

April 9, 2019 EMG Excom

Excom members Present: Ken Schechtman, Caitlin Zera, Tim Elwell, Glenn May, Doug Melville, Segolene Renaze

Others present: Caroline Pufalt (secretary), John Feldmann, Paul Ohlendorf

1. Approved March minutes
2. No treasurer's report. Note that we voted on line earlier to approve up to \$100. for signs for the garden. Also, we agreed to spend about \$40 to restock tote bags for Earth Day.
3. Monthly meeting programs. April is set with Ameren speaker, John will invite speaker to dinner prior to meeting – he will let us know if and where this will be. We will pursue topics for May, either Louise Bulloch re her experience at the border and second choice would be speaker from Endangered Wolf Center. June meeting will be dinner at the Olympia – Paul will call re reservation, 6:30 pm.
No meeting in July. We usually start up in August.

4. Caitlin reported on Sierra Scape, material is at Don who is working on layout. Will add announcement re trails week in Oct. We hope to have copies for Earth Day.
5. Jim Young needs help with set up Lemonade Friday morning. John and Gretchen worked on set for credit cards. We have information table and schedule of volunteers. We reviewed sample of banner for Earth Day and other events. Agreed it looks great and agreed that our prior approval of \$250 will be well spent.
6. We had table at Botanical Gardens April 6 and 7 with basic SC information and our petition regarding Katy Trail development. May 15-19 is long weekend outing in Shawnee Forest in southern Ill. Options for camping and rooms in lodge. Hope for a total of 50 people including Illinois SC, contact Rich Schweitzer if interested.
SC is co-plaintiff in complaint against Ameren, in particular the Rush Island facility. Issue is upgrades in 2010 which increased capacity but also increased pollution. Violation of new-source review. Doug attended representing folks who hike in the area. Pollution cause respiratory problems. One option judge might consider requiring putting in scrubbers at Rush Island facility.
We received a request for help at Shaw Arboretum and some folks did step forward. Glenn will clarify how we can help.
7. Conservation summary. 1. River Soundings program is under development. Chad Pregracke will be keynote speaker on river clean up. The organizing committee says thanks to EMG for donation of \$500. 2. We are collecting signatures on Katy Trail bluff issue. And U of MO made offer to place some of the undeveloped land in public ownership, but that would not be much of an improvement. We, this other groups, are

seeking to engage them. 3. Bangert Island development plan proposed by St Charles city is really bad. Technically it doesn't impact the island directly but represents huge development close to the river and would impact Katy Trail. Some hope that new St Charles mayor will look at it more closely. Caroline and Andy will try to get a few St Charles city Sierrans to be key contacts on this. 4. Meeting April 15 at SC office, any excom member invited and other interested folks. We are going to talk about Great Rivers Greenway and their plans for Emennegger Park. Gwyn Wahlman and Scott George will present their concerns. Doug, Paul and Caroline are planning on attending. Start time probably 6:30 – contact Caroline if interested.

8. Lobby day report – Very successful April 3 lobby day. Good turnout and well organized. We used our paid lobbyist's office as gathering point and that worked out fine. Many of us met her (Dawn Nichols), very helpful.

9. May 14 next meeting