

## **EMG Outings Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: April 14, 2016

Meeting Time: 7:00

Meeting Location: Alpine Shop

Minutes submitted by: Terry Allen

Minutes Approved: 05/12/16

### Attendees

Terry Allen, George Behrens, Becky Denny, Bob Gestel, Marilyn Harlan, Doug Melville, Paul Ohlendorf

### Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes stand as read.

### Old Business

#### **Publication of Outings From Other Organizations On EMG Meetup Site**

Kat Dockery, an EMG member, would like to publish an outing for another organization on the EMG Meetup site. Jim Rhodes was going to bring this up at the last ExCom meeting, but he is not in attendance tonight to report in this. The topic was set aside for possible discussion later.

Paul O. reported that he had received an email from another person wanting to use the EMG Meetup site to promote a for-profit activity.

#### **White Water Races**

Michael Dee was not present to give a report on the event.

#### **Meetup Procedures**

Jim R. was not present to give a report. Terry A. mentioned that a lot of time and effort is being spent on Meetup and that we have yet to survey Leaders to determine what the level of interest is in using Meetup.

#### **Friends of Hawn**

Doug reported that there is a meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> at Powder Valley Nature Center.

#### **SC Trails Committee**

Becky D. is working to improve the paperwork for the Trails Day event. She is proposing to send a one-time registration form to each volunteer prior to the event in order to reduce daily paperwork and help with planning. The application of a small registration fee would help to minimize the number of no-shows, as well as, provide some funding. Becky will contact National about using the Minor Waiver Form.

There was discussion about what emergency contact information is needed from the volunteers and what is the appropriate local agency to contact in an emergency. Becky D. will look into this.

There was extended discussion on what Becky's title should be as manager of Trails Week. George B. made a motion that the OC recommend to the ExCom that Becky D. be appointed EMG Trails Chair . The motion was seconded by Marilyn H. The motion was approved.

### **Outing Leaders Workshop**

The event went well. \$150 was collected from 15 trainees and leaders. After expenses \$100 was sent to EMG. Doug M. reported that our current number of qualified leaders is 44.

Terry A. suggested that we review the online material from National before the next workshop to be sure that we are covering all of the important topics. The general opinion seemed to be that most of the important material was being covered and to expand the workshop content could be overwhelming to the trainees. Becky D. pointed out that some material is learned through the mentoring process during co-lead outings and that maybe we should review this process.

Bob G. pointed out the importance of following up with new leaders and encouraging them to lead outings.

### **New Eleven Point River State Park**

Doug M. reported that there are two bills currently in committee, SB 1011 and HB 2187, requiring that the land acquired for the new state park using ASARCO settlement funds be sold at auction by December 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, there is another bill, SB 683, that removes the property tax exemption for real property belonging to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

### **Ely Horowitz**

There was discussion about how we could support Ely's and his mission at Washington University. Doug M. will contact Ely to see what we can do for him.

### New Business

#### **Danger from Feral Hogs**

There was considerable discussion about how the OC should address this issue. Doug M. will send an email to those on the outings email list.

#### **Alpine Shop Swap Sale**

Doug M. requested volunteers to staff a OC table at this event.

#### **Outing Leaders – Outing Commitment**

Doug M. pointed out that National requires outings leaders to lead only one outing every four years to maintain an active status. He feels that, in return for the amount of time and effort that the OC puts into training, requiring at least one outing per year would be more reasonable. Discussion followed.

#### **Sara Edgar**

Doug M. read a letter of thanks from Sara to all who worked on the Meramec power plant project. The plant will be converting from coal to natural gas in two months. (At the May OC meeting Doug M. reported that the conversion only applies to one of three turbines.)

Next Meeting Date: May 12, 2016