

Aug 15 2018 EMG Excom

Excom members present: Ken Schechtman, Paul Ohlendorf, Henry Robertson, John Feldman, Doug Mehlville, Caitlin Zera

Non Excom present, Caroline Pufalt

We approved minutes from July meeting.

No treasurer's report. But we do have recent account balance which is on track. Lemonade sales in St Charles is this weekend. Check with Jim Young if you want to help.

General meeting schedule. Aug 23 next meeting regarding Don Robertson State Park. Sept re politics. October is undetermined. We agreed to ask Alpine shop to do a program on gear. Doug and Caitlin will contact them. Fallback option topics are wetlands speaker, or WU outings advocate. Nov is usually our slide and photo share. John will check if Tony and Richard are willing to organize this again. Caroline will contact Barb Wall to see if she is willing to host our holiday party.

We have three new candidates for EMG Excom, Segolene Renaze, Tim Elwell, and Drew Hogan. Caitlin, Ken and Caroline will be committee count the ballots. We will need to set a target date for the count.

SierraScape potential content: EMG area endorsed candidates, local and statewide petitions (County parks, anti-smoking, Clean MO, Min-Wage, Gas Tax) Perhaps cover story should be about County Parks? Other articles re Ready for 100, Bulding Codes, Outings.

New merchandize purchase suggestion – Caitlin suggested that we purchase more reusable tote bags, hiker dolls, MAGreenA stickers, maybe umbrellas? We can sell at Earth Day, and at general meetings. We have ability to take credit card payments. We sold almost all prior merchandize at Earth Day. John moved and Doug seconded that we approve up to \$150. for new merchandize sales. Vote for approval was unanimous.

Calendar sales are separate. Sue King recently resigned from her years of service managing calendar sales. She took and picked up calendars from Alpine shop and took calendars to holiday party. Caitlin can take over the contact with Alpine Shop.

Summary of recent Chapter Excom meeting. The excom voted to endorse some candidates based on primary results. Jennifer Conner, employee who has been organizer in Ozark area is quitting due to new baby. The chapter

is looking to refill the position. Chapter voted to support the gas tax initiative petition. The petition is far from perfect but the state needs funds for safety repairs. The Chapter excom discussed windmill site proposed by Ameren. Concerns have been raised about endangered bats. But standards limiting operation of windmills at low wind speeds and angle of blades can greatly reduce risk. We want Ameren to adopt those practices.

Outings – Doug reported that next outings meeting will be Sept 13 at Alpine Shop and program will be on equity and outreach in outings. Doug also benefited from watching a SC Webinar on the topic. Ozark Trail Building will be Oct 6-14.

The outings committee sponsors our MeetUp sites. We have an active outings site on Meet Up but we have a second one on meetings which is not being kept up and has few followers. We don't know if our yearly fee would be less if we had just one site. Paul will try to find out. Jim Rhodes has paid the yearly fee (\$89) and has been reimbursed. Jim does not want to do this next year.

Conservation report. We hope County Parks initiative will be on the ballot. The county council has approved it unanimously but still needs a vote by County Executive, Stenger. But even if Stenger vetoes it, the council should overrule. Caroline plans to attend hearing tomorrow on Big River cleanup program. This is part of overall cleanup of lead mining pollution. She will work with The Nature Conservancy and MCE on this and get in comments by Aug 28 deadline.

Also the chapter has \$ in grant to continue work on Building codes in 2018. Together we hope to keep issue before the County Council in 2018 and/or build education on the topic for 2019.

Next meeting scheduled for Sept 18th