March 9 2020 ExCom Meeting Minutes

Excom members present: Glenn, Robert, John, Ken, Caitlin, Tim, Segolene
Non-excom: Caroline, Excom secretary

1. Approved minutes from February
2. Treasurer’s report, proposed budget, discussed and approved unanimously. Robert moved, John seconded the motion to approve budget. Thanks to Robert for preparing budget review document. Our lemonade sales are covering most of our current expenses. Our savings are a buffer.
3. Caitlin reported that Sierra Scape is on schedule for completion, but we could still use some more photos.
4. Monthly program update: February went well, April meeting will be about ONSR issues, May will be about Clean MO initiative.
5. Discussion about EMG Excom membership in 2020. Glenn will be hiking most of spring and summer on Appalachian Trail. He is leaving April 1. Lynn Anthony could be available as a replacement if we have a vacancy. But she too will be out of town April-May or maybe longer. Lynn was candidate in recent EMG Excom election also. Segolene will be hiking April-mid Aug. Per our bylaws, we could have a quorum even if Glenn and Segolene are not present. But that would mean almost everyone left would need to show up. Per bylaws like it obviously is OK to have others participate for viewpoints but not clear on temporary appointments. Conclusion was that it would be best to have vacancies declared and filled. We want to have a reliable quorum especially for political endorsements.
6. Earth Day Lemonade booth has been reserved, Caitlin will follow-up with Paul Olendorf about the information booth. Jim Y takes care of lemonade scheduling. Earth Day sign up can be listed in e-newsletter.
7. Lobby Day April 22. April 7 is phone banking for Lobby Day at the office.
8. Outings and trails. Five EMG trails folks went to OTC meeting and did trails work. Reimbursed $100 lodging costs for OTC meeting as approved previously. Trails committee did more work at Hawn State Park on trails and back country camping sites. Outings committee had leader training workshop resulting in about $130. costs. We voted unanimously to reimburse Outings training costs.
9. Caroline had distributed agenda and information about forestry summit we are involved in planning. John moved and Caitlin seconded that we donate $250. To MO Forestry Summit, August 11-12. Passed unanimously. Caroline reported that River Soundings conference this year is tentatively planned for late August. We may want to consider a donation toward that but too early now. Still considering sending out alert to Kirkwood members on school expansion issue. Also looking for interested volunteer in city who wants to work on glyphosate and parks issue. Sunset hills flood management planning is in flux. First draft plan was not that good.
10. Ken reported that we will need to vote on endorsing candidates soon. EMG Pol committee will be working on this first. Tim is interested in being on EMG Political committee.
11. Next meeting April 14.