

Nov 13, 2018 Excom EMG ( no Oct meeting due to lack of quorum)

Present: Excom members -Ken, Paul, Henry, John, Caitlin, Doug  
Secretary – Caroline

1. Approved minutes from Sept meeting. We did not have an Oct meeting due to lack of quorum.
2. Budget – Gretchen forwarded budget documents. Let's promote Schnuck's E-script cards as fundraiser. Write blurb for next e-newsletter. Caitlin will do that and see about getting cards to share. Plan to sell group merchandize at general meeting and holiday party.
3. Plans underway for photo-share this Thursday. Dec holiday party planned. Jan meeting, Caroline will contact Shane about wetlands program. Possible tie in to MS river restoration. John will pursue Feb program undecided – ask John H, other options possible ICO? Caroline will contact Mitch for March joint program with Audubon. Contact from Zoo program on Herpetology and also on restoration is possible option for program. Brian Wilcox from State Parks is available in the Spring. Ken has contact from work/zoo who works on wildlife issues in Kenya who is another option.
4. Sierra-Scape we used new printer and mailing house this time, the same as is used by chapter newsletter. We could save \$ if we changed format to larger and fewer pages. Caroline will get estimate of savings if we move to size and # pages similar to chapter newsletter.
5. Excom ballot count committee will be Caitlin, Ken and Caroline. Ballot count will be Dec 17. Caroline will get this posted to website. Next EMG Excom meeting Dec 11, Tues.
6. Discussion of `who from EMG will be representative on conflict resolution committee. By consensus Excom accepted Doug's offer to be group representative.
7. Outings/trails report. We had successful trail work week, although number of participants was down. Folks from EMG, WR and Osage participated. The crew also helped OTA build a new section. All planned trail work was completed. 2019 dates will be Oct 12-20. Finances worked out this year. Chapter may help more with food costs in 2019. The State Park system will be investing in "ditch witch" to help in trail work next year. EMG did some trail work in Hawn State Park recently also. Also trail committee did some work on special needs use area in Don Robertson SP.
8. Caroline asked EMG to take a position against Port O Lincoln navigation-intermodal facility, John proposed, Doug seconded to oppose. Passed unanimously.
9. Energy report from Henry. Help needed on 100% Renewable campaign and Green Tariff -Ameren program. Henry is working with new potential volunteer interested in energy. Need to work with Beyond Coal campaign and Clean Energy Coalition also.
10. Help with EMG office clean up, recommend dates? Help with end of year fund appeal mailing? Agreed to try to volunteer.
11. Paul said there is advance sign up for Earth Day (April 27-28) info to save \$. Paul will sign EMG up. MS Valley Bike and Outdoor expo will be at Union Station this year Jan 12-

13. Last year we had a booth and got signatures for Clean MO. Paul will ask chapter, John H, what they thought of this event last year and if this is a good place for outreach.
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