

EMG ExCom Meeting Minutes December 18, 2023

Attendees:

EMG ExCom: members: Ken Schechtman, Stephanie Todd, Caitlin Zera, Matt Self, John Feldman

Non-ExCom members: Jim Rhodes, Louise Bullock

Approved September 2023 minutes

Treasurer's Report and Budget – Jim Rhodes

- Provided treasurer report to ExCom members
- Issues that need to be figured-out:
 - Mistake from National? received \$56 twice, once in November and December
 - Expenses \$203.12, reimbursed twice from National?
 - We do not know what is being reimbursed for from National. We must use specific accounting codes per National.
- In the future, people will not be reimbursed unless an invoice or receipt is provided.

Action: Jim will talk to Gretchen and Rob Roberts to try to straighten out reimbursements. Need to know our expenses so we can put together a budget for next year.

Sierra Scape and E-newsletter – Caitlin

- Sierra Scape has gone out
- Caitlin will be putting out new newsletter schedule.
- Newsletter Committee is meeting in January.
- Sierra Scape contains ballot for election

Election Committee

- Ballots have to be postmarked by January 12.
- Discussed next EMG meeting based on when elections will be completed. Plan to meet on Jan. 23. Ballots will need to be counted prior to meeting.

Action: Caitlin will send job descriptions to board members so we can vote Jan. 23 for officers

Events Committee

- Voted to approve budget for Earth Day booth and Lemonade so invoice can be paid prior to Jan. 19 to receive 10% discount. Motion by Stephanie, second by Caitlin. Passed unanimously.
- Proposed on-line paid advertising to expand donors/members
- National covers most educational events
 - o Planning on event in September on ballot issue – cannot be reimbursed by National
 - o National does not cover postage for political postcards or bulk postage
- Presented estimated budget for events committee and high level calendar

Action: Caitlin to register for Earth Day and John for Lemonade

Zoom Account

- Caitlin needs to transfer zoom account information to someone and Stephanie volunteered.

- Meetings need to be put on Campfire and send email reminders.

Action: Caitlin to transition information to Stephanie

Conservation Committee Report – Stephanie

- No Spray Coalition update – The Parks Director has agreed to meet with several Alders to discuss the proposed ordinance. The head of the No Spray Coalition, Daniel Romano, is also planning on attending. Meeting will be held in mid-January.
- Working with a grassroots citizens group in U. City to draft ordinances to help prevent flooding. The draft ordinance has been revised and will be presented to the U. City Stormwater Commission in January.

Outing Committee – John

- Three people were initially hired to do trail work but one quit.
- They have been working for about a month and are making a lot of progress. The trails at Hawn State Park should be completed by the end of the year.
- Matt recently led a successful event at Don Robinson State Park.

Action: Need to add budget for hotel rooms for trail work – John to estimate so we can discuss at next meeting.

Next Meeting January 23, 2024