

EMG Ex Com Minutes 2.11.2020

In attendance: Glenn M, Robert R, Tim E, Ken S, Caitlin Z, John F (briefly before attending Trails meeting)

1. Minutes - no one had any issues; thanks Caroline!

2. Budget Report from Robert

- Robert R is stepping into the role as treasurer. He met with Gretchen to go over items for this year.
- CDS are at First Community Bank: Ken is a signer as was Rob Polzin, former treasurer; if we want Robert to be a signer on the account we need to have both Robert and Ken at the bank present to give authorization.
- Annual report was due on Feb 10; Robert worked off of what was available and turned it in. There was a \$600 discrepancy - \$600 more in account than able to reconcile. Gretchen will review and will help identify where this discrepancy is.
- Robert and Gretchen talked about internal control checks and balances, in process and will keep us updated.

3. CPR reimbursement

- Grant money did not become available to cover a \$300 CPR cost that an individual paid during an outings training. Jim Rhodes sent email details to Ken and Robert. It seems there was confusion but ultimately a grant was expected to cover the cost.
- Robert moves to reimburse the individual for the \$300 CPR expense, Tim seconds. Motion carries unanimously

4. Impending Departures

- Glenn and Segolene will be leaving for hiking trips for extended periods of time (5 - 6 months). Both plan to be at our March meeting.
- Committee discusses that we would like keep our members and not have anyone resign but we need to think about how governance would work for a committee of just 5. We have a quorum (4) but we do lose the perspective of two committee members.
- Caitlin will look at bylaws and call HQ if needed to see if we could appoint a temporary committee member.
- If possible, could Glenn skype in? If he is able to get to a town along the route during his AT trek, he might be able to video in. We can discuss details at next meeting.

5. SierraScape Update from Caitlin

- Things are on track. Our deadline for articles and photos is February 21. Caitlin sending out reminders this week. If you would like to contribute something please email Caitlin.
- Our goal is to have the SierraScape printed and ready to go for all Earth Day events during the month of April.

6. Monthly Meetings

- Plastics people who were previously discussed as a possible speakers are unavailable for April Meeting (reported by Glenn) but we did get a bench from the efforts to recycle their plastic wrapping in partnership with REI. Thanks Glenn for facilitating. We expect the bench to arrive before end of March and can discuss where it will be placed then.
- We need a speaker for April monthly meeting. Please brainstorm! Let John know if you have an idea.

7. Trails & Outings Report from John Feldman

- Roger Pryor Backcountry outings possibly Feb 22 & 23 possibly, gauging interest at tonight's trails meeting
- Additional work - 25 kids from Lindbergh at Hawn did trail work already this year
- Glenn met with Quinn Long at Shaw about upcoming work at the reserve we could possibly help with or connect others (Lindbergh students) to.

8. Conservation Report from Ken

- Lineman School Prop S in Kirkwood, Kirkwood schools want to develop a wooded site for a new school. Caroline has circulated an email on this issue. Robert has grandkids in Kirkwood School district and will ask his daughter if she has any insight. Ken will ask Caroline if she has more information and we will start an email discussion. It seems like something we should weigh in on (and we should oppose cutting down the woods). There is little out there at this point in time that shows opposition to the Prop but in order to make a more informed decision we would like to seek additional information, perhaps from Sierra Club members who live in Kirkwood as Caroline suggested via email.
- The Prop looks like it will be on the April ballot as far as we can tell; we could vote by email if we need to make a decision before then.

9. Next meeting is March 9th at 6:30pm - this is a Monday! Tuesday March 10 is the MO Primary and there will be lots of mobilizing so a meeting during this time isn't conducive.

10. Other opportunities coming up: Democracy Lobby Day in Jeff City is March 11, there will be an STL carpool. EMG Lobby Day in Jeff City is April 22 (Earth Day rally with other orgs at the Capitol)