

Jan 10, 2017 EMG Excom minutes

Excom members Present were: Ken Schechtman, Paul Ohlendorf, John Feldman, Dane Kamin, Caitlin Zera, Henry Robertson, Doug Mehville

Secretary: Caroline Pufalt,

Guest: Janis Schweitzer.

1. Election results were Paul, Henry and John were elected as nominated candidates. Doug Mehville was top vote getter among those receiving write in votes. We had 10 people receiving at least one write in vote. Excom voted unanimously to accept the election results. We welcomed our new members and thanked Doug for agreeing to serve on the Excom.

2. Officer positions. John moved and Doug seconded approval of Ken as Chair. Vote was unanimous approval.

Henry moved and John seconded to approve Henry as vice chair. Vote was unanimous approval

John moved and Doug seconded to approve Rob Polzin as treasurer. Vote was unanimous. This is pending Rob's acceptance of position, but Rob indicated he would serve again. Rob contacted Ken earlier that he could not make tonight's meeting.

John moved and Doug seconded approval of Caroline as secretary. Approval was unanimous.

Paul moved and John seconded Doug as chapter delegate.

John moved and Doug seconded Ken as alternate delegate to chapter excom. Vote was unanimous on Doug and Ken as delegate and alternate delegate.

Caroline and John will be co-chairs of EMG conservation committee

John will be monthly program planner – with help from all excom.

Caitlin and Caroline will be Sierra Scape editors. These three committee positions were

approved by excom.

3. Janis informed excom about an event she and her husband are planning called Young Sierrans. Their event is in two parts, one is a Nov 20 get together at Schlafly Bottleworks to hear Erik Otto, resource coordinator at Don Robinson State park. The second event is a hike, probably on Jan 21 or 22. She asked for the ok to post this as Sierra Club event through meet up and on our website. Ken moved and John seconded to OK this, Excom approved unanimously. Caroline will help coordinate with our webmaster to get it on our website calendar. Caitlin suggested we invite current and former interns.

4. Monthly meetings -Jan meeting - Just Moms - Caitlin will lead this event and organize dinner ahead of time with the speakers. Feb meeting will be Tom Ball on MO River DEIS, March meeting is joint event with Audubon. Caroline will get John and Mitch from Audubon connected on this.

Caroline will resend email from John H with his ideas for monthly programs. State legislative issues may be could topic for April. John will contact Michael and John H re this. We also have September meeting already reserved for trails and trail building topic. June has been a picnic and July a dinner out, but we can rethink those options.

4. Henry re wrote part of the Meet-Up guidelines to include verbatim the cautions the SC requires for non SC events on Meet-Up. We agreed at last meeting that we needed to spell that out, however, we are concerned that it will not fit on Meet-Up website. Paul and Henry will work with Jim Rhodes to see about space issues.

Dane has completed transfer of Meet-Up authority to Jim R. for oversight and paying fee, which we will refund. Currently Excom has given the outings committee, the OK to decide what non SC outings to include on Meet-Up. However, we have still asked for OK from Excom for any non SC events to be considered for posting on Meet-Up. We can revisit that policy if needed.

Meet Up has been very successful for outings. There are more requests than we have leaders to respond with hikes.

5. We discussed the history of efforts to hire someone part time for EMG. We had originally been seeking a person to only work 10 hours a month but agreed that was probably unworkable. One major job we needed done was to do formatting for monthly e newsletter. It looks now like the chapter will provide staff time for that to be done for groups. Excom would still be responsible for providing content for a brief newsletter. We will continue to evaluate our need for a staff person and initiate this again if needed.

6. Outings report. Doug reported on Wednesday hikers are trying to do all 88 state parks, 28 so far since Sept 2016. We agreed that would make a great feature outings article for next SierraScape. Feb 11 will be meeting of Ozark Trails association in Echo Cliff state park. John will likely attend.

7. Conservation: Women's march Jan 21, will post to website and plan to coordinate EMG participation as a group, will consult with Sarah. MO river DEIS is major issue for next 6 weeks, or maybe longer. St Louis County building code hearing rescheduled for Feb 8.

8. next meeting Feb 14.