

# EMG Outings Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2/21/2019

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Alpine Shop

Minutes Submitted by: Doug Melville

Minutes Approved: FINAL

## Attendees

Jim Rhodes, George Behrens, Rick Schweitzer, Paul Ohlendorf, Janis Schweitzer, Doug Melville

## Minutes

January minutes were not read at this meeting.

## Old Business

### **Service, Assistance and Therapy Dogs**

Checking with Sierra Club National Office, Doug found that Service, also called Assistance, dogs have some paperwork with the name of the school where trained, name of dog and name of owner. In checking with local school here in St. Louis, Duo uses I.D. cards with a picture of the dog and owner and a dog vest. You cannot ask the owner what is their disability but instead you can ask the owner, what service does the dog provide for you.

Service or Assistance dogs are allowed to go on any of our outings. Therapy dogs on the other hand are not allowed on our outings unless it is a "pet friendly" outing.

### **4 Cycle Brushcutters**

Doug checked on the internet to find if 4 cycle brushcutters were available. Honda, Makita and Ryobi had 4 cycle brushcutters as part of their product lines. Previously, Doug had priced 2 cycle Stihl brushcutter used by Missouri State Park personnel at \$600. The 4 cycle brushcutters were all about \$400. The brushcutter will be used on the October Trail Week for clearing the high brush along the river bottom part of the trail.

### **Outing Leader Training 101**

Doug indicated that on March 30, 2019, we will be giving outing leader training 101 to some of the staff at the Sierra Club Missouri Chapter office. The video course that was gathered from the 2018 training class and put together by Caitlin Zera will be tested. If successful, we will offer additional times for taking the 101 training this year.

## New Business

### **Sierra Club Weekend at Camp Ondessonk in Southern Illinois - May 17 - 19**

Rick Schweitzer presented his plan for a weekend family outing in Southern Illinois. Rick is working with the Palisades Group from Illinois in setting up this outing. Rick is planning a pre outing with those outing leaders that would like to help with this effort in April to take in the sights and plan what types of outings could be given. More information to come in April when Rick returns from a family vacation.

**Campfire, Look What It Can Do**

Jim Rhodes presented a brief overview of the Campfire System. Campfire is replacing Clubhouse as Clubhouse is being shut down on March 31, 2019. The format of Campfire is very similar to Clubhouse. Jim encouraged all outing leaders to get signed up for Campfire. Doug will send out instructions.

**Help Save Weldon Woods**

Doug showed maps of the area where the University of Missouri System is selling 200 acres of land that borders the Bush Greenway and KATY trail in St. Charles County. The land was given to the University of Missouri to help develop improved farming methods by the Department of Defence. The area was used by the US Government for making and storing TNT for the World War II effort. The effort to reverse the process by contacting the President of the University of Missouri System, Dr. Choi is being led by Andy Haislet for the Sierra Club Missouri Chapter. The developer is planning to build 250 homes with about 100 of these having a view of the local sewage treatment plant.

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