

EMG Excom meeting May 12, 2020

1. Excom members present: Ken, Tim, Caitlin, Robert, Glenn
Non excom members: Caroline (EMG secretary), Ross (chapter Political Chair)
Approved minutes from April.
2. Treasurer's report: Robert provided account summaries via email. No recent expenditures. Robert reported that John Kissel, chapter treasurer, has asked for access to review EMG financial records. This is probably ok, but we wanted to get more information before making a decision. Robert will talk to Gretchen and bring in Ken for a call if needed.
3. Ross described the general functioning of a group political committee. The group Excom has the responsibility to approve appointment of members. The recommended EMG group political committee members are: Debi Pratt, Erica Hoffman, Tim Elwell, Jill miller, Jeanne Kirkton, Ed Shew, John Maxwell, Ross Hunt, Richard Egan, James Page, Ken Schechtman, and Kathy O Neil. Rachel Greathouse is also a part of the slate, but she is not yet a Sierra Club member. Caitlin moved and Glenn seconded a motion to approve the whole slate, and with the condition for Rachel that she does become a member.
The motion was approved unanimously.
The second political issue Ross submitted to Excom was to consider endorsing Jamie Gilley for Maryland Hts City Council race June 2. Jamie completed our questionnaire with appropriate answers. We have not received a response from her opponent, Kim Baker. Jamie has been active in opposing floodplain related development in Maryland Hts. Tim moved and Caitlin seconded that EMG Excom endorse Jamie. Motion passed unanimously. Ross left the meeting after this item.
4. Sierra Scape update. Spring issue was successfully delivered. Based on past schedule, deadline for articles would be June 12. With the faster editing process and printing, we may be able to be more flexible. Our goal is to get newsletter to folks by end of September, that leaves some cushion to arrive before November election and gives time for return of EMG ballots before December Excom meeting.
5. Current Excom members whose terms end this year are: Tim, Glenn, Segolene and John. (John filled in vacant slot). Ken will check with Segolene to see if she wants to run. Tim, John and Glenn are invited to run again and should let the group know before next meeting if possible. Ken, Caitlin and Caroline will be on candidate search committee.
6. See emails for outings report from Jim Rhodes and Lucille. No action items.
7. Brief legislative update. Missouri state legislature supposedly meeting to pass budget only during virus crisis, but instead are passing other bills. They are likely to pass bill to undo Clean MO through initiative petition.
8. Conservation issues: We have asked Rep Clay to sign on to support HR 4348, which restores the ESA to pre-Trump status. While very unlikely to pass Senate building support is way to pave way for easier approval in the future.

Two conservation issues in St Charles, one is the proposed development across from Bangert Island. That development is now called Riverpoint. The second issue is proposal to raise two levees in St Charles north of downtown. We have already taken a position against Riverpoint, but the levee issue is new. Caroline is considering trying to have a Zoom meeting with St Charles members to raise awareness and get feedback on these issues.

9. We planned a remote May meeting with Ashton with Clean MO as main topic. That would be May 28. Having an easy to access and familiar medium like Zoom would be useful. The chapter is having a meeting Saturday and this will be a topic. Caroline sent email to other group chairs asking them for feedback on how they are handling group meetings and notification. We will need to develop a protocol for process and notification.

10. Next meeting date is Tues June 9, 6:30pm. The meeting will be remote also.