

Feb 12, 2019 draft minutes

EMG, Excom meeting

Excom members present: Doug, Rob, Glenn, Ken, Segolene, Tim

Non excom, Caroline and John F

1. Approved minutes from Jan meeting
2. Treasurer's report. We need new edition of Quick-Books so Rob can coordinate more easily with Gretchen. Cost \$30. We approved that expense. Review of 2018 shows that we had deficit. Extra expenses in 2018 were \$ for Save Our Parks campaign and River Soundings. Rob will draft of budget for 2019 for us to consider. Paul O sent Excom email, he is willing to coordinate EMG booth at Earth Day. He will need a few more volunteers.
3. General meeting update. Jan meeting was a success. John F will ask Quin Long, our Feb speaker, if he would like to have dinner beforehand. March will be joint meeting with Audubon at Forest Park Visitor center. Henry has arranged for Ameren to present at April or May meeting. John F will ask John H and Michael B if there are legislative topics that we should focus on? Other optional topics – recycling (John), insect apocalypse (Caroline).
4. SierraScape, Caroline will talk to Caitlin. Is it possible to get issue out before end of legislative session.
5. Outings – We had outings in Weldon Woods area, about 12 people. This is site that is proposed for controversial housing development.
Caroline and Doug will meet with Gywn to look into concerns about Big Rivers Greenway trail development along Meramec river. Some controversy about trail footprint and location.
Another issue we need to track is proposal in the works for possible ORV trail across MO, similar to Ozark Trail.
Event at Hawn State park event April 13 to learn trail marking, building etc. Paul Stupperich has helped plan this. June 1 National Trails Day event also at Hawn where volunteers can help with event.
May 17-19 camping -hiking – canoeing, biking event at Shawnee National Forest. Joint event with Illinois SC group.
6. Conservation; Bangert Island proposed development presents a lot of problems with Katy Trail and flooding issues. Program at St Charles Feb 13. Caroline will check with John H about March 31 Zoo event – we have invite from Healthy Planet expo on March 31 also. Should we try to do both? Cost for Healthy Planet \$150.
7. Legislative report, Feb 22 in district meeting with Senator Williams,
8. Tim will draft EMG report for chapter excom meeting and share
9. Next EMG Excom March 20, Wednesday.

