Dec 11, 2018  EMG Excom  minutes
Present:  Ken, Henry, Doug, Paul, John, Ken, Rob
Caroline (secretary)
Absent:  Caitlin

1. November Excom minutes approved

2. Treasurer’s report -  current totals are $36906. checking and $42,618 in CDs.
Merchandize: some sales at general meetings and holiday party. Including calendar
sales, we have small net in merchandize so anything we sell from now on is profit.
We have $3500. 3rd and 4th quarter charge to chapter for rent and staff time.
Gretchen mentioned in earlier email that we could use some of our c3 funds to
reimburse for newspaper costs. Caroline will check with her on that, our recent issue
had a lot of political material which might not qualify.

3. Monthly programs:  January, Shane Staten wetlands topic scheduled, February
Quinn Long from Shaw Nature reserve re restoration.  March is joint meeting with
Audubon, Caroline will check with Mitch on topic and get these 3 items posted to
EMG website.
April, we will look into having Ameren come and talk about their renewal
program.  John will ask them.  Henry is willing to help out with that meeting topic
Another option for April or May program is Mark Ohlendorf and St Louis County
Park Foundation, re restoration underway in county parks.  John will look into that
after response from Ameren.

4. Outings report – Doug reported that he and others helped trail building project
with park staff and scouts at Hawn State Park.  Work completed was well done.
Doug presented information on possible outings/trails costs which included tools,
materials for First Aid training and First Aid materials for outings leaders.  The
consideration is that it costs a lot to get materials for training class that we can do
ourselves.  That reduces the cost per person in the end, but up-front cost is
considerable.  First aid certification lasts for 2 years.  Refresher classes are shorter
though.
The chapter is considering filing for a grant to help with outings program.  Costs for
October trail building could be part of that.  Funds for first aid program which could
be available chapter wide could also be considered.

5. Conservation report.  Webster Groves issue came to our attention from WG
resident.  Concern is over development and impacts to Shady Creek Natural Area.  We
sent out an alert to members in Webster encouraging them to contact the city with concerns about integrity of the Natural Area, city building codes, etc. Next hearing is January 7. No suggestion that we take an official position at this point. If we hear more from Sierrans in Webster we can reconsider.

Congratulations to Henry for his work on the language of Proposition 2. He also received special recognition for this recently from Open Space Council.

6. Dec 21 is date for office clean up. Those of us who are available and able please try to help out.

We recognized that this was last meeting for Henry, John and Paul as official EMG Excom members. We thanked them for their service and they are welcome to continue to attend meetings. John will continue to work on EMG programs and Paul is still willing to help with Earth Day. Excom vote counting will be Dec 17 as planned.

Next meeting Jan 15 Tues.