

EMG Outings Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 05/10/18

Meeting Time: 7:00

Meeting Location: Alpine Shop

Minutes submitted by: Terry Allen

Minutes Approved: 06/14/18

Attendees

Terry Allen, George Behrens, Becky Denney, Doug Melville, Paul Ohlendorf, Louise Bullock

Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the April minutes.

Old Business

Make a Difference Night (aka. Conservation Gala)

This event was held on May 1st. The intent of the event was to encourage new people to get involved in political and legislative actions. There were eight presenters, but only one person in audience.

Pets on Hikes

Doug reviewed the latest revisions to the Guidelines for Pet Friendly Outings and talked about the related philosophy. Following discussion, these guidelines were accepted by the OC. We will post them on the OC web page below the OC procedures.

Updating OCP-04, Publishing Outings

Terry A. went over the latest revisions. The change to “dog friendly” was reverted to “pet friendly.” We will add these guidelines to the Resources section of the procedure.

Introduction to Hiking Workshop

Becky D. reported that this was a successful event. There were 31 attendees plus 9 presenters. She feels that if we repeat this workshop we need to plan some short weekend hikes to support beginning hikers.

Trails Report

Becky D. reported that the Trails Committee has finished flagging the new trail at Hawn State Park. Doug M. reported that the DNR is now shifting their focus from building new trails to maintaining existing trails.

New Business

National Trails Day, Sat Jun 2, Hawn State Park

Doug M. presented a flyer that was put together by Becky Denney. There were several comments about the pictures that were used.

Life Outside Festival

Doug reported that this festival will again be held at Creve coeur park on Sat. June 9th from 10 – 4. For the third year, the SC will have a booth at the event and will lead hikes in the park. The Sierra Club will be listed in a booklet that will be given to attendees. Because this is a free event we will not be asking for the usual \$1 donation.

Missouri Chapter Retreat

Doug reported that the retreat will again be held at Shaw Nature Reserve on June 9th and 10th. It is for Chapter leaders. The topics will be focused on the implementation of several Missouri SC programs and objectives.

Eleven Point River Clean-up July 14

Doug reported that this event will be handled by Jennifer Conner who is the Coordinator for the Ozark Section of the SC. The plan is to clean up 48 miles of the river in one day.

St Louis County Parks Master Plan

Louise B. attended a meeting on the St. Louis County Parks Master Plan. She reported that as part of the planning process the County surveyed people in five different areas of the county for their interest in various types of activities. Out of all activities listed on the questionnaire, trails for walking, hiking and biking was the number one item on every survey.

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