

MRPA Board Bio-Sketches

John Atkinson

John Atkinson has served on the MRPA board for three years. He works for Sugarbush Ski Resort as a Kid's Adventure Camp Coordinator in the summer and as a ski instructor in the winter. He is an avid edible mushroom gatherer and mountain bike enthusiast with the Vermont Mountain Bike Association.

Rocky Bleier, Vice President

Robin "Rocky" Bleier has been a Mad River Valley resident since the early eighties. He has been a seasonal employee of the Mad River Glen ski area for over 25 years, serving on the ski patrol since 1994. Mr. Bleier was a key player in Mad River's transformation from a privately owned ski area into a skier-owned cooperative in 1995. He served in several capacities on the Coop's board of trustees for the first 8 years of its existence. He still loves to ski and helps maintain the ski trails in the off season.

Laura Brines, President

Laura Brines has served on the MRPA Board since 2008. She was the Director of Spring Hill School in Waitsfield, VT for 17 years. She is currently an early childhood consultant, a UVM supervisor of student teachers, and an aspiring children's book author. She is a board member of the Green Mountain Global Forum, a member of the Mad Bikes of Waitsfield committee, the Valley Walk & Roll Festival committee, a member of the Mt. Gardeners' Club, and the Spring Hill School scholarship committee.

Dinsmore Fulton

Dinsmore Fulton has been with the Path since fall 2009. She serves on the Membership, Personnel, Trails and Strategic Planning committees. Dinsmore has 20 years of experience in institutional advancement, primarily development with organizations focused on the environment, education and women's issues. Dinsmore has worked as a consultant to small businesses and non-profits, and has always been engaged in volunteer work for a broad spectrum of community organizations. She is currently a board member for the Mad River Valley Rotary, and volunteers for the Warren library. Dinsmore is a bridge player, knitter, and enjoys full-contact gardening!

Fred Gilbert

Fred Gilbert has been a Life Member of the Green Mountain Club (in Waterbury Center) since 1967. I have been on their Board of Directors for fifteen years. Fred joined the MRPA in 1985. Fred served two years in the U.S. Army teaching Basic Training at Fort Lewis, Washington. He graduated from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont with a B.S. in Business Administration, and has recently

returned to school at CCV-Montpelier. For forty years, he worked in all phases of the construction industry, mostly as a carpenter. He has enjoyed hiking, maintaining hiking trails, shelters, and bridges. He enjoys swimming, skiing, playing bridge, listening to music and playing with his two Yellow Labrador Retrievers. Fred has been happily married to a wonderful woman for thirteen years, Joan (Bartlett) Gilbert. Fred has served on the Town of Fayston Planning Commission for four years and sang with the Mad River Chorale for four years as a second bass.

Tara Hamilton

Tara Hamilton lives with her husband and son in Warren, Vermont where she is an editor, photographer, outdoor enthusiast, and artist. She works in the land use planning, conservation, and climate change arenas. She waffles continuously between wanting to just blissfully putter in the garden (and deliver packages to people in a UPS truck to pay the bills) and wanting to do her part to save the world.

Dori Ingalls

Dori Ingalls has 25 years of marketing experience, specializing in sports events and adventure races. Dori is a native Vermonter, but has lived in Hawaii and Europe. She returned to Fayston, Vermont 10 years ago, and is the owner of the Vermont Tea Company. She still organizes sports events such as MRPA's Mad DASH, and the upcoming 2011 Mad Marathon.

Betsy Jondro, Treasurer and Secretary

Betsy has served on the MRPA Board for 2 1/2 years. She is currently the treasurer and chair of the membership committee. Betsy has also been involved with the ad-hoc sign committee which improved, and added trailhead signs and maps throughout our network of trails. She has 30+ years of experience in corporate merchandising and strategic planning within the retail industry and retired 4 years ago to move to Vermont. She is now the buyer/ manager of the retail store at Mad River Glen. She also served as the chair for the annual fund-raising gala for 3 years at the Green Mountain Valley School and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Mad River Glen Cooperative.

Dori Ross

Dori Ross is a recent Mad River Path Association (MRPA) board member having served on the Path board for one year. She is the parent of 3 children ages 9 through 14 years and an outdoor enthusiast taking advantage of the local Valley area by skiing, mountain biking, road biking and hiking on a regular basis. Dori is also a global traveler originally from Canada and having lived in Europe and recently in Asia.

She comes to the Path with a strong marketing background of 15 years with the Gillette Company and several years in sports marketing. Most recently Dori has

been a marketing and communications consultant and is currently working with the Green Mountain Valley School – a local ski academy.

Community and volunteer work outside of the Path includes working with *Caring for Cambodia* an organization helping educate children in the Siem Reap area, volunteering with schools including the Warren-Prescott School in Boston, and locally, the Spring Hill School and the Fayston Elementary School. She currently teaches an environmental program *Four Winds*, leads Bike Safety clinics, leads all school hikes, coaches skiing, has designed and leads a winter adventure program and assists with various other school events. In addition, Dori provides grant writing and public relations expertise to several local organizations.

Harrison Snapp

Harrison Snapp lives in Waitsfield, Vermont and has been a MRPA board member for 18 years. He has been a project manager with Weather Hill Company for 37 years, restoring, relocating or reproducing 17th and 18th century homes and out-buildings. Harrison enjoys taking these buildings back to their original form and floor plan. He also serves as the town's representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and is second in command for Waitsfield's Green Up Day.

Mike Ware

Mike came to the US in 1960 after schooling in London, England, two years as a 2nd Lt and platoon commander in The Kings Regiment, two years working as a Security Officer in the diamond mines of Sierra Leone and travels in Europe. In the U.S., he entered the hospitality industry as a waiter and bartender, moved on to management, then lessee and in 1970 he purchased an existing restaurant, co-developed a 35 unit condominium on part of the property, and in 1972 changed the restaurant to The Common Man. In 1983 he built his own house and two years later, acting as his own CG, rebuilt the restaurant after it was lost to a fire. He sold the business in 2005 and as a retiree he is still an avid skier, fly fisherman, duck hunter, canoeist, cyclist, gardener and volunteer. He has been with the MRPA board for two years. Mike lives in Waitsfield, Vermont with his wife Sheila, an attorney. They have one son, Nicholas.