

Jan 15 2019 EMG Excom draft minutes

Present: Excom members: Ken Schechtman, Tim Elwell, Caitlin Zera, Glenn May, Doug Mehville, Rob Polzin, Segolene Renaze.

Guests: John Feldman, Caroline Pufalt, and Andy Heaslet who joined us later in the meeting.

Introductions. We introduced each other, described our interests, background etc.

New Officers: Doug moved/Glen seconded to nominate Ken for chair, vote approved unanimously, with one abstention. Rob/Tim nominated Doug for Vice chair, passed unanimously, one abstention. Tim/Glenn nominated Rob as Treasurer, passed unanimously with one abstention. Doug/Glen nominated Caroline for secretary. Passed unanimously. Caitlin/Rob nominated Tim as chapter delegate. Rob/Glenn nominated Doug as alternate delegate. Both Tim and Doug approved unanimously. Ken/Doug nominated Caroline as conservation chair. Approved unanimously. Rob/Ken nominated Caitlin as vice chair conservation, approved unanimously with one abstention. Glen/Tim nominated Doug as Outings chair. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer report. Group is in good financial shape but have not had a formal budget. Rob will meet with Gretchen next week in hopes of getting outline we can use for planning. Gretchen has submitted our early 2018 Sierra Scape for C3 reimbursement.

Program planning: John and Caroline will contact Shane and David about meeting at Schlafly's for dinner before Jan 24 program. Feb program by Quin Long, Shaw Arboretum. March joint meeting with Audubon, location not yet determined. For April program, Henry is pursuing Ameren presentation. Is mountain biking a possible draw for younger people? Gateway Off-Road group possible contact? SC position opposes multiple use trails with mountain biking, but we are not opposed to biking trails.

Lemonade sales 2019. We are still doing just 2 fairs, Earth-Day and St Charles -Little Hills. We will also start using Square to use credit card for sales.

Conservation updates: A new date has been set for hearing in Webster Groves, now in Feb. Caroline will see about getting a new alert sent out. We submitted comments on Bryan Rd development based on wetlands issue. David Stokes alerted us to this. We hope there will be a public hearing eventually.

Outings. Feb 1 outing to Weldon Woods general area in St Charles county. Rep Paula Brown may join us. This is to help raise awareness to stop the development planned near Katy Trail. Andy Heaslet joined our meeting at this point to further explain the importance of Weldon Woods development and putting pressure on UMSL.

Misc membership topics - Discussed briefly St Peter area member request to promote "Green Cup" action platform, to encourage. This seems like a good start up program. Andy described process for new member calls and encouraged us to help out.

Legislative: April 3 is EMG lobby day. Invite to join legislative committee and be on the lookout for legislative actions such as phone call or in district meeting with your legislative.

Misc. Push to get monthly donors to the chapter. Jan 17 -31 there is "contest" to see which chapter can gain most new donors. Chapter will distribute requests, we are encouraged to share with others who might be interested.

Next meeting will be Feb 12. Tues, 6:30pm.