

EMG Outings Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 03/10/16

Meeting Time: 7:00

Meeting Location: Alpine Shop

Minutes submitted by: Terry Allen

Minutes Approved: 04/14/16

Attendees

Terry Allen, George Behrens, Becky Denny, Patty Feit, Bob Gestel, Marilyn Harlan, Doug Melville, Jim Rhodes, Mark Schuermann. Visiting: Eli Horowitz, Greg Rigelman, Renee Mettle.

Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes stand as read.

Old Business

White Water Races

Doug M. reported that Michael Dee was still looking for people to help with judging the races.

Meetup Procedures

Jim R. presented the latest revisions to the Meetup procedure. The mechanics of site setup were removed from the procedure since this function is limited to administrators. The procedure is now focused on how outings leaders go about posting outings to Meetup. There was much discussion and some changes were proposed. There was an extended discussion on the best use of the wait list.

A question was raised about whether two separate EMG Meetup sites were needed or was one combined site better. The opinions expressed at the meeting were in favor of keeping things as they are currently with two sites.

Outing Leaders Workshop – Final Changes or Additions

Doug M. reported that the first aid component of the workshop will be presented by Diane Dubois because a Red Cross presenter wasn't available. Schedule changes have already been sent to the presenters.

There are 13 people signed up for training. Total attendance is expected to be about 25.

Friends of Hawn State Park

Paul O. attended the last meeting in St. Genevieve. The next meeting will be in St. Louis. They are looking for donations of around \$1000 to pay for the non-profit application process.

Sierra Club Trails Committee

Becky announced a trails meeting Saturday April 12th. More crew leaders are needed.

Eleven Point River Funding

Doug M. reported that the Missouri State House of Representatives formed a committee to look into possible inappropriate use of settlement funds intended to be used for remediating damage done by the ASARCO mining conglomerate. Some of these funds may have been used to buy several parcels of

land, including some for a new state park.

National Park Service 100th Anniversary Meeting

Doug M. attended the meeting online. The Sierra Club would like to take advantage of this anniversary-focus for outreach. Even hikes not going to a National Park site could be offered to highlight this 100th anniversary and “to create a passion for the next 100 years.”

New Business

Kat Dockery wanted to publish another organizations outing on our Meetup website

This topic was moved to the April Meeting.

Rick Schweitzer Outing on Meetup

This topic was moved to the April Meeting.

Sierra Club on the Washington University Campus

Eli Horowitz is a student intern with the Sierra Club. His project is to expand Sierra Club outreach on the Washington University campus, with a particular focus on outings. He pointed out that this is a long-term project and presented some preliminary promotion ideas. Currently, there is a student outings club, not associated with the Sierra Club, with a mailing list of 200 students. He is asking how the OC would see his project fitting into the current Outings program. Most students are unaware of the natural features of the state outside of the metropolitan area. Eli would like to get some type of joint activity going before the end of this school year.

Next Meeting Date: April 14, 2016