

**MT. MANSFIELD SKI CLUB BULLETIN**

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The Annual Meeting was held in Stowe on Tuesday evening, May 9, 1939.

The officers and directors elected for the year 1939-40 were:

President	C.D. Lord, Waterbury
Vice-president	W.V. Mason, Waterbury
Treasurer	D.F. Ryder, Waterbury
Secretary	A.W. Coleman, Montpelier
Directors-at-large	O. Abbiati, Barre
	L.S. Booth, Montpelier
	C.B. Chase, Stowe
	Fenton, Stowe
	A.W. Gottlieb, Stowe
	Kenneth Hoyt, Stowe
	Ralph Kelly, Montpelier
	C.A. McCallister, Northfield
	C.C. McMahon, Stowe
	P.T. Olton, New York
	H.H. Prestwich, Burlington

REPORTS

Condensed transcripts of the various reports presented at the Annual Meeting follow. No report was received from the Senior Competitions Committee.

Secretary

The Mt. Mansfield Ski Club at the close of its sixth season has a total membership of 243, about one-third of which is from outside of Vermont.

The directors have held five meetings since their election last August, and business of general interest was printed in the Bulletin. Two vacancies occurred in the Board, which were filled by a vote of the directors: Mr. Booth succeeding Mr. Bassett, and Mr. Lord succeeding Mr. Griffin.

The matter of our cooperation with the Green Mountain Club in maintenance of Taylor and Taft Lodges has been discussed with Prof. Puffer of Burlington, and it has been agreed that we will contribute whatever the GNC considers fair when they complete the repair work.

12 numbers of the Bulletin will be issued during the season. Although this is more than in previous years, the directors have felt it to be a worthwhile means of keeping in touch with our members.

A. W. Coleman

Treasurer

Financial report for the period Nov. 28, 1938 - May 9, 1939,

Receipts:	Memberships	\$234.00	
	Trail Fund	20.75	
	Dance	166.75	
	Badges	9.50	
	Competitions	<u>565.83</u>	
	Total		\$996.83
Expenditures:	Badges	\$31.47	
	Secretary	56.38	
	Bulletin	65.70	
	Ski Patrol	84.03	
	Competitions	502.73	
	Miscellaneous	<u>49.94</u>	
	Total		<u>790.45</u>
	CASH ON HAND		\$206.38

(There are bills unpaid which have not yet been presented but which probably will amount to about seventy dollars.)

D.F. Ryder

TRAILS COMMITTEE

The ski trails on the eastern side of Mt, Mansfield came through last September's hurricane comparatively unscathed, there being hardly more than the usual number of fallen trees to be removed. The customary maintenance work was done on the entire sixty-five miles of trails which comprise the system.

The only new trail cut during 1938 was an extension of the Sky Top from the Steeple to the Luce Hill Trail. Although short, the northerly section where it descends the ridge proved to be a very interesting forest-slalom run of intermediate class. The snow conditions were particularly good due to its exposure and shelter from wind.

For next season there will be of course the usual maintenance on all trails, plus additional smoothing on the Nose Dive between Shambles Corner and the finish line. It is planned also if possible to replace certain large hardwood trees with evergreen plantings which should lessen the racing hazards without changing the trail. Already on the practice slope at the Forest Service parking area wind breaks have been planted, and further grading and seeding will be done.

The policy of maintaining a caretaker at the stone hut will be

continued next winter. This innovation by the Forest Service last season was an extremely worthwhile addition to the skiing facilities in the region.

A new intermediate run is scheduled to be built by the CCC. This probably will be located in the area between the Toll Road and the Nose Dive, from the vicinity of the stone hut down to the parking area, with perhaps a connection to the Toll House.

C. D. Lord, Chairman

(You are referred to Mr. Lord's excellent article on skiing developments in the Mt. Mansfield region which appeared in Nos. 5 and 6 of the Bulletin.- Ed.)

