

THB ExCom Meeting Minutes  
March 2014

Executive Committee: David Anderson, Claus Wawrzinek, Ellen Brenneman, Tom Tortorich, Stephen Flanery, Jim Turner  
Scribe: Stephen Flanery

**Motions previously submitted and voted on via e-mail:**

**Motion to endorse Scott Roberson for City Council of Independence, MO:**

**Political Committee moves**

**Motion is approved unanimously.**

**Motion to amend budget categories related to Outings expenses:**

**Jim moves to create a new permanent category for backpacking class expenses and to allocate \$150 to the Outings: Other category, so that we don't have to vote on minor expenses, Eileen seconds.**

**Motion passes, with Richard voting no.**

Meeting starts: 7:05 pm.

**Motion to approve minutes from February meeting:**

**Jim moves, Claus seconds.**

**Minutes approved. Richard abstained, since he was absent.**

David mentioned that we've had a lot of issues with e-mails about payments that have gone back and forth. He suggested that we need to accelerate the process of transferring treasurer duties to Claus.

**Motion to remove Richard from treasurer role and install Claus:**

**Jim moves, Tom seconds.**

**Motion approved. Richard voted no.**

Richard says that we are supposed to deal with disagreements like this amicably. He doesn't feel he has been treated fairly. He maintains that we haven't remained financially compliant. He says that he intends to remain on ExCom. He feels he has faced more negativity than anybody else. Jim responded that we tried to discuss things in a civil manner, but Richard remained obstinate. Claus asked Richard to transfer the checking account and the records to him sometime next week. Jim feels that we've allowed Richard to dominate too much of our time on these "compliance" issues. Jim asked that David declare the rest of this conversation out of order, so we can move on to other business.

**Local Events for Reject and Protect:** national would like to conduct local events, since it can be very costly to transport everybody to DC. Jim requested money for a bus, and national turned us down. Jim suggests that though we may view this tar sands issue as an important one, national has to decide where to dedicate funds. Jim wonders whether 350KC will be involved, since John Fish Kurmann plans to go to DC. Stephen will discuss with John how 350KC would like to be involved and whether we can use the 350KC contact list. He'll also discuss with the coordinating committee at the next 350 meeting. We could consider holding this event at the Plaza. Claus suggested the Liberty Memorial or the city market. This event will be Sunday, April 27, in solidarity with the action in DC. Stephen will act as liaison between the two organizations.

**David Cobb lecture hosted by Move to Amend KC:** April 22 7 pm at UMKC. Co-sponsored by Economics Club of UMKC. Move to Amend is pressing toward constitutional amendment that would undo effects of Citizens United, which grants personhood to corporations. National has encouraged chapters and groups to be supportive of Move to Amend efforts. They have asked us to be a co-sponsor and communicate to our members.

**Motion to co-sponsor the Move to Amend event, challenging corporate power and creating democracy:**

**Claus moves, Stephen seconds.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Jim will communicate our co-sponsorship, we'll add to convio, and we'll include on meet-up.

**Unplaza Artfair:** Applications are due in June with a \$25 application fee. We would like to solicit more pieces of art. Ellen will talk to Eileen about talking to one of the outings leaders who is an artist. These pieces could also be used in the silent auction at our trivia night.

**Convio:** Claus is planning to start working on it soon. He'll include any announcements we have.

**For April 1 meeting:** we need to add to facebook and meetup, so when Claus sends convio, it'll include links for more information. Tom and Claus will work together to get this out ASAP. We are in the nature's bounty room for the event.

**For May meeting:** we have the Wilderness opening. Eileen was hoping to ask DC to help cover costs for this event. Chapter wilderness celebration committee has allocated \$750 for expenses. Richard suggests that we submit Eileen's expenses to the chapter. Eileen doesn't believe the \$750 will cover the costs of the compasses and whistles (\$150), so THB has authorized payment from the Outings other category (see previously passed motion).

**Green drinks:** April 10 at 6 pm. Bread in the City will be held at McCoys. May 8 is going to be food related, but it's not confirmed. Tom and Claus agree we should plan well in advance.

**Website:** Claus started a test group, and we'll set up templates in March/April. We may start seeing availability in July/August.

Richard, Claus, and David will meet at the bank on Saturday to transfer the account.

We could take pictures at Green Drinks and the 350 event to put them in the chapter newsletter. As we think of content for the chapter newsletter, we might jot down ideas, so we can expand on the topics we cover.

KC star endorsed mayoral candidate for independence, Scott Robeson.

Mid-term elections: national wants us to endorse state house candidates. John Hickey had a couple people in mind. We would send these candidates questionnaires to evaluate their stances. At this point it would be re-endorsing candidates we've already endorsed.

David thinks the strategic issue is the streetcar, since we don't have much hope swaying the state house. Claus suggests planning a meeting to begin discussing the questionnaires. This will happen April 13 at 6 pm.

Jim says in July/August we could pass out some flyers at William Jewell, or we could do a voter registration drive, since it's a district where we can elect a more favorable candidate.

Ellen suggests a lemonade stand at Nate's swap shop.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.