

Feb 20, 2018 EMG Excom minutes

Present at meeting: Excom members: Rob Polzin, Caitlin Zera, Henry Robertson, Paul Ohlendorf, Doug Mehville, Ken Schechtman

Caroline Pufalt – Secretary (non-excom)

1. Approved minutes from Jan 2018
2. Election results in, order of votes received, were: Ken, Caitlin. Then Rob and Sarah tied for third. Bylaws required drawing lots, we did coin flip which we Sarah won. Sarah is thus elected to the two-year term 2018 and 2019 as on ballot. There may be later vacancies, but we could not address that at this meeting.
3. Offices for 2018:

HR moved and DM seconded Ken as chair. No other nominees. Called question and Ken was 4 yes one abstention.

CZ moved DM seconded Henry as vice chair, no other nominees. Called vote 4 yes one abstaining.

KS and DM moved seconded Caroline as secretary, no other nominees, approved 5-0.

HR, KS moved and seconded Doug as delegate to chapter. No other nominees. Voted yes 4-one abstention. DM moved HR seconded that Ken be alternate. Motion approved 5-0 DM moved CZ seconded that Rob be treasurer. No other nominations. Vote yes 4, one abstaining.

4. CZ moved DM seconded that Debbie Pratt be approved as EMG political chair. Approved 5-0. We discussed the possibility of helping with voter registration cards through the organization, Indivisible. Excom agreed this could be a good group event. Caroline will check with Debbie, Ross and John before further planning.
5. Other committee appointments for consideration. Conservation chair, DM, CZ moved for Caroline to remain EMG conservation chair. Motion approved. Excom asked Henry to continue to be Energy chair for the group. He agreed. Other position considerations postponed. Caitlin and Caroline will try to meet with Don to update process on getting SierraScape
6. Treasurer's report. Rob has 2018 monthly report, but we do not yet have formal budget. Rob will meet with Gretchen.
7. Program planning for 2018. We have programs through May. We decided not to have meeting in June. July will be dinner at the Olympia Restaurant, Paul will make reservation. No decision yet for August.
8. Earth Day planning. Paul has made reservation for information table. Jim Young has applied for lemonade booth. Consider inviting students from the SweetPotato project. Excom thought this would be a good offer. We should be thinking of any other "themes" for our information table.
9. 1. Outings report -successful Jan 20 outings workshop with 28 people attending. Four from Springfield area, and Doug later traveled to WR group to help with outing to

approve new outings leaders. Doug got reimbursed for expenses. 2. Outings leaders appreciation night planned, March 24. Alpine shop may help with donations, not sure though yet. 3. Becky sent EMG request for \$ for Oct trail week and May 9 Intro to Hiking workshop. Becky also asked for approval of May 9 date which we agreed is fine, also \$ for refreshments was reasonable. We postponed vote on entire budget for Trail maintenance and workshop pending any further info. 4. Doug is now officially trained as instructor for first aid and CPR with Red Cross. SC is "authorized provider" with Red Cross.

10. Conservation: 1. Westlake landfill decision, what position we should take? We have generally followed the MCE position. They support full offsite removal. March 22 was original comment deadline. We need to develop comments and provide a guidance to our members. Caroline, Henry, Ken and Caitlin will do this. 2. Proposed housing development near Katy trail withdrew application, but we expect it will be reintroduced. 3. Caroline will speak briefly tomorrow at City Hall against proposal to build pier and marina in land owned by the city just north of I270. We opposed this in the past but suddenly it is on the city's agenda again.
11. Del Johnson, memorial article. Card and article. Caroline will write note to his wife and share. Caroline will start on article re Del. Does anyone have a photo? Also she will start card to Marilyn Harlan who is in rehab.
12. March 13 next excom meeting
13. Planning for May Day "make a difference" event -tentatively set for March 28.