

Feb 14 2017, Excom members present: Ken Schechtman, John Feldman, Paul Ohlendorf, Henry Robertson, Doug Mehville,

Caroline Pufalt secretary

1. Approved minutes from last month. Doug asked, should we put minutes on website? Or how about a summary? JF moved/ Doug seconded motion carried.

2. Treasurers report delayed, for next month.

John moved Doug seconded that we provide a calendar and back pack for Maplewood Fireman's fundraiser silent auction. Approved by all.

3. Earth Day 2017, John will check with Jim Young about booth registration for lemonade. Also we usually have an information booth. Need someone to organize that table and staff it. This year is a two day event, April 22-23. Paul will take charge of information table. We should make announcements at monthly programs for volunteers.

4. Monthly program in Jan was well attended and presentation was well done but there was problem with projector. Also there was issue with room temperature. Thanks to Caitlin for handling that meeting

Caroline will ask Feb presenter, Tom Ball, if he would like to go out to dinner prior to program. Feb meeting is on Missouri River and endangered species.

Caroline suggested a protocol for general meetings to John and Caitlin. Will share with whole excom. If we are going to rotate chairing the meeting/program, it would be good to have an agreed up on approach.

March meeting is with Audubon. Caroline has been in touch with Mitch on this. we will want to come early and get extra chairs out from basement. John will talk to John Hickey about legislation topic for April meeting. Ideas for other programs could be program about D. Roberson new state park, photography, new political climate, panel on communication on climate change, KCPL program for charging stations and similar efforts.

5. Sierra Scape – hope for deadline in early March.

Articles ideas: – building code effort in St Louis County, initiative petition on redistricting and following up on voter protection. Comments on Missouri and endangered species. Creve Coeur park disaster and LWCF. Outings list and outings article. Federal decision on power plant on Rush Island – favorable decision.

6. Outings report – had recent monthly meeting with good attendance. Jim Rhodes and Henry came up with a solution on how to fit and place disclaimer re non-Sierra Club events on Meet Up application.

Outings committee is planning for more training for outings leaders, staggering the training schedule to accommodate more people. Leaders need to retrain every four years. Committee is looking at video options as well.

Thanks and congratulations to Doug for agreeing to be the Chapter Outings chair too.

John attended Ozark Trail Council meeting last weekend at Echo Bluff Park . Current work is on “ Round Spring Section” of the trail, which includes part of what is called Current River Trail. MOU with MO state parks system and USFSis in process of renewal.

7. Feb 8 was hearing on St Louis County Building Code committee vote on adopting updated codes. We had good turnout with people testifying for stronger energy efficiency codes. Unfortunately the committee took none of our suggestions. We can still continue to make our case to individual council members who will later vote on this. Meeting of St Louis Energy Alliance Feb 16.

Feb 16 is also open house held by Army Corps of Engineers on their management plan for endangered species along the Missouri River.

The chapter submitted a letter regarding skating rink development at Creve Coeur park. We, and other groups, have asked the National Park Service to review the project since park land was originally purchased through LWCF. We can still express our opposition to council members, even though they have already voted.

Feb 24 is program prepared by Citizens for Mass Transit regarding possible expansion of metrolink to north county and south county. The event is scheduled

during the morning and is described as a “study discussion”. We should try to get some participation there to support this effort and learn more to communicate to our members.

8. next excom would be March 14, 6:30