

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.