

Aug 9, 2022 EMG Excom

Present- Ken, Caitlin, Tim, John

Non excom members present – George, Caroline

1. Minutes from July approved

2. Financial report, Treasurer out of town, provided written report.

George Behrens is interested in being on group which will work on Bob Gestel's bequest.

John Feldman has been in touch with Robert and with a contact in SC National office. Some concern that EMG will be hampered in the process and how we can use these funds.

Ken suggests that a small group of EMG leaders have a conversation with contact at SC national office.

John, George, Paul, and Ed Schott are the core group. Natalie will be consulted. Ed is former Hawn State Park director, he is SC member and outings leader. They will consult with Ed and other current leaders at HSP.

Our reading of bequest is that there is nothing indicating that all funds need to be focused on HSP.

John said that not all work at HSP can be done by our volunteers. Some of the funds could be properly used to help HSP to hire labor (such as AmeriCorps) to get heavy work done.

Ken moved, John seconded that committee of John Feldman, George Behrens, Paul Stupperich and Ed Schott be a committee to research, consult and bring recommendation to EMG Excom for spending the bequest funds. Passed unanimously.

John will work with Natalie and others to communicate further with National SC on details about the process to follow.

3. John Feldman reported on lemonade. We will have 2 booths, lemonade, pretzels, and roasted nuts. Jim Young has developed the roasted nut option. We need about 40 people to work those 3 days. That's based on 4 hour shifts. We still need more volunteers. Thanks to John and Jim for all their work so far.

4. EMG E newsletter deadline is soon, Caitlin will send out a note. We are now coordinating more with Natalie and will establish a more regularized schedule.

5. Sierra Scape will need to go out early Oct due to election information.

6. EMG nominating committee needs one more official member to add to Caitlin and Caroline's membership. Current Excom members Tim, Glenn, Diana and John have terms ending this year.

7. Caroline asked if EMG could officially endorse 2022 River Sounding conference Sept 9-10 at Klondike Park, St Charles. No cost involved. Caitlin moved to do so, John seconded, approved unanimously.

There is no new information about the silica mine planned for near HSP. Good news about the court case regarding the new 11 Point State Park in that the court ruled in favor of DNR ownership including the portion covered by an easement. The chapter conservation committee is Aug 10, we are joining an Osage group sponsored virtual presentation on the Missouri river.

8. John reported that a few outings are scheduled. Trail work will resume later in the year. We noted that Suzanne Smith passed away before we could present her certificate, but thanks to Anne and others who worked on that.

9. Sept 20 next excom -changed date to 3<sup>rd</sup> week due to travel plans