

THB ExCom Meeting Minutes
November 2014

Executive Committee: Claus Wawrzinek, Richard McBroom, Stephen Flanery, Jim Turner, Ellen Brenneman

Guest: Eileen McManus, Gretchen Waddell Barwick, John Delurey

Meeting adjourned: 7:05 pm

John mentioned the Thursday comment drop at Senator McCaskill's office at 12:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Previous meeting minutes:

Eileen motions to strike Richard's opinion on why he opposed reimbursing her for air travel to DC from the minutes. Stephen seconds. Motion passed, with Richard opposed

Treasury (and year-end financial report):

Dave doesn't think it makes sense to go through the budget all together. He'll gather individuals who are interested to work on that independently. Additionally, they'll review what they need to put together for the year-end review. Dave, Claus, and Richard will work on this on Saturday, December 6 at WCH. Eileen doesn't plan to attend, but she would like compasses, whistles, and her travel to fall under the line item "Wilderness Week." She feels none of these items should fall under "Outings."

Claus reported we made approximately \$1,200 at the trivia fundraiser. He some updates to make on the spreadsheet. Dave indicated \$1,200 was a successful outcome for the fundraiser event. We'll need some estimates for the in-kind contributions, and we'll need the wholesale cost of the books from our inventory, as they were used as prizes. Dave would like to plan a fundraiser event for 2015. For items that were sold, we'll want a rough estimate of the value. We don't need these itemized, but just a total.

Regarding payments to the churches, Dave would like to send a little more to the church, since we moved our meetings. Claus sent \$150, and Eileen will give them a calendar. We'll look into reserving a room at DC.

Trivia:

Now that we've done the event, we can hope for a larger attendance and look to obtain larger prizes. Claus suggests we might have better attendance if they know what we're raising money for. That's a topic for another day.

Program:

We need a calendar, so we know what to expect. For December, Dave suggests we host a holiday party at a place like Local Pig in Westport. It will be simple. In January, we would host an ExCom meeting. February would be a meeting with a speaker or guest. March would be the outings-focused meetings. We will follow this schedule for the rest of 2015. ExCom, Issues, Outings. Richard wonders if people don't feel like we have a general meeting, but others feel like all of these still encompass that idea. Dave doesn't like ExCom in October, because it's too far from the end of the year. These will be TBD.

In addition, we have Green Drinks on the second Thursday of each month. These are informal with a brief presentation and socializing. We might have Gretchen or John speak at one of these. Eileen would like to know if there will be a program chair to coordinate this.

Annual Planning Meeting:

Claus suggests we need to discuss how much energy we have to plan. This meeting is typically the new ExCom deciding what they want to do with the year. The new ExCom is installed at this meeting.

Dave would like to set a tentative date. Saturday, January 17 at 12 pm. Minsky's River Market.

We'll want to discuss how to get more people involved. Green Drinks may serve this purpose. Dave feels new members will be better than former lemonade stand volunteers. Richard recalls that we used to come up with campaigns on which we would focus. These would allow for diverse interests, and he feels like we don't have these any more. Claus suggested that it took the year to determine what the campaigns would look like, and by that time, there was little time left for the campaigns. Jim suggested that two prongs are feasible: 1) we have a strong chapter staff, who is working in KC when possible, and so individuals in KC can see what SC is working on, and 2) the KC climate community is multi-nodal, and it seems unlikely that we can drag a lot of individuals into what we're working on. Jim thinks we're planting seeds, because we're developing contacts, but he doesn't feel much else is feasible at this point. Claus believes it's a matter of working on issues that can get people excited. Jim wonders if it makes sense to plan ahead when we need to be prepared to react to events. Claus thinks that we can focus on local issues.

On transportation, we were planning to support the light rail, and then we were going to focus on the street car, but we didn't get the vote. Richard suggests we could direct our attention to the Rock Island line. Dave mentioned that Bike Walk KC is focusing on bike trails through the heart of the city.

We do have a lot of energy in outings, so we need to ensure we are nurturing that. These individuals aren't typically interested in political actions, but this could change, considering the evolving political landscape. Eileen believes we can include links in the outings e-mails that share information, so that individuals can choose to read them.

We can consider spending time and energy protecting the CO2 limits Obama's EPA is opposing. The next two years are important for energy. The question is: what can we do locally? 2015 is City Council election. Claus suggested we include a survey on our site or on postcards that asks what people are interested in.

Website:

We are days away. We should be up and running very soon.

Outings:

Eileen is doing an outing this Sunday at Rocky Point Glade in Swope Park. She is looking for a sweep. Claus will do it. One of the guys at Green Drinks is responsible for building these trails. She may do this hike again in December. Planning meeting in January 10. Outings is meeting more often, because they have more leaders, and they need more training and first aid.

Transportation:

Event with Bike Walk KC.

On the latest copy of the budget report, Richard noticed a negative amount. Claus will look into it. Richard asked where we will list the Wilderness expenses. There was a lot of discussion as to where it would fit, but Dave indicated we would work it out. Eileen does not want these expenses coming out of outings, since they are not outings.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25