

Jan 9, 2018

Present: Ken [Schechtman](#), John [Feldmann](#), Caitlin [Zera](#), Rob [Polzin](#), Henry [Robertson](#), Doug [Melville](#), Paul [Ohlendorf](#).  
Caroline Secretary.

1. approved Dec minutes

2. monthly budget report from Rob. We paid Outings committee for completed first aid training, \$1235. Budget planning for 2018 deferred to next month.

3. Sierra Scape is at the printer. Caitlin and Caroline will be getting together with Don to enable more flexible work plan for next issue. Next issue will be fall 2018 so that will be an election issue too.

Since we are late with our election we will not have full 2018 excom until Feb. Deadline for ballot receipt is Feb 17. Our bylaws call for 4 weeks from likely receipt of newsletter to deadline. Caroline checked with national SC (Greg Casini) about our schedule and this is OK under the circumstances.  
Doug, John and Caroline will count ballots Feb 17 5pm.

4. Paul signed us up for a table at Earth Day. Jim Young will register the lemonade booth. Brief discussion of need to find someone to take over lemonade eventually or find another source of fundraising. For example, the Lou Fest, in Sept.

5. E newsletter – topics? John will get piece on Feb outing to Don [Roberts](#) SP to Gretchen. Caroline will send suggestion for “conservation gala”.

6. Programs for Jan, Feb, March set. April topic will be legislative stuff. May will be Clayton Daughbough on UT Redrock Wilderness. We need to do a better job in talking to new folks at general meetings, have a plan for this with options.

7. Discussed need for curtains or shades to make office more amenable to slide showing. Caitlin will ask Gretchen as a start. The original presenter for Audubon joint event wanted a better venue.

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8. Outings report from Doug. Jan 20 workshop in the office. Will be training volunteers from across the state. Caitlin will be videotaping the event. 16 leaders will need to get their credentials updated this year or next. Also, there are 14 new potential candidates. Five presenters will be involved. Consideration of possible leaders appreciation dinner in Feb. with gift certificates from Alpine Shop for 7 leaders. Alpine shop may be able to give a donation.

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9. Looks like the development issue in St Charles is stalled. Part of land owned by UMSL and alumni are protesting too. Feb 27 date for EMG Conservation Gala, posted on office calendar. Trisha, new Beyond Coal Campaign organizer wants to attend. John, Caitlin, Henry and Caroline are planning committee – will meet 6pm Jan 23 in office.

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