

Aug 10, EMG Excom draft notes

Excom members Present on call: Ken, Caitlin, John, Tim

Non Excom members: Caroline Pufalt, Jim Rhodes, Louise Bullock, Henry Robertson

1. Reviewed and approved minutes from July meeting.
2. No formal treasurer's report but no significant financial actions during the last month.
3. Jim reported on new outings guidance document for EMG based on SC updated Covid guidance. This has been distributed among outings and trails volunteers and Excom members. We discussed whether we could have more rigorous local standards. Jim will try to find this out. We tabled this issue.

Jim said he will likely have 15 members wanting CPR. Cost would be \$55. per person. Jim is suggesting the outings committee be able to spend up to \$1000. for CPR training. In the past EMG has not required CPR training, and it is uncertain if it is required. Tim moved to approve up to \$1000 for CPR, Caitlin seconded. Passed unanimously. First aid training, which we discussed last meeting, is underway.

We also discussed looking into satellite communication devices. Initial cost would be about \$350 plus a yearly subscription cost. No decision or vote taken.

4. Sierra Scape schedule, an early October print date should work. Share ideas for articles with Caitlin and Tim. We also have a potential new volunteer also. Also get ideas for E-newsletter to Tim and Caitlin.
 5. Nominating committee reported has consulted with current candidates whose terms are ending. will post "call for nominations" on website and for e-newsletter.
 6. a. Henry is our chapter energy chair. He reported that the state is undergoing its state energy plan and is inviting public input. Sept 14 is date DNR has set up for public hearing from the EMG area. Henry will testify for the chapter and will help us with testimony ideas. Lots of ideas we could advocate for, such as more solar, environmental justice concerns, etc. Ameren is proposing a rate increase, hearings in October. Henry will keep us updated.
 - b. Caroline encouraged folks to send in comments on ONSR, she will resend chapter guidance but asks that people try to write comments in their own language.
 - c. Caroline asked for general approval for EMG to sign on to letter of support for Mississippi River Recovery, Restoration and Resilience Initiative. Approval was unanimous. She will ask chapter for sign on during this weekend's chapter meeting.
7. Next meeting Monday the 13th, not the usual Tues to avoid overlap with Sept 14th state energy planning public hearing.

