

EMG Excom meeting April 2020, via phone

present on call were: Excom members: Ken, Caitlin, Tim, John, Robert, Tim
non excom members: Caroline

1. approved March minutes

2 approved treasurer's report from Robert. We will likely not break even this year due to loss of venues for lemonade sales. Earth Day weekend cancelled but will be replaced with one day event Oct 18. We don't know yet about Festival of Little Hills in St Charles in Aug, which is another significant source of our income.

3. Caitlin reported that Earth Day St Louis will also have a virtual ED week April 18-26. What could we contribute? One suggestion is to ask to post the climate panel event that John participated in recently. That event was sponsored by Wash U. Caitlin will ask John about that. Another option is to ask Ashton to do a post about Clean MO. Caroline and Caitlin will ask her about that. There is a registration fee for participation in the virtual event which is part of our original Earth Day fee which Excom already approved.

4. Sierra Scape is at the printer. Thanks Caitlin!

5. Responding to keep going in current situation. Sierra Club has suspended outings through July and all other in person events through June 14. This may be extended, we will just need to wait. We can use our monthly e-alert to communicate to members, including ideas on virtual volunteer options. We should look for ways to help Ashton promote her campaign. Ashton helped collect signatures for Medicaid expansion and is now also working on protecting Clean MO by defeating expected Aug ballot issue to undo much of Clean MO.

6. John reported that there are now some options available for places to stay if we do our October trail building event this year. But we will need new cook. Louisa won't be available this year. Suggestion that we get her current address in Germany and send her a thank you card. John will try to find the address.

7. Legislative report. MO legislature is expected to come back in session at least for a short while. But there will be no lobby day events.

8. Political update: Local primary delayed until early June. EMG political committee is undergoing reorganization so we have a defined voting membership. EMG excom needs to approve final membership. Debi Pratt is chair. She, Ken, Ross Hunt (chapter pol chair) and John Hickey are working on a slate. Tim has already expressed his interest.

9. Caroline reported that we recently contacted our members in St Charles city about recent steps regarding development across from Bangert Island Park. The City Council is holding virtual meetings.

10. Next meeting May 12, Tuesday. We will try a Zoom meeting.