

## **EMG Outings Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 05/12/16

Meeting Time: 7:00

Meeting Location: Alpine Shop

Minutes submitted by: Terry Allen

Minutes Approved: 06/09/16

### Attendees

Terry Allen, George Behrens, Becky Denny, Patty Feit, Bob Gestel, Marilyn Harlan, Doug Melville, Jim Rhodes, Mark Schuermann. Visiting: Dave East, Matt Stuart, Adam Young.

### Minutes

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

### Old Business

#### **Finalize Meetup Procedures**

Jim R. reported that he has simplified the procedure somewhat. He will email the latest version to OC members for review.

There was discussion about how Paul O. or Jim R will be notified of outings to be posted to Meetup.

#### **Life Outdoors Festival**

This festival is being held at Creve Coeur lake on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to staff a Sierra Club table at the event and to lead short hikes around the lake.

#### **Friends of Hawn State Park**

George B. attended the last meeting. They are still working on funding. There may be an opportunity to be a charter lifetime member for \$50.

#### **Chair Recommendation for Trails Committee**

Doug M. sent the OC recommendation that Becky D. be appointed EMG Trails Chair to Ken Schechtman. He said that he would bring it up at the next Excom meeting.

#### **Publication of Outings From Other Organizations On EMG Meetup**

Kat Dockery has asked to post an outing for the Open Spaces Council on the EMG Outings Meetup site. Jim R. reported that the Excom has approved this use. Varying opinions were expressed at the OC meeting. The majority opinion seemed to be that this is not an appropriate use of the Outings Meetup site.

#### **Feral Hogs**

Doug M. sent an email to all outings leaders explaining what to do in the event of an encounter. Patti F. located an online map that shows where feral hogs have been sighted.

#### **Sierra Club at Washington University.**

Doug M. contacted Ely Horowitz about planning some type of team effort between the Washington University student group and the EMG. Ely will inquire about what the WU group is interested in.

### **Eleven Point River State Park Land Issue**

Doug reported that the two bills are still in committee, however, the legislature has adjourned for the summer so there will be no further action this year.

### **Alpine Shop Swap Sale**

Doug M. thanked Paul O., Marilyn H., Bob G, Jim R., and Matt Stewart for helping to man the SC table at this event. Jim Rhodes complimented Becky D. on the fine display that she made for the table.

### **Outings Leaders Commitment**

Doug M. is still in favor of requiring all leaders to lead at least one outing per year to remain on the active leaders list. He thinks this would be easy to track. He will send an email to all leaders requesting input on this plan.

### New Business

#### **Outings Leaders Training**

Doug M. reported that there were six people who were unable to attend the March outings workshop and that others have expressed interest since then. He proposed creating a video workshop to fill the training gap between actual workshops.

There was more discussion on motivating less active leaders. It was suggested that calls might be more effective than emails.

#### **Trails Committee**

Becky D. announced an OTA led trails maintenance crew leader training on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the EMG office. This will be followed by actual trail work on August 28<sup>th</sup>. She also presented a revised registration form and a different liability release form. There was discussion about the wisdom of charging participants to attend a function where they are providing volunteer labor.

#### **National Trails Day**

Doug M. announced that National Trails Day is June 4<sup>th</sup>. At this time he did not have additional details. Becky D. said that it was going to be at Hawn State Park.

Next Meeting Date: 06/09/16