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**MINUTES of the 39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION of the GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB**  
November 11, 2017 Damon Hall, Hartland VT

Starting at 5:30 p.m., twenty-six members and guests shared the social hour and pot luck dinner.

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

O-Section President *Dick Andrews* called the official meeting at 7:20 p.m., welcoming members and guests, including *John Page*, GMC President, and thanking *Andrea Ambros* for arranging our use of Hartland's Damon Hall.

**2. Approval of 2016 Minutes:** The minutes were approved as presented.

## 3. Committee Reports

**Outings:** *Kathy Astrauckas*: The O-Section's schedules listed 195 events since the end of October 2016, most of them outdoor activities like skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, paddling or biking. The more socially oriented outings included the Hartland Winter Trails' Tiki Torch, the annual Mt. Ascutney picnic hike, and Debbie Marcus' Super Bowl snowshoe and bonfire at Amity Pond, as well as other traditional annual events. Among the outings in connection with other like-minded organizations, we led 10 hikes for the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park "Boots to Boats" program, and participated in the Upper Valley Land Trust Connecticut River shoreline clean-up and camp site building.

**Treasury and Membership:** *Patty Spencer* – read by *Dick Andrews*: Key figures for the fiscal year 2017: Income \$ 2,848; Expenses \$ 2878; Opening Balance 3,013; Closing Balance \$ 2983. The most recent count of voting members was 288 (as compared to 323 in 2016).

**Publicity:** *Inge Trebitz*: The "FOOTNOTES", the O-Section newsletter, is presently sent out by email to 40 of our members; all others receive it in printed form. We would like to see more trip reports or other writing contributions. Besides the newsletter, publicity includes the event listings in the Valley News, sent in by *Inge Brown*, and the posting of outings on local list serves by *Kathy Astrauckas*. Other media include the O-Section website, kept up by *Peter Hope*. and occasional O-Section email messages, written by *Heinz Trebitz*.

**Section Director:** *Peter Hope*'s report from the GMC Board was presented by *Dick Andrews*: Accordingly, the club is in good financial shape. A planned fund drive to raise approximately \$ 1 million will hopefully diminish the dependence on grants supporting our field programs, which are increasingly difficult to obtain. The decline and aging of the club's membership is a matter of concern.

**Trails and Shelters:** *Bob Hagen*, Chair, asked for a minute of silence to commemorate Dave Hardy, GMC Director of Field Programs who passed away on November 5. He also mentioned long time O-Section members Bill McDonald and Ed Janeway who died earlier this year. Bob then recalled Dave Hardy's increased interest in the 46 miles of the AT in the O-Section's responsibility, which resulted in numerous visits and trail walks, as well as the chance for participating section members to meet members of the Forest Service and other agencies, and discuss relocation and trail improvement programs.

During 2017 each of the maintenance coordinators (Bob Hagen, Nick Krembs, Heinz Trebitz) organized a workday. In addition, we went out on at least 10 unscheduled site visits to take care of numerous blow downs and other trail needs not covered by the trail adopters. Bob is suggesting the formation of a “special operations team” to be available for trail work during the 2018 hiking season.

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

The proposed slate of officers including the new Treasurer/Membership Chair was accepted unanimously:

President	<i>Dick Andrews</i>	Outings	<i>Kathy Astrauckas</i>
Secretary	<i>Heinz Trebitz</i>	GMC Section Director	<i>Peter Hope</i>
Treasurer/Membership	<i>Iris Berezin</i>	Newsletter	<i>Inge Trebitz</i>
Trails and Shelters	<i>Bob Hagen</i>	Nominating Committee	<i>Heinz Trebitz</i>

**5. Recognitions**

Special Thanks were extended to *Patty Spencer*, outgoing Treasurer and Membership Chair. *Patty* kept our books for the last 10 Years. In recognition, and since *Patty* treasures Opera, we’ll present her with a guide book to operas (the book purchase approved by the membership).

