

EMG Outings Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 11/12/15

Meeting Time: 7:00

Meeting Location: Alpine Shop

Minutes submitted by: Terry Allen

Minutes Approved: 12/10/15

Attendees

Terry Allen, George Behrens, Becky Denny, Bob Gestel, Doug Melville, Paul Ohlendorf, Jim Rhodes, Mark Schuermann.

Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes stand as read.

Old Business

Procedures for making Meetup available for more Outing Leaders

Paul O. reported that he had not yet started on the procedure. Terry A. mentioned that he could help with putting any notes into standard procedure format.

Paul O. reported that he is now putting all participants on the waiting list until they contact him. This is a way to solve the ongoing problem of people signing up but not following thru with a call to the leader for approval.

There was discussion about participant screening and whether it needed to be done by phone or would email be okay. The feeling was that easy local hike could probably be handled by email, but for longer or more difficult hikes, the leader could more effectively screen participants by actually talking to them.

Work Week at Current River State Park & Ozark Trail, Blair Creek Section

Becky presented an "Administrative Report for Ozark Trails Week." She reported that this nine-day event was very successful with 97 in attendance. The administration of the event, however, was not so good. She requested that the following topic be entered into the minutes because of its importance.

"Defined leadership roles and a secretary (administrative assistant) are needed for any future trail event, as opposed to a 1 or 2 day outing. For instance, an **Event Secretary must** be designated to track registrations, actual attendance, report meal #s to the Chef, and report volunteer worker #s to the **Crew Captain**. Both the **Event Chair** and the **Event Secretary** should attend a majority of the event days."

Becky D. served in the capacity of Event Secretary for this event. She reported that there was too much work to be done for one person because participants were being accepted too close to the event date to allow for efficient scheduling and planning.

Becky D. pointed out that this is another instance where an EMG Administrative Assistant could have been very helpful for registration. It is important to get these functions included in the job description before someone is hired.

AA: Jim Rhodes will bring this up at the upcoming Chapter Meeting.

While this is a trails committee event, they may need support on organization. It was suggested that a sub-committee from the OC might be helpful to the trails committee.

In a related topic, the OTA has offered to put on a workshop to train EMG volunteers to be crew leaders. This could be valuable for the 2016 and 2017 seasons.

Trivia Night

Doug M. reported that Trivia Night was well attended. Eleven tables were sold at \$160 per table.

ExCom Approval of OC Procedure 05.02

Terry A. pointed out that the revised procedure still needs to go to the ExCom for approval. The fact that they sort of pre-approved the changes doesn't satisfy the requirement that they officially approve it. This is defined in OCP 01.02, Section 7.3 which was approved by the Excom.

New Business

Voting Eligibility Procedure to be discussed

This issue was raised last meeting by George B. He felt that the procedure should be altered to exempt certain longstanding members of the committee from the requirement to attend three of the last six meeting in order to vote on issues.

Various options were discussed, as well as, the spirit of the original requirement. It was decided to leave the requirement as it is stated in the OC procedure.

Leadership Training scheduled more frequently

Doug M. proposed holding leader training every two years instead of every four years as we have been doing in order to get more people interested in leading outings. Jim R. mentioned that the Chapter is interested in getting more leaders in groups other than the EMG. He thinks EMG training might attract potential leaders from other chapters. Online training was mentioned as was investigating the possibility of National presenting a workshop, as was done once in the past. Having the new EMG office makes planning easier and more flexible than it was when we had to rely on other facilities. A Sub-comm to work on this was suggested. Some felt that 2 or possibly 3 years might be a good interval. March 5th was set as a tentative date.

First aid – Perry Whittaker

First aid certification is only good for 2 years. Maybe we can work with Alpine Shop on training.

Outing Leaders Listing in-sync?

This was resolved.

Outing Header in SierraScape needs to be corrected

Terry A. pointed out that the outings header in the SierraScape does not conform to the header defined in the OC procedure.

AA: Terry A. will contact Don Barnes about changing this.

Crane Lake Trail Reroute

Doug M. reported that the Forest Service is looking for comments on the proposed rerouting of the trail at Crane Lake. Comments can be made at: comments-eastern-mark-twain-potosi@fs.fed.us. For questions, contact Jay Turner at 573-729-6656 or jayturner@fs.fed.us.

Scoping started 10/21/15. A decision is expected by 11/20/15. Implementation is expected 12/20/15. The following link will take you to the Forest Service site.

<http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/current-sopa.php?forest=110905#5>

Decisions Made

Next Meeting Date: 12/10/15