

EMG Outings Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 03/12/15

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Location: Alpine Shop

Minutes submitted by: Terry Allen

Minutes Approved: 04/09/15

Attendees

Terry Allen, Mike Bollinger, Becky Denny, Marilyn Harlan, Doug Melville, Paul Ohlendorf, Jim Rhodes, Mark Schuermann, Suzanne Smith

Topics Discussed

1. We welcomed Doug as new OC Chair.

It was noted that Doug is correctly listed as OC Chair in the March issue of the SierraScape, but that outings page still lists Mike Bollinger as the contact person for outings.

AA: Mark or Doug will correct the copy before the next issue.

2. Review of the February 28, 2015 Outings Leaders Planning Meeting & Social

The meeting was held at the SC office with around 20 in attendance. Most attendees were core people. It was felt that the attendance would have been better and that we might have had a broader mix of attendees if there had not been a threat of a major snow storm that afternoon.

A comment was made about not enough time for general discussion and exchange of ideas. Because of the impending storm, some of the discussion time was eliminated to shorten the meeting. It was suggested that we might want consider allowing time for Q&A after each topic.

The consensus seemed to be that meeting idea was good and that we should look at doing it again in one or two years.

3. Tracking outing participation

Becky raised the topic of tracking outings and outing participation. Right now the data entry into HELEN is somewhat hit and miss. We should look into the possibility of a paid staff member doing data entry on a regular basis. We also need to determine how to get better info out of HELEN.

4. Implementing the new OC procedures

We need to fill in the procedure approval blocks with: "EMG ExCom Jan 2015". We still need an official home for master OC documents. The EMG website would be an ideal place. Alternatively, we could keep paper master documents in a file.

AA: Contact Mary Ballou about using the website. No one was assigned this task.

There was a general discussion about using the new procedures.

It was suggested that we send copies of the OC meeting minutes to the ExCom.

It was suggested that we regularly hold officer elections in January. We need to track attendance to allow us determine who is eligible to vote.

5. Other Business

Jim Rhodes attended the meeting to discuss having a Chapter outing in 2015. He would be willing to Chair the event. The proposed date was October 10-11. There was concern about this date because it is close to the Ozark

Trails Week event. These two events draw many of the same people. A date in late September will be investigated. Apparently, attendance from other MO groups is limited and there is little or no volunteer support coming from other groups. It was decided that the subject needs further study by an exploration committee.
AA: Needs assignment to someone.

Becky presented a short summary of weekend hikes scheduled for this year. She thinks that we should talk to leaders of successful hikes about how they get the word out.

Final versions of Procedures 1-4 were never sent out to OC members.
AA: Terry A. will do that.

Terry presented drafts for Procedures 5 and 6. Some edits were suggested. We will do a final review in April.
AA: Terry A. will send revised copies to OC members before the April meeting.

Doug proposed standardizing meeting times as the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. We will use the Alpine Shop when it is available.

Doug reported that he had been attending the wilderness medicine series being presented by the Alpine Shop and that it was well done and very worthwhile.

Decisions Made

Terry A. volunteered for the new job of Secretary. Marilyn H. nominated Terry. Becky D. seconded the nomination. Terry was unanimously elected.

Mark S. offered to hold the post of Vice-Chair if no one else wanted to. After discussion, Mike B. nominated Mark. Becky seconded the nomination. Mark was unanimously elected.

Next Meeting Date: April 9th at Alpine Shop