

# EMG Outings Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 1/10/2019

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Alpine Shop

Minutes Submitted by: Doug Melville

Minutes Approved: FINAL

## Attendees

George Behrens, Mark Schuermann, Paul Ohlendorf, Richard Schweitzer, Doug Melville

## Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the December minutes.

## Old Business

### **New Jobs for Outings Committee**

Doug is getting the list of jobs together as well as a description of those duties. It will be presented at the next OC meeting for final review before posting to the membership of the EMG.

### **Outing Leader 101 Training**

1. First Aid Training - John Hickey has requested Grant Funding for the Missouri Chapter from the National Sierra Club to handle funding for CPR Manikins, AED test units and Attendees supplies. (Note that Trail Building and Maintenance tools were also part of the Grant Request - Pulaskis, Hazel Hoes and Gas powered Brush Cutter - as well as funding for the meals for the entire Trail Work Week.
2. Video Presentation from the 2018 Outing Leader 101 Training Workshop is nearly complete in making it available to use for our new or re-certification Outing Leader 101 Training by Caitlin Zera. I will be getting with Caitlin to get an estimated completion date.

### **October Trail Work Week**

Mark Schuermann suggested that we look into getting a 4 cycle engine for the Brush Cutter which currently was a 2 cycle engine. Note that the 4 cycle engine has less pollution. Doug will investigate.

### **Outings Committee Meeting Location and Meeting Dates**

Doug checked with the Alpine Shop and got the meeting room on the 2nd Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM for the entire year of 2019.

### **Outings Committee Secretary Job Description**

The applicant must be able to

1. Be a Sierra Club member
2. Attend the Monthly Outings meetings

3. Take notes and create the meeting minutes
4. Keep the Outings Committee Procedures and Records current

### **Weekend Outings**

The latest Sierra Club EMG Outings (March and April) included 6 Weekend Outings that included helping to judge Missouri White Water Races, 2 backpacking trips and 3 day hikes. This is a good start and hope that there are many more to come in the months ahead. Thank you.

### New Business

#### **Bike/Outdoor Expo**

Is being held at Union Station this weekend, Jan 12 & 13. The Sierra Club has a table at this event. This is being handled by Andy Heaslet with help from other Sierra Club members.

#### **Dogs on Outings**

Doug received an email from a Sierra Club member to get our position on having dogs accompany their owner on our EMG Outings. I explained to her that we have a policy that allows Outing Leaders to set each hike as allowing dogs by specifying that Outing as "pet friendly". If you do not see "pet friendly" in the Outing write-up, then dogs are not allowed. I then told her that the only exception to this rule would be for Service Dogs that would be allowed on any Outing. Doug will be checking with the National Sierra Club to see how they verify that the Dog is truly a Service Dog.

#### **Meet Me Outdoors in St. Louis**

This event occurs during the month of April on three weekends and is sponsored by the Missouri Botanical Garden. The Sierra Club will have a table at each of the three weekends at each of the three locations, Missouri Botanical Garden, the Butterfly House and the Shaw Nature Reserve. More to follow as Doug gets more information.

#### **Outings for May and June will be due by February 20, 2019**

For more information, Mark Schuermann will be sending out an email at the beginning of February.

**Next Meeting Date: February 14, 2019 at the Alpine Shop, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.**