#### SKI PATROL COMMITTEE

Before the skiing season began a survey was made of existing first aid facilities. Equipment was checked, and where necessary replacements made. With funds from the Club treasury and with financial aid from the Lamoille County Red Cross additional equipment was purchased. Through the winter an attempt was made to see that stations and caches were fully equipped at all times. A man was engaged for a nominal sum per hour to haul toboggans back up mountain trails when they had been used. Instructions were left at all resorts to call this man whenever toboggans had been brought down, so that there might not come a time when one was needed on the mountain and was not available.

Accident reports were distributed to the various resorts, placed in the first aid kits, and mailed to ski patrolmen with the request that they be filled out and returned to the committee in all cases of accident requiring first aid care. This request was complied with in the great majority of instances, and the resulting information has been turned over to the National Ski Patrol.

A ruling was made that all new patrolmen must have taken the standard twenty hour course of the American Red Cross, and was strictly adhered to. Several members of the patrol who had not previously studied first aid availed themselves of the opportunity of taking the course. We feel that it is very important that all patrolmen be trained in first aid, for the ski patrol primarily is a safety organization and as such must be able to handle accidents when they occur.

There is an urgent need for new patrolmen who are trained in first aid and willing to serve. There are some present members who take no interest in the work of the patrol, and who should be dropped. Only by weeding out the useless members and by a careful selection of new ones can the ski patrol keep up the reputation for efficiency which it now has.

### Accident Statistics

Locations where accidents occurred:	Nose Dive	11*
	Parking area slope	1
	Toll House slope	3
	Toll Road	2
	Ranch Valley	3
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	Total	20

(\*6 racing accidents)

Types of injuries:	Fractures	10
	Sprains (severe)	5
	Dislocation (shoulder)	1
	Knee injuries	3
	Concussion of the brain	1

Our comparatively small number of reports would not really make a basis for any definite statement as to the exact cause for the majority of them. Our statistics tend to show, however, that in most instances lack of control seemed to be the predominant factor. In the case of the racer the lack of control was voluntary, while the novice or less inexperienced skier had little or no choice.

Luther S. Booth, Chairman

### JUNIOR COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

Although plans had been completed for holding the Vermont Interscholastic Ski Meet as usual, the administration was taken over by the Headmasters Club. Our Club, however, assisted in officiating at the various events, and the trophies which we had secured when we inaugurated this meet were again presented.

It is hoped that next year the Club can develop junior skiing among the grade school boys and girls who heretofore have been given no opportunities to participate in any organized skiing competitions.

H. H. Prestwich, Chairman

### SKI TEAM COMMITTEE

Eight members registered with the committee last winter and were eligible to receive their entry fees for sanctioned competition. It was expected that the Nose Dive time-trials would serve as a means of getting together those who might wish to race as a team, but the absence of any advance notice as to when a trial was to be held made this impossible. Then also, the lateness with which the committee received supplies of entry blanks for the various meets prevented sending them to the team members early enough to meet the deadline.

The idea of a Club team is well worth continuing, but any success in forming an active group must depend largely upon the efforts of the team members themselves. For the most part our team must be recruited among skiers who have finished school or college, and of course the fact that they are working in widely separated communities adds to the difficulty of their getting together as often as would be desirable. It is believed, however, that the appointment of a racing captain might provide the necessary stimulus for the men to form a more closely knit group.

O. Abbiati, Chairman

#### NOTES

The president has made the following appointments:

Chairman of Race Organizing Committee - H.H. Prestwich  
Technical Advisor - Sepp Ruschp

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Public announcement recently was made by the Vermont Publicity Service that negotiations are underway between the State and a private company for the construction of a chair-type ski lift on the Stowe side of Mt. Mansfield. At the present writing no more definite word is available, but it would appear that the chances are very good that the project will materialize. It's one of those things that seems too good to be true.

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This will be the last Bulletin until next fall, when we will bring you news of what has been done during the summer, and what is planned for the winter.