**6. Comments from *John Page*, GMC President:**

*John* reflected on *Dave Hardy’s* work as the club’s Director of Field Programs for the last 25 years. “Probably no one since *Roy Buchanan* has shaped the appearance and our stewardship of the Long Trail (and Appalachian Trail in Vermont) as much as *Dave*.”

*John* stressed the importance of sections to the Green Mountain Club. During his term he has attended the annual meeting of a number of sections He would like to promote closer cooperation between sections, possibly through running an annual intersectional event. He mentioned (among other items) the plan to conduct a club wide fund drive partly aimed to support trail hardening on neglected portions of the Long Trail in northern Vermont; the availability of the new Centennial Long Trail Guide; the almost complete renovation of Bolton Lodge. On a more personal level he reported on his partial hike of our section’s stretch of the AT (which he liked but found rather challenging).

**7. New Business**

**Financial Contributions from the Section:** After a short discussion it was decided to again give \$ 1,000 to GMC and a contribution of \$ 200 each to Hartland Winter Trails, Rivendell Trails Association, Upper Valley Trails Alliance and Upper Valley Land Trust. A motion to designate the donation to the main club in honor of *Dave Hardy* was approved unanimously. *Heinz* mentioned the trail work between Chateauguay and River Rd. done over three summer month by the VT Youth Conservation Corps, and asked the membership to consider a personal contribution to that organization.

**8. Changes to Section Bylaws (8:25 p.m.):**

As warned in time for this meeting, President *Dick Andrews* presented, and members voted (after motion and second from the floor) on the proposed changes:

1. To schedule the annual meeting in October **or** November (instead of just Nov.): approved unanimously.
2. To schedule the annual meeting in March or April, closer to the main club annual meeting, when the new directors are expected to start their term: majority voted against, with one vote for the proposal.
3. To be able to give notice of a meeting also by email, in addition to direct postal mailings: approved unanimously.
4. To omit the requirement of a quorum for voting (instead of twenty percent of total voting membership): approved unanimously.

**Possible change of the O-Section name.** *Iris Berezin*, Chair of the Section Name Change Committee, presented the committee recommendations, specifically to re-name the section to “*Upper Valley Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club*”. After considerable discussions, including the proposal to drop the name *Ottawaquechee* altogether, members voted on the original proposal. With a final vote count of 12 yeas vs. 8 nays the motion in favor of the proposed new section name (see italics, above) was carried.

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

*Heinz Trebitz*, 11/12/2017

## "O" SECTION WINTER ACTIVITIES, DECEMBER 2017- FEBRUARY 2018

**Hunting Season continues in NH until 12/3** (Deer Reg. Firearms); archery till 12/8  
in VT 12/2-10 (Muzzleloader & Archery)      **\*\*\* Easy on the knees    ### GMC members only**

