

December 15, 2022 EMG ExCom Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ken Schechtman, Caroline Pufalt, Caitlin Zera, Louise Bullock, Tim Elwell, Stephanie Todd

1. Review November minutes

Minutes approved.

2. Treasurer's report. Introduce Jim Rhodes as new treasurer

No treasurer's report. Jim Rhodes was not on call. He will be added to the meeting distribution list.

3. E-newsletter deadline, next SierraScape meeting

Deadline for articles for December newsletter are due December 19 and newsletter will go out before Christmas. Newsletter committee will be reconvening early next year.

If someone that supports the Club but is not on email distribution, they can make a request directly to Caitlin to be added to the EMG newsletter distribution.

Tim suggested adding something in the newsletter about John Kessel passing away. Caitlin will contact Gretchen for further information.

4. Updating website with new office address and posting of meeting minutes

Caroline will talk to Mary Ballou about adding the following items to the website. Stephanie will start forwarding meeting minutes to Mary to post on website.

Website updates:

- note about the Sutton office closure and chapter's new (temporary?) location.
- update remainder of 2022 minutes on -line
- Update chapter staff information
- Include some recognition of the passing of John Kissel, he worked more at the chapter level but was EMG member
- Photos – Replace cover photos of Elephant Rock State Park.
- Set up a link to outings photos submitted by members
- Add link to Meet Up on website

5. New office space. How do we use it?

Would like to have committee meetings in the meeting room that can be reserved. Open space may not be appropriate for presentations or meetings because it is available to everyone i.e., one group cannot reserve it.

6. Chapter ExCom report. Staff changes

Natalie Johnson, Communications and Development Manager, is taking a job with National. Limited hiring will take place next year and hope to replace Natalie. The new office rent is much cheaper than our old office.

7. Conservation committee report – Caroline

Chapter conservation call on December 14. EMG has a continued effort supporting the Green Party to address flooding in St. Louis City and County. The chair of the flooding meetings would like to prioritize city ordinance requiring permeable surfaces. But a better approach may be to pursue FEMA buy-outs.

8. Legislative, democracy, and political committee reports

Chapter legislative committee met December 9. See Michael Berg's minutes. Working on proposed rate hike from Ameren, average increase to be approximately \$12/month. There will be an Ameren Rate Case Community Meeting and Testimony Training on January 18 at 6:00. RSVP at: [Ameren Rate Case Community Meeting & Testimony Training \(sierraclub.org\)](#)

9. Outings report – John Feldman

Outings/trails committee: The outings program continues to expand with more people leading more outings.

There is going to be outings leader training on January 21st at Route 66 State Park. So far, seven people have signed up. If you are interested in the training contact John Feldman or Dave Campbell.

We did trail maintenance at Hawn State Park on December 14, with nine people participating.

Dave Campbell has submitted a budget request to Caitlin for outings and trails for 2023.

2. No lemonade report

3. No Bob Gestel bequest report.

10. Next meeting Jan. 10, 2023