

## Sept 8 2020 Excom Minutes

EMG Excom members present: Ken Schechtman, Caitlin Zera, Glenn May, Tim Elwell, Robert Robertson

non Excom members: Jim Rhodes, Louise Bullock, Erica Hoffman and Caroline Pufalt (Caroline left mid-call)

Notes taken by Caroline and Caitlin

1. We approved the Aug Excom Minutes
2. Robert reported that we paid \$6390. to chapter as our part of rent, expenses, etc. for quarter. Without our lemonade sales, we are spending down our reserve.
3. Caitlin reported on Sierra Scape progress. She has tentative layout. Jim Rhodes might provide short article on current outings status. We now have four candidates for four slots. Excom accepts the slate of candidates. Also Segolene has contacted Ken letting us know she is still out of the country and not sure she should continue as a candidate. Due to uncertainty we agreed and would welcome her as a candidate next year. Goal is for SScape to be ready at printer Sept 21.
4. Feedback on the Black Lives Matter Resolution. Erica H. recommends that we clarify between Black Lives Matter Foundation (nonprofit) and the more decentralized Black Lives Matter Movement so that readers can understand we support the entire movement and are not specifically endorsing the nonprofit. Tim suggested we might ask a POC to read the statement but there were concerns from Ken over the delay additional editing could cause as we want it to be published in the upcoming SierraScape which needs articles done by the end of the week. Ken might also like to seek publication in other outlets like the St. Louis American. Robert made a motion to adopt the resolution. Glenn seconded. The motion carried.
5. Caroline was not able to stay for the conservation report as she was on another webinar for Sierra Club so we will defer any decisions and discussion on the conservation issues related to the airport privatization until next month when Caroline can fully update.

Thanks to Richard Orr for reading SC statement in opposition to Riverpointe development at August St Charles City Council meeting. Richard is SC member running for state representative.. We have endorsed him.

6. Outings report from Jim and Louise. National has postponed any in person events through February 2022. Additional guidelines about conducting safe COVID precautionary outings did come out but Louise and Jim feel these restrictions may make it tough for our outings leaders to lead hikes. The restrictions are intense and require a lot from the outings leaders. In February 2022 Jim and Louise plan to step down from their co-chair positions. We will need to seek chairs for this committee as it is a required committee. Jim and Louise will think about the next possible leaders who could take on the role.

7. Tim summarized the MO Chapter Ex Com meeting. Caitlin updated on upcoming CCL resolutions which will be voted on at the end of the week. Erica provided good feedback on the Anti-fossil fuel endorsement resolution. While it would be very time consuming and difficult to trace the fossil fuel contributions a candidate received, Erica suggested we get commitments from candidates instead at the beginning of the endorsement process to not take fossil fuel money.

8. Virtual Earth Day is October 18. We are registered. Let Caitlin know if you want to help with planning our virtual activities.

9. Next meeting is October 13 at 6:30pm on Zoom.  
. We adjourned at 7:32pm