

Dec 10, 2019 EMG Executive committee

Excom Present : Ken, Glenn, Segolene, John, Tim,  
Non members present: Caroline (secretary)

1. Minutes from last month approved
  2. We approved the results from the election committee, Caitlin, Ken and Robert were elected. Welcome to Robert as new member, welcome Ken and Caitlin back.
  3. Voting on new officers: John moved, Glenn seconded to approve Ken as chair, unanimous vote with one abstention.  
Tim moved, John seconded to elect Caroline as secretary, approved unanimously.  
John moved Glenn seconded to elect Robert as treasurer, approved unanimously, one abstention  
Tim agreed to continue as delegate to chapter, John moved Segolene seconded Tim as chapter delegate.  
John moved and Segolene seconded a motion to approve Caroline as conservation chair. Approved unanimously.  
John moved and Glenn seconded to approve Jim Rhodes and Louise Bulloch as co-outings chairs. Approved unanimously. Since they are not at the meeting we will ask for their feedback.
  4. January program is Patrick Justice from Ameren. February, Grace from Sunrise movement will talk about the Green New Deal. Caroline will contact Mitch at Audubon about March program. April possible topics are ONSR roads and trails plan, or DNR re new plans for new state parks.
  5. Sierra Scape looks good with slightly different format. Still need to iron out schedule so we can better plan for timing of delivery.
  6. John reported on trails. He thinks we still need to do work on Current River Trails. Outings committee is planning training, first aid and other training.
  7. Conservation topics: based on prior email discussion regarding City Charter Privatization Caroline gave the OK for EMG to be listed as a supporter of this bill. The Maryland Hts floodplain development TIF approval will be voted on after Dec 18 hearing. Our goal is to get members at that hearing and to get members to contact County Executive, Sam Page and urge him to oppose the TIF.
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- EMG will send out email alerts, but we also want to make phone calls to our members in Maryland HTS- total of 95. We divided up the list. Caroline will create a phone script and email it.

We discussed the resolutions passed by the Trails committee and Outings committee regarding bicycle trails in Emenegger Park. Both committees recommend caution on bicycle use in the park, but trails committee supports a ban on bike trails in the park. John will look at both resolutions and see if there is language we could consider which would satisfy both committees,

8. Caroline will check with Gretchen about our donation to Earthday 365.
9. Next meeting date, Jan 14