

June 12, 2018, EMG Excom

Present excom members were: Ken, John, Paul, Caitlin, Rob, Doug, Henry

Non excom members were: Caroline, Debbie Pratt and Ross Hunt (via phone) Debbie and Ross joined us later in meeting for the political endorsement discussion.

1. Approved May minutes
2. Budget: We have updated names on accounts, Gretchen is on, Penny is off. Rob will have full budget report next month. We have reimbursed Caitlin for projector and Don for newsletter software.
3. Excom election : Slots up for next year, John, Paul, Henry, Doug. Caitlin and Ken volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Searching for another nominating committee member who is not on excom.
4. Newsletter: Caitlin met with Don Barnes re SierraScape. They reviewed the software program, it is sharable if needed. Don suggested the best thing is to get all the articles to him at once. This year we want to get it out soon enough we will try to get articles by first of Sept. We will also look into using a new printer and publisher which are union and used by the chapter for their newsletter.
5. General meetings: May was very well attended and great program. No June meeting, July dinner at Olympia, August Topic re campaigns, September is usually about hiking or trail building. John suggested that we could have our September meeting at Alpine shop and do a hiking workshop? John will check with staff. Still have not gotten quotes yet on window curtains,
6. Outings: celebrated National Trails Day at Hawn State park. Low turnout but our designated location was not the best. June 9, we had table at Life Outside at Creve Coeur Memorial Lake park, usually a great event, but weather was not good. Thunderstorms caused early close down. Pint Night on the 14<sup>th</sup> at Alpine shop.
7. Conservation: June 14 Hillsboro meeting on frac sand mine, alert send out. Caroline will attend that meeting. June 21 meeting in Kirkwood regarding development around Sugar Creek. Caroline will try to find out more. June 25 meeting in St Charles about the housing development on MO Bluffs. The chapter is working on getting some flyers out on the Katy Trail this weekend, in conjunction with an outing. The council has put off this vote many times, but we expect this time a decision will be made. June 27 is River Soundings event at Forest Park. We have advertised this through e newsletter and will have flyers at Big Muddy speaker series on the 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Caroline will thank UnStash the trash event and advise them that we will promote it. Caroline reported on building code hearing at St Louis City Aldermen meeting. It was similar to St Louis county but there were more challenging questions from officials to HBA about why they want to cut back on the code. St Louis County has never voted. So, if the city can pass a stronger code it would be good for all. Next Tues there will be another meeting and probably a vote.

8. Political endorsements: We considered the endorsements already approved by EMG political committee.

John moved Caitlin seconded that we support the six primary Senate candidates who had 100% voting record: Otto, Franks, McCreery, Lavender, Unsicker and Shupp. This endorsement is for general election if these folks win their primary.

John moved and Ken seconded to endorse Candidates for House, primary races and general election should they win, Merideth, Barringer, Chappel-Nadal, Beck, Pierson Jr, Mosley, Walker And Mitten. These folks have at least a 90% vote with us. Vote of 5 yes one nay and one out of the room.

Other candidates were sent a questionnaire, or if they are incumbents we used their voting records.

Caitlin moved Doug seconded to endorse LaDonna Applebaum House District 71, vote endorse was unanimous.

Doug moved, John seconded HD 81 Travis Estes, we voted unanimously to endorse.

Caitlin moved, Doug seconded to endorse HD 87, Ian Mackey, vote yes unanimously.

John moved, Ken seconded to endorse, Kevin Fitzgerald, HD 89. Voted unanimously to endorse. Doug moved, John seconded re HD 94, Jean Pretto to endorse. This is a swing district. Vote to endorse was unanimous.

John moved, Doug Seconded to endorse HD 104, Dr. Peggy Sherwin. Approved unanimously. Caitlin moved Rob seconded to endorse HD 106, Jackie Sclair , approved unanimously. John moved, Paul seconded to endorse HD 107, Curtis Wylde, unanimous vote to support. Caitlin moved, Doug seconded to endorse HD 111, Phoebe Ottomeyer. This is competitive district. Vote was unanimous yes. Doug moved, Caitlin seconded to endorse HD 113, Karen Settlemoir-Berg. This is competitive district. Vote unanimous to support.

John moved, Doug seconded to endorse Senate Seat in Jefferson County, S 22, Robert Butler is candidate. Vote unanimous to support.

Smoke Free ballot initiatives in St Louis and St Charles counties. Same language for each county. Signatures are still being gathered, but chapter political committee voted to support both initiatives. Ken moved and Doug seconded that we endorse both initiatives, 6 yes and one abstention.

9. Next meeting July 10