

## **EMG ExCom Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2023**

### **Attendees:**

EMG ExCom: members: Ken Schechtman, Stephanie Todd, Caitlin Zera, Matt Self, Jean Nock

Non-ExCom members: Caroline Pufalt, Jim Rhodes

### **Approved July 11<sup>th</sup> minutes**

#### **Treasurer's Report and Budget**

- Presented budget for the remainder of the year.
- Income – Main source of income is Lemonade sales but is hard to predict.
- **Motion** by Stephanie to buy \$50,000 of CDs from CNB bank. Seconded by Jean. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion** to pass budget by Stephanie. Seconded by Ken. Motion to pass budget approved unanimously.

**Lemonade Sales in St. Charles** – All set for the Little Festival of the Hills in St. Charles this weekend as long as all the volunteers show-up. But we can always use a few extra hands if you haven't signed up to help.

#### **Nominating Committee Status – Caroline**

- Nominating Committee consists of Jim Rhodes, Caroline, and Jean
- Four incumbents plus one vacancy due to a resignation.

#### **Sierra Scape and E-newsletter – Caitlin**

- Deadline for content for the August E-newsletter is Monday, August 21.
- The newsletter committee is going to start work on the SierraScape. Targeting an October mailing date. It will include the ExCom ballot.

#### **Conservation Committee Report - Caroline**

- EMG was asked to sign a letter to MSD asking them to keep stormwater pipes clear of debris. **Motion** to approve EMG to sign letter to MSD. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Endorsed No Spray Coalition Bill in St. Louis City. Statement: "The Sierra Club of Eastern Missouri endorses the Healthy Outdoor Parks and Public Spaces (HOPPS) draft bill, which establishes prohibitions on the use of harmful pesticides and herbicides on lands owned by the City of St Louis. We support efforts to introduce this bill to the City of St Louis Board of Alders, create dialogue, build support for passage of the bill which will protect public lands and the citizens of the City of St Louis. "
  - Opportunity to have a booth at Celebrate Wildwood Sept. 23, 11:00 – 4:00. Nature themed and no cost.
- Action:** Stephanie - tell the organizers we will have a booth.

#### **Outing Committee – Matt**

- Kayaking and backpacking outing scheduled

- At last committee, students from Wash U. and Webster attended and we discussed how to collaborate with them.

**Bob Gestel bequest – John**

Thanks to George Behrens and Ed Schott, we were able to get through the long process to get the money requested for Hawn State Park approved by Sierra Club Foundation and Missouri State Parks Foundation. Hawn will be hiring three new temporary staff starting early November until late January to help build the new trail.

**Feedback from Chapter ExCom Meeting – Matthew**

- Restructuring in-process; still lots of unknowns
- Voted to give 7% pay raises to staff
- Helen Host was elected as Chapter Outings Chair; position has been vacant for some time

**Action Items from June Meeting not Completed**

- Stephanie needs to put action items on the Google drive along with the person responsible for the action. She will update status at least monthly.

**Next Meeting September 12, 2023**