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

Dec 2 Sat	Snowshoe	Sunday Mountain traverse, Orford, NH. Cross-Rivendell Trail from Dame Hill Road to Norris Road. 3.6 mi, 800' elevation gain. 2 viewpoints. Car spot. Moderate.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Dec 3 Sun	Dirt Road Walk	Scenic dirt road walk with small amount of woods in North Bridgewater (VT) Road/Cox District area. About a 6-mile loop.	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Dec 5 Tues	Hike ***	Ballard Trail, Norwich, VT. Start across from Parcel 5, end at site of former Norwich pool. 2 miles. Easy***. 10 a.m. – noon. Short car spot.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 6 Wed	*** Hike or Snowshoe	Butterfield Pond, Springfield, NH. Loop around pond, old mill site. ~3 mi, little elev. gain. Easy.*** Pix/info on pond: <a href="http://lindasoutingclub.wordpress.com">lindasoutingclub.wordpress.com</a> Email contact preferred.	Duncan Love 802-226-7697 <a href="mailto:duncanlove4024@yahoo.com">duncanlove4024@yahoo.com</a>
Dec 9 Sat	Hike or Snowshoe	Loop in Army Corps of Engineers Union Village Dam Recreation area, Thetford, VT. Winding trails with lots of ups & downs. 4 – 5 mi. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Dec 10 Sun	Hike or Snowshoe	To White Ledges on western slopes of Moose Mountain, Hanover, NH; on Hanover Conservancy Land. Views. 2 – 3 mi, a few hundred feet elev. gain. Easy – Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Dec 12 Tues	Snowshoe or Hike	Okemo Mtn (3343'), via Healdville Trail, Mt Holly, VT. Firetower, 360° views. 6 .0 mi, 1950' elev. gain. Steep but not rough; may also need microspikes. Mod. to strenuous.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Dec 12 Tues	Walk ***	Occum Pond & surrounding area via Rope Ferry Rd. Meet at Dartmouth Outing Club parking. 3 miles. Easy***. 10 a.m. – noon.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 16 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	French's Ledges, Plainfield, NH. Start at Plainfield Elem School. 2-3 hour meander through woods; short scramble to top of ledges & beautiful view. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Dec 17 Sun	Ski, Hike or Snowshoe	Podunk Pond area of South Strafford, VT. As always, mode of travel depends on conditions. 4 – 5 mi. Moderate. Car shuttle.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Dec 19 Tues	X-C Ski, Snowshoe or Walk ***	From Quechee Gorge to Dewey's Pond, out-and-back. 3 miles. Easy***. Meet at Visitor Center on Route 4. 10 a.m. – noon.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 23 Sat	X-C Ski, Snowshoe or walk	Depending on conditions, on the Stone House Farm Trails in Lyme, NH. 4 – 5 miles; moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Dec 26 Tues	Walk ***	White River Jct, VT. Sykes Mountain Ave/River Rd, out-and-back. 4 miles. Easy***. 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 30 Sat	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 Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Dec 31 Sun	Party ###	New Year's Eve Party. Pot Luck Dinner at 7 p.m., road walk (***), return for dessert & to see the New Year in. RSVP. ### (GMC members only.)	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 2 Tues	X-C Ski, Snowshoe or Hike ***	Quinn Trail, Hanover, NH. 2 miles max. Easy***. 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Meet at trailhead.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 6 Sat	X-C Ski or Snowshoe	On the trails of Seyon Lodge State Park, in the heart of Groton State Forest, VT. Length and difficulty will depend on condition of participants and trails.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jan 7 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	Parcel 5, Norwich, VT. Multi-use loop trail designed by John Morton of Thetford. 5k course (3 miles), hilly, twisty, winding. Short but a good workout. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Jan 9 Tues	X-C Ski, Snowshoe or Walk ***	Lake Pinneo, Quechee, VT. 1.5 mi. Easy ***. 10:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 9 Tues	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	Planning Meeting for Spring (Mar. - May) outings at 7:00 p.m. at Tom Kahl's home. Call Kathy Astrauckas ahead with ideas if you can't join us (802-785-4311).	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Jan 13 Sat	Snowshoe or Microspike	Mt. Cardigan (3121'). Unplowed rd to pkg lot, West Ridge Tr to summit. 360° views. May return on South Ridge Tr, depends on cond. 5 mi, 1,400' elev gain. Moderate.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495

