peak of Moose Mountain (Etna, NH). Up via Nate Thompson Trail, past Dartmouth Class of 66 cabin, down on A.T. Summit view. ~ 3.5 mi total, 800' elev. gain. <a href="mailto:tomlinda.kahl@gmail.com">tomlinda.kahl@gmail.com</a>	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Feb 26 Sun	Snowshoe	A.T. from Sherburne Pass / Route 4 to Kent Pond. Ancient hardwood forest. 3.4 mi, 700' elevation gain, 900' descent. Moderate. Car spot.	<a href="mailto:nick.krembs@gmail.com">nick.krembs@gmail.com</a> 802-649-1048
Feb 28 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Craftsbury Outdoor Center. X-C skiing for all levels, all distances. (Inge does flat & easy.) Trail fee; discount for Catamount Trail Assn. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017

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**Happy  
New Year**

**and a**

**Good  
Winter**

**PLANNING FOR NEXT SUMMER?**

In 2009 Marcia Dunning invited some of our O-Section members to join her for a couple of days at her cottage in Saint John, New Brunswick (Canada). She would like to do so again this summer, but she needs a kind of early commitment, since the place is also for rent. Here are the details:

The cottage is located on the shore of 1<sup>st</sup> Loch Lomond Lake, which is part of the Saint John Water Supply. The lake is suitable for swimming, boating and fishing. There are two canoes on the property. The cottage has four bedrooms and sleeps eight. It has a well-equipped kitchen, no dishwasher, but a washer and dryer. Costs would be for shared meals (no rental fee).

When we stayed with Marcia the last time, we took hybrid bikes along and did several excursions from the cottage “headquarter” to different sights.

Marcia is proposing a time frame of Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, to Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. However, interested members would not have to stay the whole time, but could pick individual days.

If you would like to see pictures, know more about how to get there and what to do in New Brunswick, please call Marcia at 802-333-4340.

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### ***AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB***

**Who are we?** Founded in 1910, the Green Mountain Club was established "to make the mountains of Vermont play larger roles in the lives of people". To meet that goal, the club constructed the 272-mile Long Trail (LT). The GMC is responsible for developing policies and programs aimed at preservation, maintenance, and proper use of hiking trails for the benefit of the people of Vermont.

**What is the Ottauquechee Section?** Our section, one of 14 chapters of the GMC, is located in and around the Upper Valley. We schedule activities all year round for those who enjoy the outdoors, including hikes, bike trips, canoe outings, cross country skiing and snow shoe hikes. The "O" Section is responsible for the maintenance of 46 miles of Appalachian Trail (AT) between Maine Junction at Willard Pass near Killington and the Connecticut River at Norwich, VT, including four trail shelters.

**We invite you to join!** If you wish to participate in our activities, meet friendly, outdoors loving people and contribute to the maintenance and quality of Vermont's hiking trail system, the Ottauquechee Section welcomes you. Through the quarterly GMC Long Trail News and the "O"Section Footnotes you will get information about section and main club activities and issues of interest. For more information, call Patty Spencer at 802-333-3571.

For membership, fill out the application below and send to Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677, att. Jenny Montagne. Please enclose a check, payable to the Green Mountain Club.

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### ***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP***

I (we) wish to join the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club.

A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #:

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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