

THB ExCom Meeting Minutes
August 2014

Executive Committee: Claus Wawrzinek, Richard McBroom, Stephen Flanery, Jim Turner, Ellen Brenneman, Tom Tortorich
Guest: Eileen McManus

Meeting adjourned: 7:10 pm

There is a hearing in St. Joe on 9/3 on the proposed transmission line that will carry renewable energy from northern Kansas across northern Missouri, and Jim encouraged attendance, so we can balance the numbers at the hearing. The opposition is well-funded and has had a high turnout in Moberly and Hannibal. Claus will send a Convio on Saturday that will include this.

Claus moves to approve minutes from July meeting. Jim seconds. Richard has changes to the Treasurer report that Claus will make. Eileen has a few minor edits for the Outings section. Minutes approved.

As for the treasury report, Richard stated that All Souls should not be zeroed from the budget this year, and it was generally agreed that this already budgeted support would be provided for this year, as THB had a book club meeting, and 350KC also met on several occasions.

Meeting formats and topics:

A quarterly monthly meeting has been suggested (3rd Tuesday). In each quarter, we'd have one ExCom, one general, and one outings-related social meeting. Eileen would prefer the last month of each quarter for the outings-related meetings. Richard wondered if quarterly meetings would be enough, since we need to vote on budget issues. Ellen likes the idea. Eileen suggests we might even have additional attendees for ExCom meetings (and even potential ExCom members). Jim suggests that none of us has the energy to run monthly programs, and he thinks Green Drinks are a good addition. Eileen also thinks we could invite the SC staffer to quarterly meetings as a speaker/guest. Stephen likes the idea, since he thinks we'll be able to devote more time and energy to planning high-quality gatherings. Jim says the Chapter has quarterly ExCom meetings, and they work well. Richard is still concerned that quarterly ExCom meetings are not sufficient. David definitely thinks general meetings should be quarterly, since Green Drinks still occurs monthly. Ellen suggests that if there are pressing issues, ExCom could meet before or after the alternating quarterly meetings.

We'd host our meetings at the Discovery Center. For the remainder of the year, we'd have the Trivia Fundraiser in October, the coal campaign meeting in November, and a holiday party in December. ExCom would be the first month of the quarter, the general meeting would be the second, and outings will be the third. Ellen asked whether the general meeting format would change. Jim suggested he's withdrawn that idea. Ellen is willing to take on hospitality for those meetings. David thinks we need to have a provision where we can add a quick ExCom gathering if we have pressing business. We'd announce it at least a week in advance. We will take minutes at each meeting, but we will only approve them quarterly. Richard stated that not having monthly meetings was changing the responsibilities for monthly ExCom meetings for which we were elected, and that we should check with the membership first.

For the general meeting in September, it was suggested that we view Aerial America at the Discovery Center.

Stephen moves to adopt this meeting format that includes all points discussed above. Ellen seconds. Motion adopted, with Richard opposed.

ExCom nominations:

Eileen would like to run. Claus does not plan to run. Eileen wonders why we have so many ExCom members, since we used to have just 3. Richard and Eileen agree that a larger number will better represent the group, but Eileen wonders if we can have just 5. David needs one more member for the ExCom nominating committee—Claus volunteered to join. David says we can fill spots mid-year if we'd like. Eileen thinks with our new format we might be able to attract additional members, especially since they just need to commit to quarterly meetings.

Of the list of lemonade stand volunteers, David would like to point out the individuals who would be the best options for the ExCom. Eileen suggested David call 5 of the lemonade stand shift leaders. If we can't get two more, then we can go with 5 ExCom members.

Trivia night:

We'll have our trivia fundraiser 10/21 at the Westport Flea Market. We'll include the information in the newsletter, and we'll send out by Convio, as well. The fundraising committee is working on additional details, such as emcee and questions. Stephen will write a preview.

Calendar orders:

Eileen said we have made as much as \$400 in the past, but we now are closer to \$200. She ordered 40 calendars last year, but she can order more if we think we can sell them. She'd like to have some volunteers to sell calendars.

Eileen requests that THB pay for her travel to DC to lobby for Wilderness Week. Claus asked if she'd be able to give a presentation upon her return. This would be \$275. Claus thinks it's a good idea. Richard questioned, and Eileen stated that there would be an awards presentation for the Wilderness Act photo exhibit, which she would more than coincidentally attend in DC, which was the reason for my objection to paying for the trip. Eileen stated that there would be no lodging, meals or miles expense account presented to THB for payment for the trip.

Claus moves to pay for Eileen's airline travel in the amount of \$275. Tom seconds. Motion approved, with Richard opposed.

Sulfur dioxide air pollution campaign:

Jim reported that there was a program on KCUR that kept the topic alive. It was more focused on ozone, but did mention SO2.

Website:

We need two webmasters. Claus will be one, and David will be the other. They would like to know which site choice we'd like. Claus suggests the "house," and Tom agrees based on the functionality it offers. The group also agreed.

Reports:

Fundraising: we are prepared for the UnPlaza art fair in September. Stephen will e-mail another artist about participating.

Political: the chapter sent questionnaires to the 12 candidates. The political committee will meet to evaluate the responses.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Post Meeting:

By e-mail, Jim moves to endorse the following candidates:

State Senator - District 34 - Robert Stuber (D)

State Representative - District 14 - Stephanie Isaacson (D)

State Representative - District 17 - Mark Ellebracht (D)

State Representative - District 35 - Ken Duvall (D)

Stephen seconds. Motion approved with 5 yes votes and 2 abstentions.