Jan 14 Sun	Snowshoe	Mt. Cube (2909'), Orfordville, NH. A.T. south fr NH-25A, out & back. North & South Peaks, great views from both. 7.5 mi round trip, 2000' elev. gain. Mod. to Strenuous.	Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Jan 15 Mon	Hike or Snowshoe	Moose Mtn. Lodge area, Hanover, NH. Loop: conserved lands, lovely pond, ledges w/ views. Return via open fields. 3 – 4 mi, a few hundred feet elev. gain. Easy-Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jan 16 Tue	Snowshoe or Hike	Smith Pond Shaker Forest Trails, Enfield, NH. Conserved land. Hike to Lower Dog Falls and back. 3 – 4 mi round trip, 2 – 3 hrs. Full trail description: <a href="http://www.uvlt.org">www.uvlt.org</a>	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592
Jan 16 Tue	Snowshoe or Hike ***	Pine Park Trail Hanover, NH. 1.5 mi. Easy ***. 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Meet at trailhead.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 20 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	Farnum Preserve, Lebanon, NH. 4 – 5 mi. Easy. Short car spot.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
Jan 21 Sun	Snowshoe	Bridal Veil Falls, Franconia, NH. Coppermine Trail, Coppermine Shelter. Gorgeous ice formations on falls. 5 mi, 1200' elevation gain. Moderate.	Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Jan 23 Tue	X-C Ski ***	Woodstock Country Club. Distance depending on ability. Easy ***. Trail fee. Meet at 10:00 a.m.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 27 Sat	X-C Ski	Back-country ski, Sharon/South Strafford area, VT. Downer's State Forest & beautiful adjoining conserved land. Snowshoe or hike if conditions don't permit skiing. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-763-7909
Jan 28 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	Section 5, Quechee, VT. 2 - 3 hours on hilly, maintained trails in woods that pass a cellar hole, ponds & previous blow downs, but does not offer views. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Jan 30 Tue	X-C Ski, Snowshoe or Walk ***	Northern Rail Trail, from Ice House Road to Enfield. 4 miles. Easy ***. Meet at 10:00 a.m.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 31 Wed	Full BLUE MOON Walk	Full Blue Moon Walk in Thetford to Union Village Dam, a high vantage point. On open, little-traveled roadways. 2.5 miles with hills. Easy - Moderate. Bring a snack to share.	Lynne Miller 802-785-4410
Feb 3 Sat	Tiki Torch Trek	X-C ski or snowshoe on the Hartland Winter Trails lit by Tiki Torches, eat a great meal and enjoy the bonfire and music. 5 – 8 pm. Adm. fee; free shuttle from parking area.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Feb 4 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 6 Tue	X-C Ski or Snowshoe	In Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Woodstock, VT. Loop starting from Prosper Road. 4 – 5 mi. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Feb 10 Sat	Snowshoe	Wooded trails on a beautiful property in Sharon, conserved w/Upper Valley Land Trust. Views. Near Downer State Forest. Approx. 3 - 4 mi. Easy-Mod. <a href="mailto:ajaneway@gmail.com">ajaneway@gmail.com</a>	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Feb 11 Sun	X-C Ski or Snowshoe	Mimi's Trail, Thetford, VT. built by Thetford's John Morton, former Olympic biathlete. X-C ski if possible, otherwise snowshoe. Nice views from summit. ~ 5 mi. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Feb 13 Tue	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 Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Feb 13 Tue	X-C Ski ***	Mardi Gras ski at Marshland Farm, Quechee, VT. 4 miles. Easy ***. Trail fee. Costume optional. 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Feb 17 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	Hartford Town Forest. About 4 miles. Moderate.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
Feb 18 Sun	Snowshoe	Cross-Rivendell Trail from Taylor Valley Road to Flagpole Hill & back. About 4 mi. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Feb 19 Mon	Hike or Snowshoe	Trescott Lands, Hanover, NH. Loop using new trail between Paine & Wolfeboro Rds. 3 – 4 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy – Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Feb 20 Tue	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.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Feb 24 Sat	X-C Ski	Strafford Nordic Ctr, VT. Open fields & 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 25 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
Feb 27 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Craftsbury Outdoor Center, VT. 4 mi. with Inge, or longer on your own. Easy ***, or more difficult depending on choice of trails. Meet in Norwich to carpool, or by other arrangement. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017

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On October 3, *Tom Kahl* led a wonderful hike on Mt. Cardigan's West Ridge, South Ridge, and Skyland Trail:

Bare rocks, needle-strewn woods, mossy ledges – and lots of great views.

Photo: *Phil Robertson*

Which way to go?  
Hope Forest in South Danbury, NH  
on October 22:  
Bushwhack on the land that *Peter Hope's* family gave to the Forest Society.

Photo: *Duncan Love*



*Inge Brown's* bike trip on September 19 was switched to the Lamoille Rail Trail. Smooth riding all the way (and downhill!) to St. Johnsbury.

Photo: *Inge Trebitz*



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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 Upper Valley 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 Upper Valley 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 Iris Berezin at 802-295-2294

For membership, fill out the application below and send to Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677, att. Kristin McLane. 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.

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Telephone #:

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